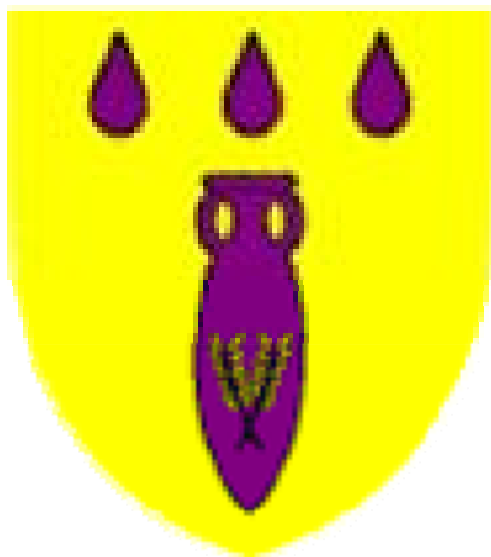


The Grapevine

The newsletter for the
Shire of Bacchus Wood

February 2006

**WELCOME TO 'THE GRAPEVINE', THE OFFICIAL
NEWSLETTER OF THE BACCHUS WOOD GROUP!**



REGULAR EVENTS

Bacchus Wood Meets
every Tuesday at 7:30 PM
at the Marsden Scout Hall
(Corner of Macaranga St &
Tamarind St. Entrance is off
Tamarind St.)

Archery Practice &

Arts and Sciences

Tuesday nights at the hall.

A notice of planned A&S nights will be
published in future editions of The
Grapevine

Next Shire Meeting

26th February at Gryffon & Kitts

5 Julius Crt Marsden—1pm Start

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CHRONICLERS RANT



Welcome back to a brand-new year, and may this one surpass the achievements of the last.

Most of you may not know this but I have decided that this is going to be my year, and hence, the Chinese calendar is going to have a minor alteration mate to it, this year is going to be the Chinese year of the MacGregor! (Patent and Chinese symbol pending), but back to business now...

So far it has been quiet start to the year, and hence not a lot to report.

It has been a sad month for inclusions into the this edition of the Grapevine, but I do hope that this will improve once people start getting into the swing of it.

Due to up and coming work commitments and the impending moves, I will not be seen at too many Tuesday nights for a little while. As my e-mail

address will also be changing for a while until I have settled into my new surroundings, I will be able to be reached only at basil_macgregor@yahoo.com. Please do not send any e-mails to pmorse@optusnet.com.au as this account will soon be disabled.

I would like to encourage people who are intending to attend Rowany Festival this year to start preparing for it now! From past experience, it will sneak up on you like a thief in the night if you are not prepared, and the mad sew-a-thon 2 weeks before the event is not always as fun as it first appears... Or maybe that's just me...

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

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Aemonn MacGregor

FRIENDS
help you move.

*real friends
help you
move bodies*



An old MacGregor proverb

OUR SENESCHAL SAYS...



Well, it's only one month into the New Year, and already the calendar of events this year is filling rapidly.

I am hoping that the BW populous can attend many of these events, and show our support for the other groups in SE Queensland, and in return they choose to attend our event(s).

On the training front we still only have 2 authorised light fighters in BW, (Not including Jenny and John). I'd like to see that number be more than double by Rowany festival. That means Helms and Armour for everyone. If you can't make 'em, you have to buy them. I am thinking of running an armour workshop some time in the near future, for those wanting to make some simple leather armour. I don't have much experience, if any, making metal armour, so I'll stick with what I know. I can help people make simple leather armour for the chest and back, arms, legs and shoulders, and with a little more effort we could make Brigandine, Coat of plates, or scale leather armour. It's mostly the fancier you want it, the more it costs, and the more effort you put in. The plus side is it's a lot cheaper than buying it! Anyone else that has any knowledge or expertise in this area is welcome to help out. I am by no means an armoured!

