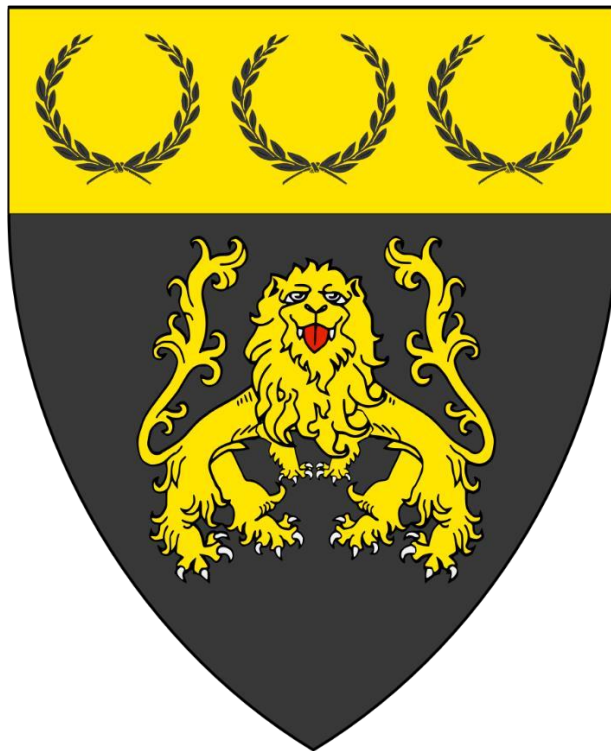


Thereby Hangs A Tale

The News for the Canton of Lions End within the Crown Province of Ostgardr



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Medieval Happenings in the Mundane World

Early Medieval Welsh Cemetery Features Crouching Bodies

According to an article published on The Guardian website on January 3, 2024 a gravesite within Fonmon Castle near Barry, Vale of Glamorgan in Wales contained 80 bodies.

The female bodies were buried about 1,500 years ago and were laid on their sides facing south. This could mean they were involved in a specific ceremony. Fragments of animal bones and imported glass drinking vessels were also found.

Dr. Andy Seaman, a lecturer in early medieval archaeology at Cardiff University is quoted: “There is nothing to suggest that people were living near the site, so the evidence of cooking and glasses certainly suggests some level of ritual feasting, perhaps to celebrate or mourn the dead.”

Study of the site is expected to continue and could take years to complete.

The Cat's Corner

While you humans celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17, us cats will be celebrating St. Gertrude, the patron saints of cats, who lived in Belgium from 626 to 659 AD.



(Photo by Fran Avnet)

Upcoming Events

Bear's Tavern -- AAAAAH There Be Pirates! March 9-March 10, 2024. Blue Mountain Lodge Welcher Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566. Site Opens: March 9th at 10:00am
Site Closes: March 10th at 11:00am. Games of chance, no children's activities. **Registration:** Attendance fees are \$45 a head for overnight stays (maximum of 40) and \$40 for daytrippers (maximum of 20). The event sells out quickly. Members receive a \$5 discount! A \$5 late fee will be charged for registrations received after February 15th. **Make Checks Payable to:** SCA NY Inc. – Ostgarðr **Send Reservations to:** Piglet Evans. 219 West 106th St., 1-E New York, NY 10025-3663. Payments can also be made via Paypal:
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Feast: There will be no feast but, rather, a steady serving of foods and beverages throughout the day. If you have any dietary concerns, please reach out to the feastocrat: Lady Laurie Anne Parr laurianne3314@yahoo.com

Lions End Schola: Lions Learn Lessons. May 18, 2024. Gold Coast Public Library Annex 40 Railroad Ave, Glen Head, NY 11545. Site Opens: 11am. Site Closes: 5pm. This will be an event dedicated to A&S classes. Please contact Uji to volunteer to teach schola@lionsend.eastkingdom.org Note, due to site restrictions, teachers can not collect a materials fee. There will also be a competition to determine the new A&S Champion of Østgarðr. **FOOD:** Food will be potluck (bring a dish that serves at least 4 people) – please include an ingredient list with your contribution due to allergies. When registering, please indicate what type of dish you intend to bring: snack/appetizer, main dish, dessert, soft drink/beverage, or disposable supplies (paper plates, cups, plasticwear) .Food questions concerns allergies: Contact Uji schola@lionsend.eastkingdom.org