

# **THE VIGILANCE**

**JULY / AUGUST 2009 – A.S. XLIV**



**CELEBRATING THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE CORONATION OF HENRY VIII**

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## Shire News:

As I write this, it's the last week of June. One of the trivia newsgroups I belong to announced that it's the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry VIII (Crowned June 24, 1509), I've received an article from Lord William the White on Henry VIII, and I found a neat article on Henry on my own, so I guess this issue's theme is Henry VIII. ☺ The cover art is Henry VIII at the age of 45, painted by Hans Holbein the Younger in 1536.

**Congratulations to:** THL Antonio de Luna for his victory in the Kingdom Thrown Weapons championship at War Practice!

**Congratulations to:** Lord Jacob of Dunmore for his victory in the Friday evening fencing Warlord tourney at War Practice!

**Congratulations to:** Aaron the Swift for fighting his way through the losers list to emerge victorious in the Division 2 Youth Boffer Tourney at War Practice!

**Happy Birthday to:** Karen Waterman who will be celebrating on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday to:** Antonio de Luna who will be celebrating on August 4<sup>th</sup>

*From the seneschal: I would like the shire to focus on the upcoming summer elections. I will be accepting (and encouraging you to write) letters of intent for the following offices:*

*Exchequer – currently held by Duchess Dorinda Courtenay*

*Herald – currently held by THL Cigfran Caer Gwalch*

*Knight Marshall – currently held by Lord Ian Kennoven*

*Minister of A&S – currently held by Baron Malcolm Fraser the Impatient*

*Minister of the Lists – currently held by Baroness Marguerite de la Marche*

*Chatelaine/Castellan – currently held by THL Keinven Ragnarsdottir*

*Webmaster – currently held by THF Dagonell Collingwood*

We have been approached by the Hilbert College theater group who want to borrow garb and props for a medieval scene in an upcoming play. As the college is within Rhydderich Hael territory, the topic will be brought up at the next Hael business meeting (July 7<sup>th</sup>) to determine if they want to do it themselves, in tandem with us, or leave it completely to us.

The Hael will be participating in the Olcott Pirate Festival and Parade again this year, on July 11th. Due to the fact that there may not be a hay wagon available next year, this may be the last time the Hael participates in this parade for some time to come. As always, there will be BBQ party at House Otter's Keep after the parade. For more details, see the announcement on page 9 of this issue.

The traditional Viking Village at the Jamestown Scandinavian Festival will also be held this summer, on July 18 and 19th. Vivats to Lord Bjorn for stepping in as autocrat when THL Keinwen was unable to do so due to work commitments. For more details, see the announcement on page 10 of this issue.



Falconry or hawking is the sport of hunting with birds of prey. The sport was known to the ancient Chinese, Greeks, and Romans and by the 9<sup>th</sup> century it was flourishing in Europe and was repopularized during and after the crusades.

Henry is considered the second greatest enthusiast of the sport in history. He is only bested by the Holy Roman Emperor Fredrick II. He, Fredrick, spent 30 years of his life in the study and compilation of a book *The Art of Falconry*. He also once lost a battle as he lifted the siege to go hunting.

Henry was exceedingly fond of the sport, had mews (housing for the birds) built at all his palaces and once counted among his menagerie 100 albino falcons.

*“Henry the Eighth, following his Hawk, leapt over a Ditch with a Pole, which broke; so that if Edmond Moody (a Foot-man) had not leapt into the Water, and lift up the King’s Head, which stuck in the Clay, he had been drown’d. (This Foot-man was rewarded both with Means and Arms, speaking his Service done to his Prince.) And the King lived to perform afterwards a Deed of grand Concern.”*(Gibbon, 4)

Pole vaulting was originally of utilitarian purpose, in wetter areas of the Netherlands and England, as a means of crossing obstacles such as ditches.



(drawing supplied by Lord William the White)

Left, King James I in hawking costume, as one can see here, though this costume is more than half a century later than Henry VIII, the bird and stick are used together.