I have had a couple of ideas to improve training of late as well; those whom have been there will know what they are. I must stress though that shooting at a person wearing armour, or stationary targets is no substitute for shooting while wearing armour yourself and being shot at, so the sooner we have armour and helms, the sooner we can get out into the field for sharps and proper combat practice. My ideas are trying to improve on the level of training we achieve, but we still need to get out there.

Rowany is still only two weeks away. I would suggest to anyone going that hasn't been to start getting as much ready as possible as soon as possible. I was planning on having a Rowany talk night a week or two before Rowany, but I am now thinking we should move this forward, in order for people to get ready earlier. Perhaps while it's still too hot to train too much? After Rowany we start in earnest on making banners and things for our event. The earlier we make stuff, the less we have to do close to date. We should have some wood arranged for List field corners at a great price, (Free!),

OUR SENESCHAL SAYS...



The A & G demo is only a month or so away, so fingers crossed we can get a report from the demo team shortly. It doesn't look like we shall have many fighters for the demo, as the Knights of the north event is on the same weekend. Perhaps we shall concentrate on A & S and other displays, with a little archery.

Chris and Ean may be combining the events they wanted to hold this year. There is not many weekends left for them to hold it, but we'll see where we can fit them in. On the plus side Chris has found a great site up north to hold an event at. It contains plenty of room for battles, camping and a river near by for swimming or fishing. We can even have a fire. Any ideas you can give the guys on how to hold a good event and draw people in, would be appreciated I am sure. We'll nail the details down as time goes on.

Our web page is slowly progressing, with a date soon to be planned on getting Chris, Phil and I together to put some ideas together. We don't plan on Posting the new site till it's all ready, because we want to steal other people's ideas, not have them steal ours..) Once again, anyone's input is appreciated!

Well, I'd better stop writing now. If I seem to have waffled on, it's mostly because Phil said he needed to fill space. I don't know if anyone has forwarded anything to him for this edition at all, but I'd like to see a short report next edition from all officers to the populous.

That's enough for now,
Yours in Service,
Gryffon of Abberffraw.



HERALDS REPORT ... FROM THE TRUMPET



Well, we have a good 2-3 month period, with everyone getting involved in designing their devices and looking at names with most making a choice after about 2 weeks.

Some of us are still lacking definitive identification and some are lacking documentation for their name but when they are ready to register it we will worry about it. Which leads me to comment on the fact that the sooner you register the sooner it will only be yours and no-one else will have one quite like it, and for all the armigers (AoA

holders) out there, remember it is part of your duty to register suitable arms with the College of Heralds.

Two banners are in the process of actually having paint on their canvas (and look cool), and I'm looking forward to seeing more of the same. Don't forget I will have the banner for Torlyon Shire (our host at Rowany) for us to paint.

I will be getting another copy of the Latin saying list so we can have a vote on one that has special meaning for Bacchus Wood, so think about whether or not you would like a fun one or a profound one.

That's it from me til the next time the trumpet blows....

Kara of Kirriemuir

A TALE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Something happened at the first tourney I attended, or rather a lot of things happened, but one in particular plagued me for years afterwards, and caused much confusion.

The event was a Riverhaven tourney, which was taking place on the north side, in Michelton I think it was. Anyhow, in order to attend, I borrowed some garb from some more experienced Scadians, which you might know as Draco and Serina, (They had three events under their belts by then!)

The garb consisted of a simple T-Tunic, A belt, and a hood, which I was wearing up cause I thought it was cool. I think I just wore my black tracksuit pants as bottoms, as that was all I had then. Anyhow, I can distinctly remember a well known member of one of our baronies talking to me that day, and although I didn't have an SCA name then, he kept referring to me as "Father".

For quite a while I pondered this, in fact for the next few events I at-

tended, I was listening to see if other referred to me in the same manner, (I thought it may have been some term of referral that I didn't yet know of....", but no one ever did.....

Years went by, and I have often wondered about that day, till one day I looked at the garb someone else was wearing, and it occurred to me.

I had on a Dark Brown T-Tunic, Dark Brown hood, Brown Belt, and Black pants.....

I was being mistaken for a Monk, or member of the clergy.

