

MORDENVALE MAIL

MORDENVALE'S PRE-EMINENT SPORADICALLY-PUBLISHED NEWSLETTER



Photo courtesy of Their Excellencies

From the Chronicler -

...did you fathom we possessed such a treasure?

Dearest gentle purveyors of delicate parchment,

Welcome to this, the latest edition of Mordenmail, previously recognised as The Mordenvale Magazine and The Mordenvale Oracle.

Within the reign of Their Majesties, Bain the Inspiring and Iglesia the breathtaking & wise.

First and foremost, I want to extend gratitude to the past chroniclers, especially Mildryth, Dallan, Isma'il and Elizabeth St. Clair.

As I aspire for this to be the first of many spirited publications, I seek your support to nurture and sustain it!

Share with us poems, songs, recipes, events, classifieds, propaganda, historical snippets, Arts and Sciences deep dives,

artwork, engaging anecdotes, humorous reflections, contests, Mordenvale lore, or anything else you wish to present to the community.

This publication is a snapshot of Mordenvale history; let's paint a vivid picture together.

Instructions on how to submit your work will be provided on the final page.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Fenissa Eriksdotter



This month in history:

5th August 1100
Henry I coronation

5th August 1388
Battle of Otterburn

3rd August 1492
Columbus sets sail

15th August 19??
Mistress Lillian d'Ath was born

31st August 1422
Henry V dies of dysentery

25th August 1990
Braggarts & Liars Revel – hosted by Llyn Arien



Photo courtesy of Mistress Ceara Shionnach

Baronial Missive

NB: Written in May 2024, but the publisher broke...

Greetings Mordenvale!

We have been asked to write a missive and we thought we would write a recap of what we have done and what we have seen our populace achieve in the last 10 months.

We stepped up in midwinter last year, this was the 20th year for Mordenvale being a Barony. We were fortunate to have almost every previous landed Baron and Baroness of Mordenvale present to celebrate the successes of Bacchus and Mildryth and to welcome us into our new role.

We started off at Cold War with Mildryth Kindly showing us the ropes at a low key no Courts event. We had a good time and the event certainly lived up to its name.

The Gregson Monthly tournaments continued to be a success and gave us a good opportunity to practice with very small courts. Thank you to Bjorn and Freja for making these happen. With the support of the populace and some funding from the Rowany Fighter Auction we ran several project days to make 12 tabards and 12 shields. The project was a 166% success and we ended up making 20 tabards.

Spring War was our first Royal event where we were the landed Baronage for a whole event. This went smoothly and the Barony looked magnificent on the war field with one whole side (Mordenvale and Friends) all wearing matching tabards.

The college continues to flourish with another successful St Crispin Day and a new St Crispin Champion THL Bjorn, ending Baron Gavriil's reign of terror over the position. St Crispin has also had weekly catch ups and classes to expand their knowledge and keep things interesting for those attending. Congratulations to all who have contributed to its growth!

We brought back and old favourite and celebrated her Excellency's Birthday Bash with an armoured tourney to select her champion, the victorious Viscount Sir Ragnar Magnusson. A high energy game of Cabbage soccer tested the mettle of the wider populace with the cabbages being harder than expected – Thankfully there were no broken toes!

We went to Coronation. It felt like a local event with a healthy showing of Mordenvilians who made it down to Rowany. Griffin and Mildryth were also asked to be on the guard of Aonghus and Ginevra.

We continued to enjoy wayfaring with an enjoyable time had at Fields of Gold and Canterbury Faire. Particular highlights included board games in the hall each night, spectating all the rapier tourneys and visiting Cluain after the event where we were hosted by Master Rudiger and Mistress Alyenora and attended their weekly fighter practice.

Returning home, Rhythm and Brews saw Griffin Westcastle elevated to the order of the Chivalry. Congratulations to the first time steward Caitilin and Feastocrats Ziad and Grainne did an excellent job.

With a final push before festival our wonderful populace finished the shields and tabards in time to win the Best dressed at Heraldic Melee and were presented the Victorix banner at Rowany Festival this year. We got so many compliments from many people far and wide. We are very proud and hope that all of Mordenvale shares in this pride.

On a personal note, just before Festival we welcomed a baby son for whom Kolfinna had already prepared the smallest tabard for him to look cute in. Gavriil then went to Festival with the blessing of Kolfinna and 2 almost life size pictures of him to show to anyone who was not moving fast enough.

We are already discussing what events we can get to in the coming months with baby in tow. Trying to work out how to pack for an extra person when we already were packing to the brim for some events.

The support that we have received from our populace has been outstanding and we look forward to seeing what our Barony can achieve together.

Yours in Service,

Gavriil and Kolfinna

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If you have an upcoming class, promoting goods or services, searching for music collaborators, seeking a particular artisan, or bursting to share your appreciation.

Send details of your advert to chronicler@mordenvale.lochac.sca.org



Caption This...

Who will claim the ultimate prize with the most epic caption for this photo?
Ready, set, go!

Send your entries to
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Calendar

AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Officer Reports Due	2	3
4	5	6	7 Mordenvale mid-week Muster 7pm	8	9	10 Mordenvale Gathering 10am
11	12	13	14 Mordenvale mid-week Muster 7pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Mordenvale mid-week Muster 7pm	22	23 Radburne War XIV (Dismal Fogs) 23rd-24th	24 Mordenvale Gathering 10am
25 Radburne War Cont.	26	27	28 Mordenvale mid-week Muster 7pm	29	30	31 Newcastle Medieval Festival 31st Aug - 1st Sept



Mid-week Muster

- ♥ Interested in Armoured or Rapier combat?
- ♥ Need to mend your armour?
- ♥ Have an A&S project you would like to work on?
- ♥ Keen to mingle & discuss future projects?

