



# Stormscroll

Monthly Newsletter of the Barony of Stormhold

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All photos © Miriam Staples, from the Royal Visit to Krae Glas. We sang, we danced, we fought and made merry.

# Calendar

## October

- 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Bash Darling Gardens Cnr South Terrace and Gold Street Clifton Hill Vic 3068
- 7<sup>th</sup> Craft Hall and Fighter Training: 7.00pm-10.00pm, Coulson Soccer Pavilion, Clifton Hill
- 8<sup>th</sup> THL Elizabet Hunter is hosting for us Silk Banner making workshop in two parts. Workshop online: theory and prep designs for your banner 7pm on Zoom
- 13<sup>th</sup> Silk Banner workshop practical – all day at Nicki’s unless a central location can be found for all day with space for 10+ people Cost per banner for silk, paint, resist etc \$35
- 14<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Music with Daffyd
- 21<sup>st</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Cord making – finger loop, lucet, knotting etc. Bring desired threads wool, cotton, linen, silk etc.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Baronial Council on Zoom at 7.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> Baronial Archery Championship (see advt p.4)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice.

## November

- 2-3<sup>rd</sup> Dirty A&S Weekend, Kingdom A&S Competition entries early judging
- 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck Picnic (day before Melbourne Cup) Crafhall & Monthly Bash 6.30pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> MOD Visit for Rapier workshop. Their Excellencies Juliana and Ibn Jelal are coming to support our Rapier development 10-4pm. Working on a location.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Music with Daffyd
- 16-17<sup>th</sup> Coronation in Burnfield (Central QLD)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Pouch making and design
- 25<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice.

## December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly Bash and Yule
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice.
- 7<sup>th</sup> All Vic Fighters and Marshals meeting and bbq dinner. Review the year and plan stuff for 2025. 6pm (TBC)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Crafhall & fighter practice. Music with Daffyd Last for 2024

# Event Notices

## Stormhold Baronial Archery Competition



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<b>Cost</b>	Adults: \$10 Children <18: \$5 Concession (pensioners, unemployed & students): \$5 Non-SCA members pay +\$10 adults or +\$5 minors. Payment by Square. Don't forget to bring proof of your membership! Bookings <b>are not</b> required.
<b>Timetable</b>	1pm      Set-up 1.45pm    Opening Court, check of equipment 2pm      Archery tourney: timed and untimed rounds at 40, 30 & 20 yards 3.30pm    Closing Court 3.45      Packup
<b>Location</b>	Noble Park Secondary College, 3 Callaghan St Noble Park.
<b>Steward</b>	<a href="#">Charle du Bois</a>

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# Want Ads

‘ello, ‘ello, ‘ello! What’s all this then? You should know that the office of Constable for Stormhold is vacant and a new h’officer is being sought. Could that be you?

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet connection
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks

Key elements of the job:

- Responsibility for security at events, site and event safety, and lost property
- Maintaining and updating indemnities/waivers

Please send your applications by 19 October 2024 to [constable@lochac.sca.org](mailto:constable@lochac.sca.org), with a courtesy copy to [seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org).

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Sir Brennan is coming to the end of his warrant and Stormhold needs a new Armoured Combat Marshal. You don’t have to fight for it – at least not on the tourney field – but if you are interested in supporting the Arts Martial throughout your group, consider throwing your..er..hat in the ring.

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older, AND be a current warranted Marshal within the Kingdom of Lochac
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet connection
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks

Key elements of the job:

- Encouraging the development of chivalry on the field
- Development, maintenance, publication and enforcement of the Kingdom standards for construction and use of weapons and armour

Please send your applications by 19 October 2024 to [armoured@lochac.sca.org](mailto:armoured@lochac.sca.org), with a courtesy copy to [seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org).

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Do you like handling money? Know how to read a balance sheet? Understand the difference between surplus and profit?

Then Stormhold needs you! Our Reeve Dame Miriam is soon to step down and requires a successor to take on the oversight of our group finances.

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks
- Some prior relevant experience

Key responsibilities:

- Managing the finances and regular reporting on such
- Managing Stormhold accounts, including being involved in checking event/purchase budgets and approval of expenditure
- Maintaining electronic records; familiarity with Xero and Excel is valuable (support and training are available!)
- Developing and maintaining appropriate financial procedures, and keeping up to date with relevant financial policies
- Assisting event stewards with the event budgeting and post-event reporting process

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Are you inspired by the way the SCA supports families and children at our events and activities? Do you want to contribute to that effort, and help Stormhold increase involvement, safety and enjoyment for children and families?

Then consider becoming the group's next Youth Officer!

