

His voice
rides the
wind ...

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The Dancing Moon

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Minutes of the July 11 meeting

Officer Reports

Fighter Marshal – Because of CalonCon, other reasons, there will be no practice for the next 2 weeks.

Archery Marshal – Practices will be held July 17 and 31. Loaner gear is available.

A&S – 2nd quarter list being re-passed to ensure complete and accurate details of shire activities.

Upcoming events include Glass Workers Symposium, Queens Prize and the Shire Champions.

Upcoming classes scheduled:

July 25: Nest, Basic Seams and Stiches

Aug 22: Paul, Distinguishing between Viking. Anglo-Saxon and Celtic Art

Oct 24: Margery, Shire's Choice from the List to be published separately

Chronicler – PLEASE send me you 5 favorite pictures for Lilies by Thursday for inclusion in THIS month's newsletter.

Exchequer - \$3, 015. 72 in the bank with NO out-standing bills or checks.

Web Minister – Calendar is up to date. There are problems with both the software and the company personnel. She is going to pursue information RE sharing space on the Kingdom Site. More information as it becomes available.

Herald – Emerika's submission seems to have vanished, 'held for further info.' Per Exch, the check has been cashed.

Old Business

CalonCon is this coming weekend.

On the 14th, a group of shire members will be touring a **potential new site for Autumn Arrows**. Meet at site at 6pm

Picnic – August 21, 1 pm. Margery & Alan's. Archery and A&S Championships. Site will be open from Aug 20, 1 pm. See C&T Info to follow. Pot Luck; Alan will have burgers on the grill.

C&T – Estimated money for full set of loaner gear as suggested by Alan is \$550. Gear will be ordered with receipt presented for re-imbursement. There will be C&T practice at approx. 3pm, Aug 20 at site of Shire Picnic

Autumn Arrows – ALL POSITIONS OPEN. Crispin is volunteering to CO- something.

New Business

New Member Tina asks about the possibility of **dancing**.

Seneschal is looking for a **Deputy**.

Shire Officers

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First there was Kingdom recognitions ...

Local fighter makes good ... Our Own HL Paul is now
Kingdom Arts and Sciences, April
Fayetteville, Arkansas - Shire of Grimfells.

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Then There Was Gulf War ...

Roselyn, Cadlae and Angus working on projects in camp.

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Erik helping James with his belt.

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TOP Left and right: Very rainy court - Blindsided Christine with a Swan for her beautiful Embroidery
BELOW Left and right: Her reaction to our sneakiness! - Michael wearing the war banner after doing well in the previous day's battle.

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TOP left and right: Thomas demonstrating spoon making in the Early Period Life area. - James and Aesa managing to stay dry at the very rainy court.

Bottom left and right: The "Four and Twenty Blackbirds" being turned black! - The remains of the feast including the Blackbird Pie.

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Listverse

Top 10 Misconceptions about Henry VIII and His Court

The reign of Henry VIII is one of the most romanticized periods in history. Full of religious upheaval, murder, mayhem and larger-than-life figures, there are plenty of myths and misconceptions that have taken the place of real history when it comes to Henry, his many wives, the Royal Court, and his world-changing laws. Change the religion of your entire country so you can divorce your wife and upgrade to a more fertile model and you are bound to have all sorts of rumors start circulating about what goes on in the royal bedroom—and what kinds of consequences you might be subject to. One of the long-standing rumors about Henry VIII is that he was suffering from...

10 - Henry Likely Never Had Syphilis

When it comes to Henry's health, we have quite a bit of information. Absolutely none of it is from his personal physicians, who likely did not keep records of the king's health for their own peace of mind (and safety). However, historians do have state documents, dispatches, and documents written by visitors to the court that detail some of the illnesses that plagued the king. In 1514, Henry suffered from what was either smallpox or measles, and he came down with malaria in 1521. His love of sport and hunting meant that there were quite a few injuries, but until he started gaining the weight he was later famous for, he was fairly healthy.