It all seems so simple now.....

Gryffon of Abberffraw



Is this just a random blank space?

Or somewhere where you can contribute to the next edition of the Grapevine...

You decide

BACCHUS WOOD MEETING MINUTES

29/01/2006

Meeting Opened: 1.45pm

Present: Margaret, Chris, George, Julie, Kit, Jenny, David, Chele.

Late: Phil.

Apologies: Michelle.

Seneschal's Report

1. Demo Team to organise and report on Apple and Grape Festival

- Ask : what they want to see, what we need to provide, etc. Please report to List by Sunday 5th February.
- Accommodation at Scout den is \$20pp/pn, but will also ask about sleeping on site under our covered shade areas.

2. Membership Drive ideas

- Advertising
- Write a report for the local papers with photographs attached -> The Reporter/ Satellite
- Posters and Flyers - for events etc
- Register with Logan Council for events, so we can do demos/displays
- Need organised events on Tues nights for Adults and Children.

3. List Field Corners

- Have 5 pallets available for making of List field corners and possible a weapons rack if there is enough pine left over.

4. List field Buting

- Have 500m of Herringbone tape for finishing/ making of bunting and such. Assembly line type of arrangement, using spray and stencil.

5. Daylight Field Training

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- 2 reasons, 1> different in day to the night and 2> there is more room and time to play with
- Every 3rd Saturday of the month, 2pm at 729-731 Chambers Flat Rd, Chambers Flat.
- First day is 18th February *special time 12pm
- Get serious!!

6. Armour & Helms

- anyone interested in buying these items (any) off EBay, see Dave and Kit as they are always online and checking things out.

7. Captain of Archers

- 1st April is date for this competition.
- see Website Calender for details of what you need to know and bring.
- time is 9am, place is 729-731 Chambers Flat Rd, Chambers Flat
- if you don't wish to be Captain, you can still enter, but must let Dave (Seneschal) know.

8. Anniversary Event ideas

- Un-chivalric
- bring back the fun element
- Assassin feast
- Assassin competition for those not fighting
- A&S comp: Best needlework, best scar, ???
- Title: "Can Your Mother Sew?" Un-chivalric Fighter Auction Tourney and Assassins Feast

9. Rowany & Women's Drinking Team, Archer's Party

- Do we still want this and therefore want a trophy?? YES
- Teams of 4 or six
- Need mental and physical challenges before each round to determine that people are not too drunk to take part
- Mental has to be simple questions, physical something like stacking dice.
- standard drink > spirits at 10%, using standard cup size

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- Also would like to hold an Archer's party >please think about and come back to it.

10. Shoe workshop

- John's friend still interested if we are, but needs a date and numbers ASAP
- Date: 25/26th February at Kit and Dave's 5 Julius Crt Marsden. 10am
- Will find out equip required.

11. Rowany Festival

- If haven't booked do it now, Festival is only 2 weeks away.
- Ra'chel to find out from Torlyon about final food cost and menu

12. Rowany Funds for John and Phillip

- wish to organise for their money to be provided before the event -> agreed.
- will organise for this to occur

A&S

1. Apology

- Slow at moment due to life- sorry.
- Ready and raring to go again.

2. Reverse Garbage shop at West End - On Montague Rd

- Silk off cuts, Leather \$6/kg and \$12/kg, wood, ply all great stuff. Check it out - good for shoe leather.

3. Activities before Rowany

- Banner making to continue
- Garb& armouring before Rowany

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Reeve's Report

1. Apologies for life commitments also
2. Signatories
 - Removing old signatories Katie Chambers and Julia Robertson from bank account to add self (Julie Lynch) and David Keys.
 - Trying to get the Scout Group Leader to provide holiday hall hire period for free
 - Going to bank this week to organise signatories, statements and other stuff, and will have a more comprehensive report next time.

Chroniclers Report

1. Grapevine
 - 2nd edition ready to go, but waiting for minutes
 - River Haven and St Florian calendars have been included
 - Still waiting for other additions and entries so please send them in.

