



Fallen Leaves

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Words From The Editor

Greetings all. You'll notice that I've introduced a few additional features to the newsletter. My aim is to try and make the newsletter something fun and informative that will encourage the practise of more arts and sciences activities within the Shire. Therefore with a little bit of help I have created 3 different medieval characters to act as "ghost writers" for various articles on simple arts and science projects, event reports and recipes or food related items. However if anybody has any other items of interest such as drawings, articles relating to fencing, archery or heavy fighting I'll quite happily take those too. All contributions will be credited to the appropriate person either at the end of the article or on the last page of the newsletter.

Brother Gaudaful



What oh. Brother Gaudaful here just back from some rather interesting travels in the Kingdom of Drachenwald. I would love to return to my old monastery but unfortunately the bishop and I had a minor difference of opinion several years ago as to the appropriate way to address the many lovely young nuns of our little community. I would hate to bring any further disgrace on my fellow clergymen or indeed my dear father so it was agreed that I would best serve my lord by going out into the world and spreading his message among our large and deserving flock. God Bless, I've got to be off on my next exciting adventure.

Mistress Agnes



Hello my dears. My name is Agnes Bramwell but round these parts I'm known as Agony Aunt as I'm always willing to lend a sympathetic ear and a helping hand. My husband John and I are the proud owners of "The Mighty Oak" a busy tavern on the outskirts of York. It's a hard life but we always have plenty of new and interesting people passing through, many of whom have become regular visitors.

As my dear John says I'm a bit flighty so if something happens to spark my interest I'll always give it a go and I like to encourage others to do the same. Oh sorry got to go John is calling for me, feel free to drop in anytime and don't forget now if you ever have a problem that needs solving don't be afraid to ask. If I can't help then I'm bound to know someone who can.

Cheerio for now my lovelies

Spitroast the Kitchen Boy

Who am I? Why I'm the kitchen boy there at the Castle just call me Spitroast, good sir. I look after the Spitroast and any other horrible jobs like cleaning out the stables that nobody else wants to do around there. Still can't complain I get a roof over my head, a bit of floor to sleep on and the odd scrap of food. Been there all my life sir. Don't really remember too much about my folks I was only young when they died. People say my father was one of the Lord's loyal servants so I guess that's how I ended up staying there. When I'm not running around doing errands for the knights, I'll go and visit Agnes in the tavern. She knew my Mother you see so she's always had a bit of a soft spot for me, she evens saves a nice bit of stew for me. Head Cook is always picking on me but I get my own back. Don't be telling anybody but she's a bit careless with her cookbook so I'll often copy down a few recipes when she isn't looking to sell at the tavern for a couple of coppers.

Pleasure to meet you sir but I must be getting back to turning the spit otherwise cook will give me the beating of my life.



Announcements

There are no announcements for this issue of Fallen Leaves

Forthcoming Practices

All the forthcoming practices will be held at Ardnalvalley Scout Centre on the first Saturday of the month unless notified otherwise.

4th March

6th May

Directions to the Ardnalvalley Scout Centre can be found on page 4 of this newsletter

Forthcoming Events

Champions of the Court of Love

17th to 19th February 2006

Aglish Village Hall (no street address),

Aglish, Co Tipperary,

Ireland

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Full Kingdom and Shire Calender listings can be found on website or Dragon's Tale

A Stitch in Time

3rd to the 5th of February 2006

Ardnavally Scout Centre,

109 Old Milltown Road, Belfast. BT8 4SP

The Shire of Glen Rathlin is proud to announce "A Stitch in Time", which will be held on the 3rd to the 5th of February 2006 at Ardnalvalley Scout Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland. For all those garb projects that you just haven't had time to finish or yet to start, come along and enjoy the company and knowledge of your fellow stitchers. We also encourage people to bring any grab related projects they may wish to start or finish.

Site open times:

The site opens at 7pm on Friday 31st March and closes at 5pm on Sunday 02nd April.

Cost:

Full weekend will be £15 sterling (day rates available on request).

Food:

Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided, and again on Sunday breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. Please let the Autocrat know of any dietary requirements.

Other:

Crash space will be available along with 30 folding beds (bedding not provided). Please note that the Site is discreetly wet.

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If you plan on attending please let the Autocrat know as soon as possible.

Flaming Arrow II



31st March to 02nd of April 2006
Ardnally Scout Centre,
109 Old Milltown Road,
Belfast. BT8 4SP

The Shire of Glen Rathlin is proud to announce Flaming Arrow II, to be held on the weekend of 31st March to 2nd of April 2006 at Ardnally Scout Centre, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

An archery filled weekend has been planned which will provide the opportunity for all those that attend to experience and hopefully enjoy all that SCA Archery has to offer.

To this end, included in the schedule are a field shoot, Royal Rounds, Drachenwald Round, a fun shoot, Combat Archery, a host of Thrown Weapons and Trebuchets.

Lord Torrkil Mor will be in attendance and has graciously volunteered to run a workshop on Combat Archery and subsequent authorisation exams should archers present themselves. If attendees wish to put themselves forward for authorisations, be they in combat archery, target archery or thrown weapons then please contact the autocrat and the relevant information will be issued.

Now in its third year, the Finn McCool Award is presented to the winning team in the annual Trebuchets Contest, rules for which will be placed on the Shire web pages in due course. A campfire has been arranged should attendees wish a bardic circle or simply just to chat and socialise around.

Site open times: The site opens at 7pm on Friday 31st March and closes at 5pm on Sunday 2nd April.

Cost: Full weekend will be £18 sterling, day rates are available on request.

Food: A basic traveller's fare will be available on Friday evening. On Saturday breakfast, lunch,

and evening meal will be provided. On Sunday breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. Please let the Autocrat know of any dietary requirements as soon as possible for forwarding onto the Chef.

Other: Crash space only is available along with folding beds, bedding not provided, please bring your own bedding. Camp space is available should you wish to avail of the facilities. Please note that the site is discreetly wet and that the main hall will have to be cleared of personal belongings at lunch time on Sunday.

The Time Table will be available on the Shire Web Page; <http://www.glenrathlin.org>

If you plan on attending please let the Autocrat know as soon as possible, likewise if you can assist in any way with tournaments and feasting.

Directions

Turn off M1 at Junction 2 (Stockman's Lane) Follow Stockman's Lane to traffic lights and through onto Balmoral Avenue (1.3 miles) At traffic lights turn right onto Malone Road (0.4 miles)

Keep left and take first left at roundabout onto Milltown Road for one mile Road rises and then descends to the left, over Shaw's Bridge, rising past the Ramada Hotel and onto traffic lights.

Take the left hand slip road before lights, signposted Ardnally Scout Centre, and turn left at the lights, left again at T junction onto Old Milltown Road (signposted)

Follow the road up the hill, turning right at the end, 0.1 miles, through the site gateway.

Welcome to the site.

As you enter the site, the BP Chalet is on the left where the accommodation and feasting are based and where vehicles may be offloaded prior to being parked in the car park on the right hand side.

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Contributions Wanted

Any and all contributions will be greatly welcomed, remember it's your newsletter. In particular I am looking for any simple Arts and Science projects that will fit into the minimum of an A4 page, reports from events and period recipes so you can share your experience and knowledge with the Shire at large. Send by e-mail as a MS Word doc or TXT file to Chronicler@glenrathlin.org or by mail to 7 Millicent Park, Bangor, BT19 6BU.

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