What we do not have is any record of Henry exhibiting any of the signs of syphilis—which was well recognized at the time, and treated with a 6-week course of mercury. The ulcers on his legs are often cited as evidence, but medical professionals generally agree that the ulcers were more likely from stasis and varicose veins. These types of ulcers are more commonly associated with deep vein thrombosis, and when the clot breaks free, it causes symptoms like those Henry suffered from in 1538.

None of his wives or mistresses ever showed signs of being exposed to syphilis, and even Catherine of Aragon's difficulty in carrying a child to term (often evidence cited in support of the syphilis theory) does not fit the actual, medical profile of pregnancies affected by syphilis. None of his surviving children showed any signs of congenital syphilis, either, and it was likely a rumor spread to help discredit the monarch even further.

9 - Medical Treatment and Disease Prevention was Not Entirely Horrible

Tudor-era medicine definitely is not on par with what we have today, but Henry oversaw some major advancements in the field.

He was the monarch that founded the Royal College of Physicians, and combined several organizations into the Company of Barber-Surgeons. Those groups—along with other medical practitioners—were regulated by legislation that Henry pushed through Parliament to make sure those that were dispatching medical advice and treatment were properly trained and licensed. The laws stood as they were for the next three centuries.

Even though they still had not figured out the dangers of things like lead, Henry did make massive sanitation advancements in other areas. He oversaw the installation of public sewers, the sourcing of public water supplies, and during times of plague, he ordered the segregation of citizens that had become ill and started an early form of disinfection.

When it came to the health of his son, the delicate and sickly young Prince Edward, Henry took a number of precautions that would seem perfectly rational today. The prince's chambers were strictly off-limits to anyone who showed signs of illness. Any member of the household staff who went into London proper or mingled with the crowds of commoners was required to go through a period of quarantine before they were allowed to rejoin the daily activities of the court. The prince's chambers were cleaned on a strict schedule to try to prevent illness, but Edward still fell ill with what is assumed to be tuberculosis in spite of all the precautions that were taken.

8 - They Had Excellent Teeth

One of the most stereotypical images of the British court—and of England in general—is the one about the bad teeth. Elizabeth I certainly fit the bill, infamous for her blackened teeth and terrible breath. As she aged, she suffered from so many problems with her gums and teeth that some people recorded their difficulties in understanding what she was saying.

In large part, that was because of the recent introduction of sugar into the English diet. During Henry's rule, sugar had yet to arrive on the scene and that made a huge difference when it came to dental hygiene. With no access to sugar, Henry and the members of his court were, for the most part, sporting teeth that were surprisingly white. The decline of dentistry was a fast one, though, and the industry could not keep up with the amount of damage sugar did to the English smile. By Elizabeth's time, she was faced with having some of her rotting teeth pulled. It was a prospect that scared her so much that one of her bishops volunteered to have a tooth pulled first, to show her that it was not entirely unbearable.

7 - They Had Decent Hygiene, Too

With the members of the court always clad in the same heavy, restrictive clothing of the era and without access to dry cleaners, washing machines, or showers, it is easy to imagine the court—and the courtiers—stinking to high heaven.

Evidence suggests otherwise.

The Tudor court was well aware of the connection between filth and disease, and (while this was by no means a luxury enjoyed by the common person) Henry's personal facilities were even equipped with a sort of indoor plumbing that made frequent bathing possible. Henry—and his court—would travel from house to house on a schedule that was limited by the amount of water that could be supplied to each location, and many of the royal residences were overhauled and updated during his reign. That included an update to the king's personal chambers, and his bathrooms at Hampton Court, the Tower of London, Windsor and New Hall were all equipped with massive bathtubs fed by hot and cold taps. The taps were fed by nearby springs, and some were connected to cisterns and run through small rooms used solely for heating the king's bath water.