One of Henry's other passions was the tilt, often called jousting. Henry's interest lead him to make arrangements with the Holy Roman Emperor to import German smiths to Greenwich, and iron from Innsbruck as a means of improving the quality of arms and armor produced in England. The King even allowed combatants from relatively hostile nations to enter the country for the tournaments unmolested:

*“The Letters of savegard given by the King of England unto Thomas Walle al’s Norrey King of Armes, for the proclamacon of the same Ioustes in the parties of Almeyn and the contrye of Germania, wch Norrey proclaimed the welle in French for the lowe contreys, as in Hight Dutch as hereafter followeth &c.” (Clephan 115)*

By the 16<sup>th</sup> century the tilt was a well governed sport filled with spectacle and regulated by articles of combat, a set of prescribed rules. The articles of combat for a tournament held in honor of Katherine of Aragon, the queen, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb. 1511 to mark the birth of Prince Henry reads thus:

*And for as moche as after the order & Honor of Arms hyt is not lefull for any man to enterprise Arms in so high a presens without hys Stocke and name be of Nobles dycended. In consideration theis four Knights [His Grace the King, Lord William of Devon, Sir Thomas Knevit, Sir Edward Nevyle] be of so fer & saunge partes. Hey shall presen themselff w their names and Arms ported in their shyld.*

*Item these four Knights shal present themselves in the feyld at the paleys of Rychmond or else where hyt shall please the Kynges Grace. At the tyme of candelmas ext of nigh theirupon in harneys for the tylt wt out tache or breket, wolant pece on the hedde rondell on he garde rest. Adunag (sic). Fraude. Dexeit or and malengyne.*

*Item o every comer shall be Runne six courses pryed allway yf the comers be of sush greate number that they cannot reasonably be for on day Hy shallbe lefullfor the four challengers to enter the felde the second day and so to answer all the comets to the full number be served of soche as be noble of name or of Armes and wt out report.*

*Item all speres to be garnished and brought to the ffeyld at the pvision and chardge of he Chalengers, of the wch speres the answerers to have the Choice.*

*Item yf yt happpe any Man as God defend to Kyll his fellows Horse b way of fowle Runnyng. He shallbe bond yf so doth to give the horse yt he rydeth on o his felwo or he pryse of the Horse so kyld at he dyscresion of the Iudges.*

*Item who stryketh his fellow uncharged & disgarnyshed of his speare he shallbe disallowed at the descresion of the Iudges.*

*Item who breaketh his spere above the Charnell to ge allowed two speres well broken after the old custom of Arms.*

*Item who breaketh his spere morme o morme to be allow’d three Speres afer the Custome of Arms.*

*Item who beaketh most speres ys bette worthe the pryse.*

*Item who sryketh Down Horse and Man is better worthe the pryse.*

*Item who stryketh his fellow clene out of the Sadell is best worthe the pryse. Item if any Gentleman challenger of defender breake a staff on the tylt to be disalwoed a staff.*

*Item yf yt is he pleasures of he Kynge our most Dred Souaigne Lorde, the Queens Grace and the Ladies with the advice of the Noble and dyscret Iuges to give pryses after their deservings unot both the Parties.*

*Iem that every Gentleman answere do Subscrbe his name to the Artycalles. (Clephan 118-119)*

Though pop culture suggest the primary way to win was to unseat ones opponent, from these rules we can see that, though it was possible to win by these means, the primary way was by breaking the lance or spear on the opponent's body.

Despite these rules, deaths were not unheard of in the sport. Geoffrey, eldest son of Henry II of England, was trampled by a horse during a tournament on Aug. 19, 1186; Duke Leopold V of Austria died of gangrene resulting from a horse crushing his foot during tournament New Years Eve 1194; in March of 1518 seven cavaliers were killed in one tournament, and King Henry II of France, July 1, 1559, was killed by a splinter from a lance in the eye while jousting his captain of the guard Gabriel Montgomery.

Henry VIII's first near fatal incident in the sport was in 1524:

*On 10 March the king, having a new armor made to his own design and fashion, such as no armorer before that time had seen, though to test the same at the tilt, and ordered a joust for the purpose. The lord marquis of Dorset and the earl of Dorset and the earl of Surrey were appointed to be on foot: the king came to one end of the tilt and the duke of Suffolk to the other. Then a gentleman said to the duke: 'Sir the king is come to the end of the tilt.' 'I see him not,' said the duke, 'by my faith, for my headpiece blocks my sight.' With these words, God knows by what chance, the king had his spear delivered to him by the lord Marquis, the visor of his headpiece being up and not down or fastened, so that his face as quite naked. The gentleman said to the duke: 'Sir the king is coming.'*