Key requirements:

- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks
- Be willing to get to grips with the mundane requirements for working with children in our local jurisdiction

You may not think that you are the right person for this job, but if your friends forward you a copy of this notice, pay attention to them! And if you know someone who you think would be good in the job, do them (and all of us) a favour – ask them to apply. Please send your applications by 19 September 2024 to [youth@lochac.sca.org](mailto:youth@lochac.sca.org), with a courtesy copy to [seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org](mailto:seneschal@stormhold.lochac.sca.org).

You'll find more detailed information about these roles in the Officer Job Descriptions Document at <https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/resources#officer>. Tell me about important plans or great ideas you would seek to enact if successful in winning the role. If you would like to know more about the job, or to discuss how you see yourself taking it forward, I would love to hear from you!

Yours in Service

Nicolette de Coulours  
Seneschal Stormhold

## Persona Biography



Greetings good gentles, I am Lendmann Leif Magnusson, current Baron of Stormhold, Master of the Order of the Pelican, and sometimes mistaken for Magnus Leifsson, kitchen hand and dishwasher (because SOME people feel uncomfortable having a landed Baron in their kitchen scrubbing pots!). I was invested as Baron of Stormhold, alongside Baroness Eleanora de la Birche, during a time of plague, pestilence, and very poor internet connections. We have overseen the Barony's return to first a land of masked faces, then cautious faces, and now mostly back to normal, albeit with somewhat more frequent hand washing. I have fought in all styles of SCA combat (even ground crew for equestrian), and have dabbled in many and varied forms of arts and sciences, but have found that I'm generally happiest chatting and playing games with friends, or eating and drinking with friends, or heckling Royal Court with friends. In short, I enjoy the social aspects of The Society more than any one particular activity. As for who Leif is, he is a Gotlandic Swede from the early 12th century.

While something of a jack-of-all-trades, Leif is primarily a farmer of goats and cattle most of the time, except when the summer winds are steady but peaceful and the waves aren't too rough. During those times, he might be found aboard a ship plying alternative trades and means of eking a living... like fishing. Not everyone in Scandinavia went raiding, you know! Other times he might be found visiting some of the other parts of northern Europe as part of a large group of fellow Swedes who specialised in rescuing trade goods and livestock and people after their houses mysteriously caught fire.

# Anachronism Corner

Yes, we are the Society for Creative Anachronisms. Occasionally your Chronicler likes to set the record wrong about a few historical matters. This month's Anachronism is brought to you by:

## The Alchemist Of East Wittering

Hezekiah Windrush – so-called since on the night of his birth a mighty tempest blew through the village and frightened the geese – was an eager student of arcane learning from his early childhood. He was born in East Wittering, Sussex, in 1390, and stayed there for most of his eventful life. He vanished without trace in 1485, and was popularly believed to have discovered the Elixir of Life.

At the age of five he astonished his parents by proving that the square root of two was an irrational number. Warned by the parson to keep this dangerous knowledge to himself, he devoted himself to Natural Philosophy; and by the age of nine he discovered how to turn eggs into cake. His attempts to turn ducks into gold were bitterly resented by the ducks, who gave him the pecking of a lifetime. He then turned his attention to healing (see right), but ...



Hezekiah's early experiments in Chinese acupuncture proved too controversial for the village.



... with decidedly mixed results. But he persisted with his experiments, and discovered remarkable cures for a number of prevalent diseases, including scrofula, botts, glanders, mange, flux, dunnage, splint, offaly and rhubarb. He was denounced as a sorcerer by a passing friar, the notorious Malfoodle Opterix; but defended by the parson, who appealed to the Bishop of Chichester. That worthy heard Hezekiah's catechism with incredulous ears; and after his recital of the full Latin mass, complete with collects, epistles and gospels, the bishop pronounced him as sound a Christian as he had ever met.

Fortified by episcopal fiat, Hezekiah continued his search for the Philosophers' Stone. He later claimed to have unearthed the Savants' Pebble, which turned rainy Sundays into sunny Tuesdays, although there was some public scepticism...

... but he nevertheless remained close to the hearts of the grateful villagers. East Wittering cherishes his memory to this day. After his disappearance a public drinking fountain was unveiled in his honour, using Hezekiah's own inventions to pump clean water from deep underground. It was greatly cherished by the local ducks, who quite forgave him for his earlier outrages. A stone memorial was also erected in the local churchyard, and local children used to dress up in white robes and false beards and frighten passers-by, leaping out from behind the grave-stone and shouting things like Shazam! and Abracadabra! The parson later removed it to the parish church, with full ecclesiastical honours.

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