While we do not know how often he bathed, we do know that literature of the time recommended infusing bath water with things like rosemary, sage, and orange peel. The ladies of the court often used scented soaps made with olive oil, and perfumes were common. While washing clothes still proved a monumental task, most people (royal and otherwise) were now wearing linen undergarments that were washed more regularly than their outerwear. Keeping undergarments clean was of the utmost importance, and it was a sign of good standing and character.

6 - Henry VIII Didn't Have 6 Wives

History buffs all know the story. Henry was married to Catherine of Aragon for almost 24 years before he changed the world to divorce her. She was followed by Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour, Anne of Cleves, Catherine Howard, and Kateryn Parr.... but Henry didn't have six wives.

Technically, he only had three.

Three of his marriages were annulled before the women met their inevitable fates, so in the eyes of God, the law, and most importantly Henry himself, they never happened. His 23-year marriage to Catherine of Aragon was annulled, his 6-month union to Anne of Cleves was annulled and, before she was sent to the chopping block, Henry annulled his marriage to Anne Boleyn.

5 - Thomas Cromwell Was Far From a Stick-in-the-Mud

Thomas Cromwell is one of the most infamous members of Henry's court. The son of a man who worked off and on as a tavern-keeper, a blacksmith and a brewer (and whose name shows up in criminal records at least 48 times), Cromwell ran away from home at 15, traveled across Europe, fought in wars, established his own trading business, sweet-talked his way into an audience with the Pope, and eventually ended up working for Cardinal Wolsey. He continued to work his way up from there, and was ultimately the mastermind behind Henry's first legendary, history-making divorce. History has painted him as cunning and ruthless, and while he certainly was, he was also much more.

He was a complete party animal.

It was only in 2014 that historians started looking at some of his personal documents and the accounts of his spending, and found that he spent thousands of pounds—an astronomical sum—on parties. He was a connoisseur of fine wines and fine foods, but he made sure to share with the rest of the court, too. His parties were filled with jesters, entire menageries of exotic animals, endless food and drink (from swan and oysters to artichokes, cherries, gooseberries and pastries), and he even spent somewhere around £1,000 on a silly costume for himself, in an effort to make Henry laugh.

He was also a relentless gambler, losing somewhere around £50,000 (adjusted for today's inflation) in a span of two years.

4 - The Court Fools Weren't Trying for a Laugh

The court jester is one of the most enduring images of a pre-modern royal court. We have an idea that they were people who made a living—and kept their heads—by making sure the court was always entertained, and they did it by mimicking a foolish nature and spewing low-brow humor.

According to the University of East Anglia's Suzannah Lipscomb, the truth might be very different.

She says that it is more likely that the jesters and fools that Henry and his family kept at court were what they called “natural fools”: people that we would today describe as having a learning disability. In 1540, a legal decree gave royal authority over people who were described as “idiots and fools natural”, and contemporary documents seem to suggest that group included those Henry employed as jesters. Most famous was Will Somer, who entered court in 1535 and remained there into the reign of Elizabeth I. Called a “sot” and “the king’s natural jester”, documents show that another man, William Seyton, was paid a sum of 40 shillings “to keep William Somer”.

At the same time Somer and his companions were the target of ridicule, they were also thought to be closer to God than most men. Incapable of sin, they were touched by the divine and there was a belief that within the folly that they spoke was a deep sort of wisdom.

3 - Everything Ever Said About Anne of Cleves

Henry’s marriage to Anne of Cleves was his shortest, lasting only six months. Mainstream history has painted her as so ugly that Henry was unable to consummate the marriage, saying she was also lacking in fashion sense and intelligence, and that she smelled absolutely horrible.

It is entirely likely that her short marriage and cultural differences has painted her in an unflattering light that she absolutely does not deserve.

