

The Portcullis

Shire of Cold Keep
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Being 2009 Gregorian



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Practices

Heavy

At Fort George Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Sunday practices vary in place and time.

Rapier

At Fort George Park, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm. Sunday practices vary in place and time.

The last practice of every month will be a "phoenix tourney". Everyone can fight (if they have gear) and the winner will be allowed to wear the phoenix favour, embroidered by Lady Celeste, until the next phoenix tourney.

Archery

Archery practice during the summer (May - September) is on Sunday at 2pm. One other practice is held each week, but the time and day varies. See Cold Keep Website for directions

Events/ activities

May Revel May 2, 2009

May's Revel featured a tacky garb night organized and hosted by HE Nata'lia and HL Siban. Not a large turnout this time but revels will continue through the summer.

May Champions

May 30-31, 2009

Shire of Cold Keep

A well attended event - over 75 people over two days including many of our friends from distant lands. A feast was organized by Viscountesses Tatania and Natal'ia. The menu included Artisan Bread and Homemade Cheeses, Hedgehogs and Wild Greens, Handmade Butternut Squash Ravioli with a Brown Butter Sage Sauce, Roast Moose and Root Vegetables. And all topped off with a dessert auction to raise funds for the Cold Keep Facilitation Fund. The facilitation fund was developed to assist allay the cost of bringing teachers and royalty to Cold Keep.

Viscountess Gemma graciously offered to share her knowledge with us! Two classes were scheduled for Saturday morning: Movement 101 and Lampworking.

Markus ran a "back to basics" shoot based on Monty Python and The Holy Grail. Lady Ysabelle won the fun shoot.

There was also an unscheduled children's activity organized by Henri Chartrand. "Helms" and "swords" were provided by Henri Chartrand to slay a mighty dragon. A big hit with the little ones who could hardly wait for the fun to start when they came across the equipment. And thanks to the heavy fighters who graciously volunteered their help

The event autocrat team was Siban, D'mitri and Elena. Plus many volunteers for setup and final cleanup. Great job!

Upcoming Events/Activities

June Revel
June 20th, 1pm to 4pm at Studio 2880

Fields of Gold
July 10, 2009 to July 12, 2009
Tir Bannog
Smithers, BC

The Shire of Tir Bannog invites you to the 13th annual Fields of Gold Tourney. Come and compete for the Heavy and/or Archery Defender of Tir Bannog. Ladies can compete for the title of Mid-Summer Rose, and bid on the Helm lunches prepared by the Lords. Lords are urged to prepare a lunch for three or more as often the ladies pool their money.

Site fee: \$5.00 per head with a max. family rate of \$15.00 (children under 12 are free)

Autocrat: HL Betha of Dawlish (250) 846-5290 or cardinal@bulkley.net

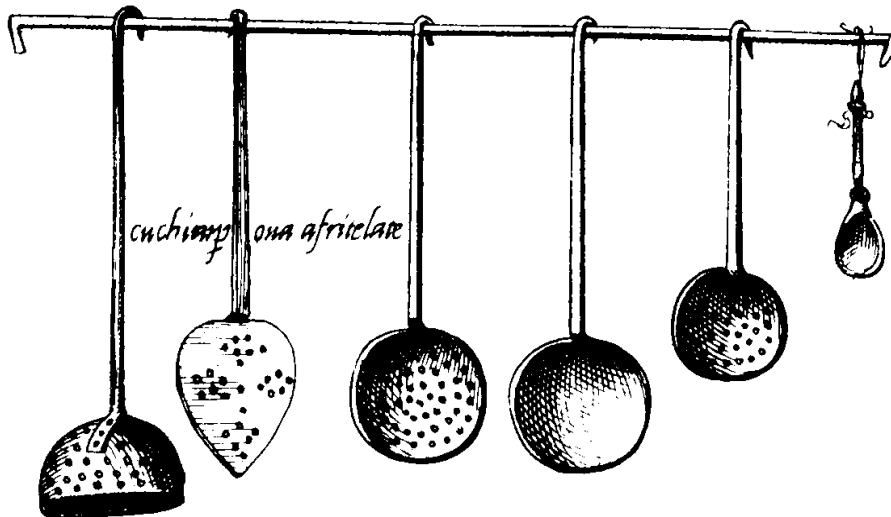
The Midsummer Rose contest will be announced on Saturday morning. Please remember that the Midsummer Rose is open to all the ladies of the populace present at Fields of Gold. Also note the Rose is required to chose her Gallant Thorn which is open to all the lords attending the event.