Come along to the Mid-week Muster!

Location: "The Rookery", 5 Friesian Cl Sandgate.

Cost: \$10 per session. \$40 per term



Running an event

Running an event may appear challenging, but it can bring great satisfaction. It begins with an idea - whether it's a casual tournament with a potluck meal, a lively tavern gathering with games, a collegium with visiting teachers, or an elaborate Tudor-themed celebration with lots of dancing. Embrace your creativity, feel the excitement, and start planning!

After creating your plan, share it with the Seneschal to include it in the agenda for the upcoming meeting.



Photo courtesy of Bantiarna Gráinne Uaine

Midwinter at Tocal

13th and 14th July AS LIX

As the sun sets, casting long shadows and painting the sky in hues of pink and orange, we wait for the collective sigh of relief and gratitude. Winter's grip is soon to loosen, and with each passing day, the promise of Spring War grows ever stronger.

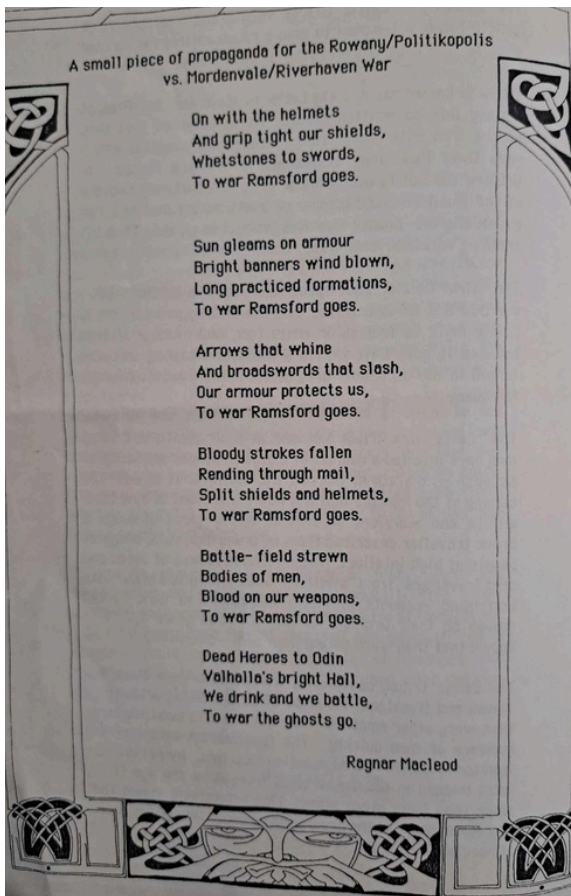
A heartfelt thank you to Their Majesties, Iglesia and Bain, for honouring us with their presence. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to all who attended Midwinter.

The weather was delightful, and the company was even more so.

Congratulations to the winners of the A&S competitions. Prizes given to the following artistic good gentles; Dorian, Eirik MacDougall, Seamus, Sir Yves and Lady Katherine Smith.

A special Huzzah! to Count Sir Ariston Hegelochou for claiming victory in both the armoured and rapier token tournaments.

A huge thank you to the Stewarding team for their hard work and the abundance of food. We look forward to seeing our friends again at Spring War.



From the Oracle Archives...

By Ragnar Macleod

A small piece of propoganda for the Rowany/Politarhopolis vs. Mordenvale/River Haven war.

On with the helmets
And grip tight our shields,
Whetstones to swords,
To war Ramsford goes.

Bloody strokes fallen
Rending through mail,
Split shields and helmets,
To war Ramsford goes.

Sun gleams on armour
Bright banners wind blown,
Long practiced formations,
To war Ramsford goes.

Battle-field strewn
Bodies of men,
Blood on our weapons,
To war Ramsford goes.

Arrows that whine
And broadswords that slash,
Our armour protects us,
To war Ramsford goes.

Dead heroes to Odin
Valhalla's bright hall,
We drink and we battle,
To war the ghosts go.



Upcoming Event - SPRING WAR

There is talk of civil unrest and opposition to the Crown: A cry! Let the madness be over, the time of liberty to be granted, the necks of Lochac shall be free from the yoke!

Unrest, unrulily at its core. Their Majesties mark diligently, the causes, the actes and issues on all great attempts.

Peace is warranted, but what sacrifices will it demand?

www.springwar.lochac.sca.org/

Spring War is just two months away, & the Stewarding team is hard at work getting everything ready. However, there are still some roles that need to be filled:

- Lunch Chef
- Armoured Marshal (Tourney)
- Archery Marshal
- Herald in Charge
- Chirurgeon

If you have the availability to volunteer, kindly reach out to Fenissa via email at springwar.steward@gmail.com.

Spring War Arts & Sciences Categories



For the Field



For the Home

&



Milly's Small Beers

To celebrate the return of Spring and the promise it brings, entrants are encouraged to find ways to incorporate themes of Spring into their entries - be they agricultural tools to prepare for a Summer bounty, cheerful dishes to eat in the warming sun, new boots for walking in or an embroidered piece to admire.

Master of A&S - Master Bjorn Sæmundarson
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The weaker your beer, the more you can drink of it! To this end, Mistress Mildryth is sponsoring a Small Beer brewing competition.

Beer can be lager or ale. Entrants are asked to try to keep their brews under 3% ABV. Entries over the limit will still be judged although may lose points.

Judging will be based purely on the taste of the judges. No non-beer bribes will be accepted.

Beers should be ready for consumption by Sunday lunchtime.

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“a hungry belly has no ears”