Henry had sent several ambassadors to the German court to ascertain whether or not Anne would be an appropriate match. When they came back, it was with news that Anne had met their approval—which would be an incredibly odd thing, were she as hideous and stupid as she has always been reported to be, especially given Henry’s reputation for sending people that crossed him to their death. Henry took an immediate dislike to her, but he never gave her the most disparaging of her nicknames: the Flanders Mare. That name only showed up in the late 17th century, and it came from a book written by the Bishop of Salisbury.

There is no actual historical evidence for a lot of the claims made about Anne. The most well-known of the stories about her involves her being so ugly that Henry was unable to consummate the marriage, but one theory suggests that her appearance was simply an excuse to cover the king’s impotence. Not long after their marriage, a tournament was staged in Greenwich to acknowledge what should have been a happy event. While accounts penned by witnesses told of a new queen who was dressed in a way that accented her beauty, the cultural divide between the expectations of the English court and her German upbringing made her seem like an unrefined outsider. Instead of dancing and music, she had learned more practical skills that made her seem more of an English commoner than royalty.

Henry ultimately used her previous betrothal as an excuse for why the marriage needed to be annulled, and Anne remained in such good standing with Henry and the court that it was rumored she would remarry him after Catherine Howard was sent to the block.

2 - Anne Boleyn’s Sixth Finger

When it comes to myths that have firmly entrenched themselves in our collective consciousness, this has to be one of the most enduring. Even those that admit they do not know much about Tudor history know that Henry’s most famous wife had six fingers on one hand.

Even though some have speculated that the story of Anne's sixth finger grew out of an abnormal fingernail, we know that she definitely did not have six fingers. The first mention of her sixth finger came from the writing of Nicholas Sander, a Catholic who penned a huge amount of propaganda for his cause. In his book "The Rise and Growth of the Anglican Schism", Sander paints Anne as the vessel that led to one of the greatest affronts the Catholic Church had ever seen. Sander describes Anne as having weirdly protruding teeth, a massive wen on her neck, a sallow complexion and, of course, the sixth finger. Anne became the embodiment of physical abnormalities that were connected with an impure soul and people who were in league with the Devil.

If Anne truly had sported any of those features, she would have never been allowed to be a lady-in-waiting to the queen, much less an actual queen. None of her contemporaries—including those who despised her, and would have loved the chance to gossip about the meaning of a sixth finger—ever reported such a thing. And when the remains buried at St. Peter ad Vincula were exhumed and examined (presumably with Anne's skeleton among them), none had six fingers.

But the myth has stubbornly remained for centuries, in part because of the fact that we actually have no idea what she really looked like. Henry went out of his way to destroy all portraits of her before she was executed. Those that remain are, for the most part, copies, and none can be concretely described as presenting an accurate picture of her.

1 - There Was No Idea of a "Tudor" Monarchy

The idea of the Tudor era seems pretty clear-cut today, defined as the period of history between Henry VII and Elizabeth I. But Oxford historians have done some digging, and they found that not only was the idea of a Tudor dynasty something that was never referred to, but the very idea was something of an embarrassment.

The Tudor name is Welsh, and it comes to Henry VIII through his father's side and the Welsh adventurer Owen Tudor. He hailed from Penmynydd, and his Welsh name was Owain ap Maredudd Tudur. According to the legend, he was a squire when he got drunk and quite literally fell into the lap of Catherine of Valois, queen of England. Her husband, Henry V, died in 1422 and she would go on to marry Owen, in secret, in 1429. Their marriage was incredibly unpopular, and it wasn't until 1431 that Owen was given the same rights that any free Englishman enjoyed.

Catherine died in 1437, leaving behind Owen and some illegitimate children. Owen was pardoned by his step-son, Henry VI, and was welcomed into the royal court under his anglicized name, Owen Tudor.

Even though Owen Tudor's offspring rose to power at the end of the Wars of the Roses, historians have found no real evidence that suggests they identified themselves as a "Tudor" monarchy. Sifting through countless documents from the period have yielded no references to a dynasty by that name, and there is only a single poem that actually acknowledges the shift in power from the Tudors to the Stuarts.