*Then the duke set forward and charged with his spear, and the king likewise unadvisedly set off towards the duke. The people, seeing the king's face bare, cried hold, hold; the duke neither saw nor heard, and whether the king remembered his visor was up or not few could tell. Alas, what sorrow was it to the people when they saw the splinters of duke's spear strike the king's headpiece. For most certainly the duke struck the king on the brow right under the guard of the headpiece on the very skull cap or basinet piece to which the barbette is hinged for strength and safety, which skull cap or basinet no armorer takes heed of, for it is always covered by the visor, barbette*





## **Ahoy Sons and Daughters of the Sea!!!!!!!!!!**

**A call goes out to every seafaring wench and buccaneer at heart to march and be noticed in the 12th Annual "Pirate Festival Parade" to be held on July 11, 2009 in the town of Olcott, New York. Here's a chance for all you fencers out there to show off your skills with a little swashbuckling action while jugglers can astound the crowd with your hand precision down the parade route. Not a fencer or juggler you say? Well not to worry, garbed persons are needed to march along side the 16 ft. float to wave and distribute goodies with SCA info attached to the crowd or sit aboard ifn' ye can't march (room is limited to 8-10 on the float).**

**Since this is a pirate festival, all parade attendees are asked to wearpirate/wench looking garb to add to the festivities. The float and parade attendees must be in the staging area in Krull Park at the soccer field by 11:00am on Saturday for check-in and unit position. I have been told we are scheduled for an early spot on the route this year so people may want to stay garbed and meander at the festival before heading off. If you like, people can arrive at the Ranch on Saturday morning no later than 10:30am to leave your vehicle and carpool to the staging area if you are returning for the BBQ. Otherwise you can drive to the Krull Park soccer fields located at 6108 LakeRoad, Olcott, New York 14126 and meet us. Directions provided upon request or just use map quest.**

**As years before, an "After-the-Parade-BBQ" is planned for all parade attendees & friends back at the Otterskeep Ranch located at 2411 Hosmer Road, in Barker, New York 14008 (probably starting around 4pm) depending on the length of the parade.**

**An R.S.V.P. is requested by July 8th via phone at: 633-9517 or by e-mail at ef-fex.b@... whether you will just be in the parade or attending the party afterwards. All are welcome to share this fun day! The property is spacious and as in past years, we**

have had delightful outbreaks of fencing, HW, TW and archery as well as swimming in the pond, fishing and lawn games. So be sure to pack your gear accordingly. Some camping space is available for those wishing to tent-stay the night or weekend, but the house crash space is now full. If you will be tenting please mention it when you R.S.V.P. to us.

The festival starts on Friday July 10th thru Sunday July 12th featuring rides, food, merchants, live music, pirate troops & players(besides us) and of course the parade. Hours are: Fri. 6pm to midnight, Sat. 12noon to midnight & Sun. 12noon to 8pm. Live music all weekend at the Olcott Lions Pavilion in Krull Park (schedule to be announced). The Krull Olcott Development Committee sponsors this event as an Olcott Fire Co. annual fundraiser. Join us and let your inner pirate out!

**AAARRR!!!!!!**

### The Fierce Captain Mudge

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**CALLING ALL VIKINGS! IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO SET UP OUR VIKING VILLAGE AT THE ANNUAL JAMESTOWN SCANDINAVIAN FOLK FESTIVAL. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING ALL THINGS VIKING!**

**SITE: JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS, 525 FALCONER ST., JAMESTOWN, NY 14701**  
**FESTIVAL WEBSITE:**  
**[HTTP://WWW.SCANDINAVIANJAMESTOWN.ORG/3SCAND.HTM](http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org/3scand.htm)**  
**COST: **FREE** TO PEOPLE IN VIKING GARB!**  
**DATE: JULY 18-19, 2009**  
**FESTIVAL HOURS: SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM, AND SUNDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. WE HAVE PERMISSION TO CAMP OVERNIGHT. THE SITE IS DISCREETLY DAMP, ABOVE GROUND FIRES ARE PERMITTED. SORRY, NO PETS.**

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## Tart On Ember-Day by THL Dagonell

### Original:

From Ancient Cookery [15th Cent.] Tart on Ember-Day (pg.448)

Parboyle onions, and sauge, and parsel, and hew hom small, then take gode fatte cheese, and bray hit, and do therto egges, and tempur hit up therewith, and do therto butter and sugur, and raisynges of corance, and powder of ginger, and of canell, medal all this well togedur, and do hit in a coffyn, and bake hit uncoveret, and serve hit forthe.