Red Wolf Inn NOW OPEN

Food and accommodations available. Reservations for accommodations recommended as there is limited space at the inn. Hot and cold meals, spirits, and helm lunches available. Pre-order helm lunches please. Comprehensive rates for accommodation and meals on request.

Contact wolftheadofleeds@yahoo.ca

or 1-888-WOLF INN (965-3466) for further information and reservations. Thank you Rhiannon of Shrewsbury and Wlfryd of Leeds, Red Wolf Inn Proprietors



Site Info:
Name: Fields of Gold Educational Center
Km 385 Hwy 16

Directions to Site:
Site Directions: We are located on
Larch Rd. off of Hwy 16 Approx.
30 K. West of Houston and Approx.
30 K. East of Smithers at Hwy sign marker

Glyndwr Owain, the last King of Wales

Born to a dynasty of prosperous Anglo-Welsh land-owners in North-East Wales, the young Owain ap Gruffydd Fychan studied law in London.

Following the death of his father around 1370, he married Margaret the daughter of Sir David Hanmer, and established himself as the Squire of Sycharth and Glyndyfrdwy.

Glyndwr's military career began in 1384, when he served under the renowned military leader Sir Gregory Sais on garrison duty on the English-Scottish border. Following this, in 1385 he fought in Richard II's Scottish War, probably under Richard Fitzalan the Earl of Arundel. He also took part in Battle of Cadzand of 1387 when a Franco-Flemish fleet was routed. Following the battle, a number of Arundel's squires were knighted, noticeably; Glyndwr was not one of them.

Following the death of Hanmer, his father-in-law in 1387 and his 'retirement' from military service, the events that resulted in Glyndwr's eventual rebellion began to take place. When Richard II regained power in 1389 the Earl of Arundel, fell from power (and was eventually executed in 1397) thus undermining Glyndwr's own power base. Sir Gregory Sais's death in 1390 further weakened Glyndwr's position.

Then came the pivotal events that led to rebellion, there are two versions of the story, both of which revolve around Glyndwr's neighbour Reginald Grey lord of Ruthin and Dyffryn Clwyd. The first is that Grey attempted to sully Glyndwr's name with the King by withholding a royal summons to join Henry IV's expedition into Scotland in 1400 until it was too late for Glyndwr to join. The second, perhaps more likely story is that there was a boundary dispute between the two. Whichever combination of these stories we believe, a spark ignited Glyndwr, Ruthin burnt and Wales caught the flame of rebellion. It was in 1400 that he was proclaimed Prince of Wales in the name that he has been carried through history - Owain Glyndwr.
<http://www.owainglyndwr.info/>

Cover Art

Bohun Upas – The Tree of Poisons (Mythical)

The first voyagers to Malay returned with grisly tales of a poisonous tree growing on the islands near Cathay, which was called the Bohun Upas--the tree of poisons. To the medieval traveler this tree was to be shunned, as it produced narcotic and toxic fumes which killed plants and animals for miles around. If one were to fall asleep in the shade of this tree, he would never awaken. Malaysians supposedly executed prisoners by tying them to the trunk of this great tree. By the 15th c. the tales of this tree had grown fantastic, and highly stylized drawings of the Bohun Upas were in some of the first printed books. The legend itself was probably based on the Bausor Tree (*Antiaris toxicaria*), which produces a poisonous latex used by natives on arrow tips. <http://www.godecooking.com/mythical/mythic02.htm>

Websites

Cold Keep <http://www.avacal-sca.org/coldkeep/>

Wolfpack <http://www.varghala.com/>

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