Oxford scholar Dr. Cliff Davies went a step further, and suggested that the idea of a Welsh Tudor heritage had been deliberately suppressed by Henry VIII, who considered his Welsh roots nothing less than an embarrassment. Henry's references to his heritage paint him as a blending of the Lancaster and York families rather than as a Tudor, and it is only in the 18th century that the idea of a Tudor dynasty was integrated into history with the work of philosopher David Hume.

Then there was George and the Dragon ...



Top left and right: Spears waiting to be thrown at George and the Dragon. - Thomas pulling arrows from the evil spinning target.

Bottom left and right: The shot that resulted in the new phrase..."You've been Thomased!" - Alan ready for some cut and thrust action.

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Left and right: Paul keeping warm while watching over his wares. - Dulci working on her braiding.
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... Coronation ...



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And as always ... Lilies



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Calanais Nuadh Shire Picnic

Sunday, August 21, 2016 @ 1 PM
Location: "Country Estate" of HL Alan
Berylson & Lady Margery

Both porches and most of the ground floor is wheelchair-accessible (however, bathroom is probably not due to unusually narrow doorway).

At least a dozen chairs are available, but bringing your own is encouraged if you can.

The household includes a large, friendly dog and a small, frightened cat. The yard has been treated for ticks and chiggers, but archers would be wise to apply their own personal repellent.

Food! Please bring a potluck dish to share. Burgers will be available from the grill. Disposable plates, cups and utensils will be provided.

Archery! Bring your bow and take part in the challenging championship shoot, as we determine our annual shire champion. Some loaner gear available.

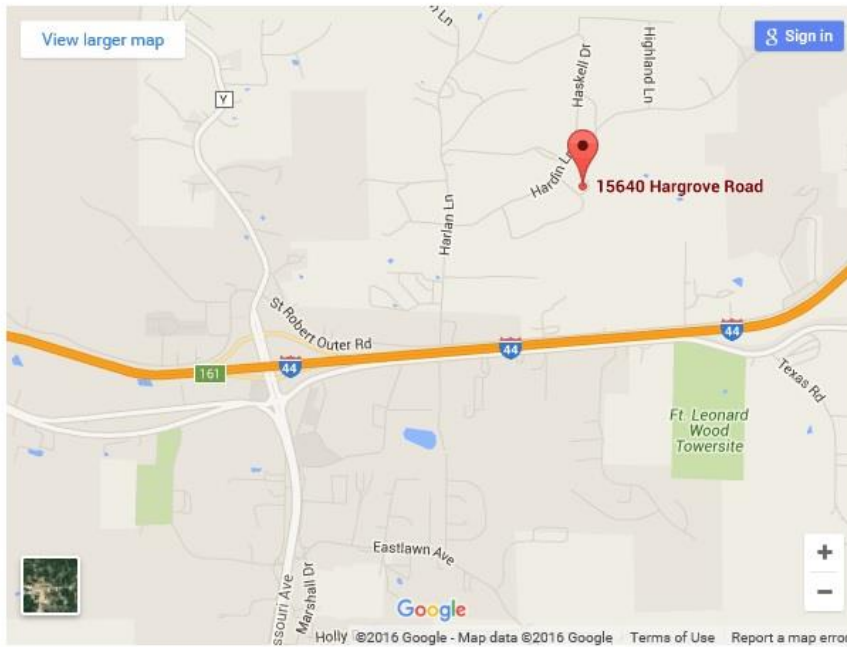
Arts & Sciences! Bring your entries for our annual shire Arts & Sciences Championship. Documentation on a 3x5 card, if possible. Project in progress? Enter it anyway! Voting by populace choice.

General Merriment! Please feel free to wear garb. Depending on turnout, a shire group photo might be taken.