### Translation:

Parboil onions and sage and parsely, cut them small, then take good fat cheese and grate it, and do thereto eggs, and temper it up therewith, and do thereto butter and sugar and currants and powdered ginger and cinnamon, meddle this all well together, and do it in a pie-shell and bake in uncovered and serve it forth.

### Redaction:

2-lb bag of onions	6 T butter
2 t dried sage	1 T sugar
1 c parsley	6 T raisins
8 oz cream cheese	1/2 t powdered ginger
8 oz sharp cheddar cheese	1 t cinnamon
6 eggs	2 8" pie-shells

Bake the empty pie shells at 400\* for ten minutes. Peel and chop the entire bag of onion and boil them for ten minutes. Chop the parsley. Cut both cheeses into very small pieces. Mix all ingredients together. Blend well. Pour into open pie shells and bake for 40 minutes at 350\* Serve hot. Makes two pies.

The Dunkirk Center for Peace and Justice was having a potluck for their summer meeting. I needed something cheap, relatively effortless and filling. This seemed to fit the bill. A lot of people praised it and the first pie entirely disappeared in minutes. I advertised it as a "sweet and savory quiche". It was good, but I'm thinking I can tweak it into something better still.

### Henry VII Trivia

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\*\* Henry had six wives: Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, and Catherine Parr. The usual mnemonic is: "divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived". In fact, there were no divorces, but four annulments as the marriages to the executed women were annulled before they were beheaded.

\*\* Henry had 11 Children. Catherine of Aragon bore him two sons, both named Henry who both died within a month of their birth, and two daughters, Mary who became Mary I of England, and another unnamed daughter who died within a week. Elizabeth Blount, his mistress, bore him the only illegitimate child that he acknowledged, Henry FitzRoy (literally 'son of the king') who became Duke of Richmond and Somerset. Mary Boleyn, the sister of his second wife Anne Boleyn, bore him Catherine Carey, who became Lady Knollys, and Henry Carey, who became Baron Hunsdon. Henry never acknowledged either of them. Anne Boleyn bore him Elizabeth, who later became Elizabeth I of England. Jane Seymour bore him Edward who later became Edward VI of England. Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard and Catherine Parr bore no children.

\*\* Henry was the first English king to be addressed as Your Majesty, previously, Your Grace, and Your Highness were used to address the king.

\*\* Catherine of Aragon was the only wife who was older than Henry. She was the widow of his older brother, who died suddenly making Henry successor to his father. She was 23 and he was 17 when they were married.

\*\* Henry and all six wives were descended from the same king, Edward I. Jane Seymour and Catherine Parr (together with Henry himself) were descended from Edward I via his eldest son Edward II. The remaining four descended from Edward I's daughter Margaret and his son from his second marriage, Thomas.

\*\* Henry was an accomplished musician. He could play lute, organ, and virginals as well as sing. He wrote "Pastime with Good Company", "Oh My Heart" and "Helas Madam" as well as motets and masses. Contrary to urban legend, there is no proof he wrote "Greensleeves". "At Henry's death, his collection of instruments included: 5 Cornemuses/ Drones (Bagpipes), 19 Viols, 20 Regals, 14 Virginals, 2 Clavicords, 26 Lutes, 65 Flutes, 7 Citterns, 15 Shawms, 10 Sackbuts, and 154 Recorders."

\*\* Henry's conflict with Thomas More over his marriage to Anne Boleyn was made into the play "A Man for All Seasons" by Robert Bolt. As a movie, it won Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Actor (Paul Scofield as Thomas More) and Best Director in 1966.

*Trivia found at:*

*<http://www.angelfire.com/in3/theodore/opinion/papers/henry8.html>*

*<http://tudorhistory.org/queryblog/2009.04/question-from-m-lawrence-henry-viii.html>*

## What to Do at Pennsic By Dagonell the Juggler

Many years back, Bart the Bewildered wrote an article on packing for Pennsic, which has since become known as "Bart's Pennsic Thingy". It can be found online at:  
<http://members.cox.net/a-p-kay/Checklist3.htm>

I later wrote "Dagonell's Addendum", an addition about preparations to make before leaving home. It can be found online at: <http://www-cs.canisius.edu/~salley/SCA/Articles/barts.add.html>

If this is your first Pennsic, I highly recommend reading both articles. A few further suggestions, if this is your first or even your fortieth Pennsic:

Pack a med kit -- Refill your prescriptions before leaving home. Bring your own bug spray, sun block, allergy pills, etc. Bring extra, largess is easier given than received. If you're not planning on being celibate, bring that kind of protection as well. Ladies, even if it's not that time, bring a few anyway. Aunt Flo can be a sadist.



