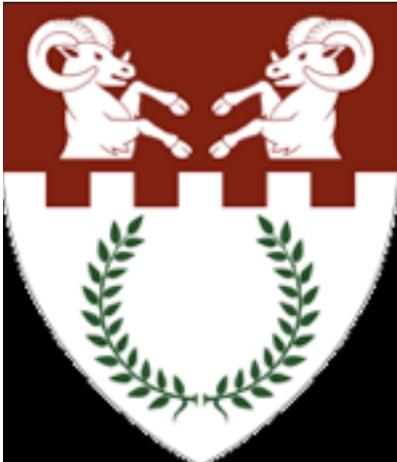


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Online group	Http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCA-Ramshaven
Bryniau Tywynnog	Http://www.treheim.ca/bryniau
Der Welfengau	www.derwelfengau.com
Kingdom of Ealdormere	Www.ealdormere.ca
Upcoming Events	Www.ealdormere.ca/listcalendar.php

From Our Baron and Baroness... Pumpkinfest goes Medieval, Again!



Once again we were fortunate to have good weather on Saturday, October 5th, while attending one of Ontario's largest festivals, Pumpkinfest. This year we were blessed with 36 volunteers hailing from Septentria, Trinovantia Nova, March of St. Martin, and our own great Barony Ramshaven. We shared our knowledge of the arts and sciences as well as love for our great hobby of living medieval history with thousands of bewildered mundanes. There were at least five mundanes who decided to take an interest. Hopefully our efforts will indeed grow not only the Barony but the Kingdom as well.



Wassail to Joffr, who spent quite a lot of time putting together his Norse fighting kit, and then authorizing. Other authorizations include myself for sword and sheild, Penda and Xander for two sword. Rand is now an authorized youth combatant.



Pumpkinfest was a lot of fun, and Glyndmere even more fun! Thanks to Daniel and Catriona for bringing out the axes. It was particularly great to sit around in the great hall after the days' festivities and sample mead. The food choices everyone brought out to share at the feast table where delicious.

Many thanks go out to the people who made the drive and gave us their time. It was, yet again, a great experience.

Wassail!

Baroness Sibylla of Ramshaven



What in the Known World is a Mutchkin?

or

Wet Measures in 14th century Scotland

In the previous issue, we learned about dry measures in medieval Scotland. The firloft was entrusted to Linlithgow. For measuring volume, there are two different types: wet and dry. The pint or joug (about a modern quart) is a wet measurement, and was monitored by Stirling. There are five units used to measure wet volume:

Gill

Mutchkin = 4 gills

Chopin = 2 mutchkins

Pint/joug = 2 chopins

Gallon = 8 pints

The gill derives its name from the old French word for a wine flask: gelle. It is a little less than half a cup. I'd like to think that the mutchkin is the inspiration for the name munchkin, used by L. Frank Baum to describe very small people in his 1900 book "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz". Alas, he does not divulge his inspiration.

According to historians, it may be the diminutive form of a kind of cap – a mutch. The word pint is derived from the Latin 'pinctum', meaning paint. This can be seen in the Dutch pinte and the French pint. It comes from the line painted on a jug or bowl used for measuring. The gallon comes from French for jug or bowl.

Consider this: in 14th century Scotland, a gallon is the equivalent of over three of our four-Litre bags of milk from the grocery store!

In the next issue: What in the Known World is a Furlong?

Lord Beathán MacFinnon,
mka Ryan Thorpe.

Our Baronial Thrown Weapons Champion



It's been more than a year now since his first Pennsic, when Arden purchased his first set of bearded axes, and won the Known World Youth Thrown Weapons tournament with them. Since then, I can proudly say my son has been nicely active in Bryniau, helping in the kitchen at events, learning the art of book-binding and sharing that knowledge at any opportunity, authorizing in Rapier and fighting in all the Rapier battles this past Pennsic, and of course becoming a competent and helpful Thrown Weapons Marshal-in-Training. Wassail Arden!



Middle Ages on the Green III



Our “just play day” was another success, blessed with good weather and good friends! We had several dozen visitors filter through from the surrounding park. Numerous flyers were picked up from the front gate at Laurel Creek. This was also a great opportunity to see just how many banners we have, and which to upgrade. The



plan, as many already may know, is to invest in fresh decoration to improve the experience of our events.

Many thanks to all for this great time, and for continued support of this fun event!

Wassail 2013: Jo And Ed's Excellent Event (A Parlay through Time)

This year's theme at Wassail, November 30th at the Shakespeare and District Optimist Hall, lightly touches on “Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure”, and is built on the idea of an event with lots of space, and a good time slot devoted to combat, as proposed by the father-son team, His Grace Sir Edward and Jobjorn. His Excellency Kolbjorn will run the Annual Toys for Tots Tournament as the main feature. After the tournament and before dinner will be the Kingdom Moot. Knowing the theme, I wonder how many gentles will spice up their presences to suit the theme? In any case, we look forward to seeing you there! Wassail!

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