Webministers Report

1. Web site redesign
 - Still in progress by self, seneschal and chronicler (when available)
 - New calendar on website -> feedback from River Haven web minister "I want one"
 - Wishes to bring all updates online at once
 - Any suggestions on content or other stuff take it to Web Minister please.

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Heralds Report

1. Device and Name Nights

- 2 or so weeks of device and name nights went well, most have theirs decided.
- some don't have documentation yet but will worry about that when they are ready.

2. Armigers (AOA holders)

- remember it is part of your award to register suitable arms with the heralds, so the sooner

you do this the sooner I will stop harassing you about it.

3. Torlyon banner

- will be available to be worked on. It is about 3m long, white and blue with a cross flory on

each side. IF you can help please do so.

4. Lochac herald

- need to report to him to let him know I am active again.

Hospitaller Report

1. Need to organise shed

- #### 2. Christine might still have some of Kit and Dave's things in with Hospitaller gear so need to check.

General Business

1. Julie has informed us that starting in March/April there will be improvements and upgrades made to the scout hall and grounds for approximately 18 weeks. It will not affect Tuesday nights.

2. George would like to see us do something about replacing John's arrows if possible. George to look into what John has and will report back to us.

3. Chris is running an event at MoyPocket. Date 17/06/06. would like suggestions

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27/11/2005

for themes and foods. It will be an outdoor kitchen event, camp ovens and fires are okay. Plenty of water available, river is swimable, but may be cold. Would like to see Archery, Arts and Sciences, Heavy Fighting and Rapier. Will need Marshalls, and other people to help. Please email suggestions to Chris.

4. Phil informs us he has a new job, and may be unavailable for about 6mths due to work and he's moving. New email address will be posted to List. The old one is good for 2 more weeks only. (12Feb)

5. Next meeting 26th February 1pm at 5 Julius Crt Marsden, ALL WELCOME.

Meeting closed 3.50pm

IPMORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (from meeting)

25/26th FEBRUARY Shoe Workshop

26th FEBRUARY General Meeting

4/5th MARCH Apple & Grape Festival Demo

1st APRIL Captain of Archers

13 -18th APRIL Rowany Festival

17/18th JUNE Chris's Event (No Name yet - you can make a suggestion)

19th AUGUST 'Can Your Mother Sew?' Un-chivalric Fighter Auction Tourney and Assassin's

Feast.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

11th February - Red & White - Willoughby Vale

Twilight Supper and Tourney "In honour of our Ladies"

Spend an enchanting evening under the stars fighting for your lady's honour. Relax in the gentle breeze as you are served an abundant supper of tempting delicacies.



Event Details:

Where: Moreton Region Scout Hut, Easton Street, Booval

Site opens: 4:30pm

Armour inspection: 5:30pm

Cost: \$15M/\$18NM, Children half price. Family prices on application. Price for at door +\$10

Bookings close: 4th February 2006

Bookings to: Myfanway Verch Lewelyn (Karen Charlton) please call 3812 7595 or 0408 429 603 or email care of vchandler@hypermax.net.au

MARCH EVENTS

4th Knights of the North Pas D'armes - St Florian

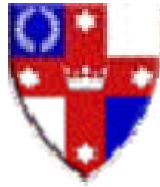
4th & 5th—Apple & Grape Festival at Stanthorpe

11th River Haven March Baronial

26th Combined Baronial Birthday Bash

REGNUM

THE KINGDOM OF LOCHAC



Our King and Queen

King Ædward and Queen Yolande

THE SHIRE OF BACCHUS WOOD



Seneschal
Lord Gryffon of Abberffraw
(David Key)



Herald
Lady Kara Kirriemuir
(Ra'chel Sihto)



Arts & **S**ciences
Lady Melisant de Bergerac
(Jenny)



Chronicler
Lord Aemonn MacGregor
(Philip Morse)



Reeve
Lady Yseult de Sancerre
(Julie Lynch)



Web **M**inster
Llwyd Ionhar ap Maddog
(Chris Heart)