(From [www.worth1000.com](http://www.worth1000.com), "Advertising in the Middle Ages")

Blank notebooks, a pack of pens, and address labels -- Endlessly useful, if not for class notes, then for shopping lists and making schedules. I find bringing address labels easier than eternally writing my address for people who want to keep in touch with me.

Volunteer -- If every person who attended the war volunteered just two hours of their time during the entire two weeks, the Pennsic staff wouldn't know what to do with all the manpower. Alas, such is not the case. You don't need any special skills. Stand guard at the Royal Encampment. Work troll and welcome people to Pennsic. Fill out forms so the real churgeons can spend their time actually treating people. Who knows? You might find something you actually like doing.

Moderation -- Before being warranted, churgeons have to work under a warranted churgeon at five separate events. Each day at Pennsic is considered a separate event. Think of it that way yourself. There will be another tourney tomorrow, another party, another shopping day. Unless you're a professional martial artist, your body simply isn't up to 12 tourneys in 14 days. Space yourself out.

Take a Class -- Pennsic is the greatest accumulation of medieval experts you will ever encounter outside of a major university... and some of them WORK in major universities. Try something new, if you don't like it, you've wasted an hour. If you do like it, you've gained an interest for a lifetime.

## Useful Websites for Pennsic

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn38> -- The Official Website

<http://www.pennsic.net> -- Unofficial, but highly useful

<http://www.pennsic.net/faq.html> -- Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.pennsicindependent.com> -- The Official Newsletter

<http://pennsicdance.aands.org> -- Dance Schedule

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn38/cultural.html> -- Classes

[www.pennsicwar.org/penn38/AANDS/perfschedule.html](http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn38/AANDS/perfschedule.html) -- Shows

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn38/martial.html> -- Battles

## Upcoming Calendar – includes non-SCA events of interest

### **JULY**

June 18-July 12 -- Free performances of The Tempest

<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>

July 1 -- Independence Day (Canada)

July 3-5 -- Great Blue Heron Festival

<http://greatblueheron.com>

July 4 -- Independence Day (U.S.A.)

July 2-5 -- Known World Dance and Music Symposium (Ealdormere)

<http://www.kwdsvii.org>

July 11-12 -- Olcott Pirate Festival and Parade Demo (Hael)

July 11-12 -- Taste of Buffalo Festival

<http://www.tasteofbuffalo.com>

July 13 -- Karen Waterman's Birthday

July 17-18 -- Fredonia's Victorian Festival

<http://www.festivalsfredonia.com/content/victorian-dazzle-festival>

July 18-19 -- Viking Village VIII Demo (Heronter)

<http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org/3scand.htm>

July 20 – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Moon Landing!

July 23-Aug 16 -- Free performances of Julius Caesar

<http://www.shakespeareindelawarepark.org>

July 24-Aug 9 -- Pennsic War XXXVIII

<http://www.pennsicwar.org/penn38>

July 27-Aug 2 -- Chautauqua County Fair

<http://www.chautauquacountyfair.org>

July 31 -- Lughnasadh

### **AUGUST**

Aug 2-8 -- Potter County Fair

Aug 3 - Aug 9 -- Cattaraugus County Fair

<http://www.cattarauguscofair.com>

August 4 -- Antonio de Luna's birthday

Aug 11-15 -- Warren County Fair

<http://www.warrencountyfair.net>

August 12-23 -- Erie County Fair

<http://www.americas-fair.com/>

August 15 -- Amherst Museum Demo (Hael)

August 16-22 -- McKean County Fair

<http://www.mckeancountyfair.net>

August 21-23 -- Youngsville Corn Festival Demo (Heronter)

<http://www.youngsvillepa.org/festival>

Aug 28-30 -- Buffalo Irish Festival

<http://www.buffaloirish.com/irishfestival.htm>

Aug 27-Sept 7 -- New York State Fair

<http://www.nysfair.org>

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