Make your best way to the service road that runs on the north side of I-44 between Exits 161 and 163. Follow the service road until you reach the corner with the large water tower and Gospel Ridge Church, where you will turn north onto Harlan Lane. Then, turn right onto Hardin Lane, which will become gravel after a few feet. Immediately after the electrical substation, you will see a sign for Hargrove Road to the right. Do not take this one unless you like steep hairpin turns! Instead, continue down Hardin Lane until you find the second Hargrove Road sign and turn right. Take the first driveway to the left, marked with the house number (15640) on a shield-shaped sign.

Image credit: 14th-century illumination from "Livre du roi Modus et de la reine Ratio," Bibliothèque nationale de France
See map on following page

Map & Directions



[15640 Hargrove Rd., St. Robert, MO 65584](https://www.google.com/maps/place/15640+Hargrove+Rd.,+St.+Robert,+MO+65584/@37.388,92.188,15z)

Website	http://shireofcalanaisnuadh.org
Group List	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/calanaisnuadh/
FaceBook	https://www.facebook.com/shireofcalanaisnuadh

Shire Announcements

There is a Shire ...

and there IS a Newsletter ...

and there will be a PICNIC ...

July, 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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10 4 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO	11 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, St Robert Municipal Building	12	13	14	15	16
17 4 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO	18 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night St Robert Municipal Building	19	20	21	22	23 B'ay Bash Three Rivers St. Louis, MO
24 4 PM ---- Cancelled ---- Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO 31	25 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Class Night, Basic Seams & Stitches St Robert Municipal Building	26	27	28	29	30 Feast of Eagles, KS

August, 2016

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night St Robert Municipal Building	2	3	4	5	6 Pennsic Begins
7 4 PM Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, TBD	8 6:45 PM Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, St Robert Municipal Building	9	10	11	12	13

July, 2016

17	4 PM	Archery but NO Fighter Practice, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, Rolla, MO
18	6:45 PM	Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night, St Robert Municipal Building
23-24		Birthday Bash Three Rivers St. Louis, MO; King, Queen attending
24		NO Archery or Fighter Practice
25	6:45 PM	Shire Weekly Meeting Class Night, Basic Seams & Stitches , St Robert Mun Bld
30-31		Feast of Eagles Cum an Iolar South Johnson County, KS; King, Queen attending

August, 2016

1	6:45 PM	Shire Weekly Meeting Project Night, St Robert Municipal Building
06-14		Pennsic Aethelmarc Slippery Rock, PA; King, Queen attending
7	4 PM	Archery Practice, Fighter Practice, TBD
8	6:45 PM	Shire Weekly Meeting Business Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner, St Robert Municipal Building

Driving Directions:

Archery Practice: Beaver Creek Conservation Area: No Crossbows. No Archery if temperature is below [32° F] or above [95° F]. Temperature is based on Weather Cannel Reports. If forecast is in these extremes, a decision will be made in a timely fashion to allow for driving. If rain is forecasted follow rules for temperatures. From Rolla, take Highway 63 south for several miles. The range gate will be on your left, immediately across the highway from the VFW post. Drive through the gate to the top of the hill, park and take the line!

Fighter Practice: Will be held in conjunction with Archery Practice. Unless contrary information is promulgated via Facebook and/or Yahoo Group.

Shire Meetings:

Driving directions: If you are traveling south on Missouri Ave. after coming into St. Robert on Exit 161, turn left at the first stoplight onto Eastlawn Ave. (look for the Arby's). After passing Paul's Furniture and the Dollar Store, take the first right to turn into the gigantic parking lot of the Municipal Center.

Room Directions: Our new meeting space is Room H of the St. Robert Municipal Center (aka City Hall). When you enter the building from the main doors, walk down the central atrium toward the police station. Take the first hallway on your right, immediately after the VA office, and follow it to the end. This is the same room that is used for driver license testing during the week.

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