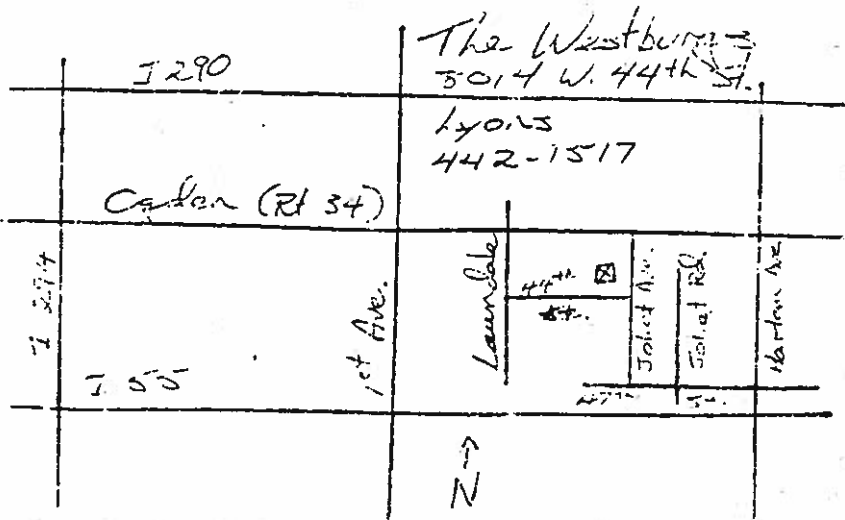


Chips





Moot Points

Get your shire stuff right here!

Our last March moot brought news that the molds for the shire brooches are finished and that the jewelry-maker will shortly be ready to take orders. Guillaume also discovered a T-shirt artist whom he said does very good work. Guillaume will bring more information and a sample shire T-shirt to the next moot.

Katherine is trying to reserve CoD's athletic field for an outdoor list at our siege event. She is also experimenting with clay goat production using sealing wax stamps. We already have one feast reservation.

Avelyn has finished two chemises for our annual booth at Jubilee. Anyone interested in helping should contact her at 690-4656.

Aldred would like people owed award scrolls to give him copies of their promissory notes so he can send them to the Kingdom Signet.

Our annual April Fool illusion moot will take place beginning at 6 p.m. April 8 at Gavin and Katherine's home, 8014 W. 44th Street in Lyons (442-1517). The moot originally scheduled for April 22 probably will be changed or cancelled to avoid conflicting with Grey Gargoyles' unofficial event: look for an update at combat practice or call Einar and Gwendolyn at 260-9739.



An Open Invitation

The College of Grey Gargoyles has invited Vanished Wood, Rokkehealdan and Tree-Girt-Sea (and anyone else who happens to be around) to an unofficial local event Sunday, April 22, in Ida Noyes Hall.

The fun starts at 1 p.m. with a regional combat practice. Space will be provided for non-fighters to socialize, practice their arts or just be medieval (garb would be a good idea).

Afterward the College will stage a potluck feast, with each person bringing a dish to serve 6-10 people. Contact Morgan Cely Cain at (312) 644-5374 to see what other people are bringing so we don't have 17 ginger cakes and no meat.

The site is open until midnight, so there probably will be dancing, etc., until long after dark.



Hearth & Kettle

Things are not always as they seem -- especially at our annual illusion moot. Here, from Fabulous Feasts, is a meat sculpture recipe to impress us with this year -- or to file away for next year.

Appraylere

1/4 tsp. ginger	6 eggs
3/4 tsp. cinnamon	1/4 tsp. saffron
1/4 tsp. salt	1/4 cup brown
1/8 tsp. galingale	sugar
1 cup grated cheese	1/2 cup milk
1 cup breadcrumbs	1/4 tsp. baking
3 cups ground meat	powder
1 cup flour	1/4 tsp. allspice

Blend ginger, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, salt and galingale. Mix with cheese and breadcrumbs. Add mixture to meat and mix well. Beat four eggs and stir into meat mixture. Pack into a breakable (and expendable) pitcher (or a well-oiled mold) and tightly cover exposed surface with foil. Bake at 375 for about two hours, until done and slightly dry. Let cool a half hour, then break the pitcher (or unmold) and let cool some more.

Preheat oven to 400. Combine remaining ingredients into thick batter. Spread heavily on meat and bake 10 minutes or until golden. Let cool, decorate and serve forth.

- 15: Leonardo da Vinci born, 1452
- 16: Dutch republic founder William I of Orange born, 1533; Guy Fawkes born, 1570
- 17: Ferdinand and Isabella proclaimed Columbus viceroy over any land he discovered in the New World, 1492
- 18: William Shakespeare registered 'Venus and Adonis', 1593
- 19: Sir Francis Drake attacked Cadiz, 1587
- 21: Philip II of Spain born, 1527
- 22: Isabella I of Spain born, 1451; Henry VII died, 1509
- 23: Ethelred the Unready died, 1016
- 24: Mary, Queen of Scots married the Dauphin Francis, 1558
- 25: Edward II born, 1284; Mt. Etna erupted, 1536; Oliver Cromwell born, 1599
- 26: William Shakespeare baptized, 1564; Ferdinand Magellan died, 1521
- 28: Edward IV born, 1442
- 29: Sir Peter de la Mare became first Speaker of the House of Commons in England, 1376
- 30: Chevalier Pierre Terrail de Bayard, Victorian symbol of perfect knight-hood, died, 1524





Medieval Marketplace

Have you ever wished you had more than a Pale map and a dashboard compass to guide you to event sites? Would you like to impress your friends the next time you take your longship out on Lake Michigan?

The Goodfellow Catalog of Wonderful Things lists a medieval reproduction astrolabe, complete with sighting device, period-style engravings and a translation of Chaucer's instructions on how to use the thing. Four-inch pewter astrolabes cost \$120; six-inch brass ones, \$740.

Or you could get a sundial cannon. This conversation piece combines a small sundial with a magnifying glass positioned over the slot of a miniature black-powder cannon. When placed so the cannon points north, the sun shining through the lens ignites the powder and shoots the cannon exactly at noon. You'll also get a charge out of the price -- \$1,600.

Both items are made by Norman Greene, P.O. Box 8451, Emeryville, Calif. 94662.

P.S.: All this fascinating info comes from the 1981 catalog (which is all the library had), so don't be surprised if prices and availability have changed a bit since. April Fool!

A Ladies Lechers League Anthem

After several years of handing out blue ribbons to our favorite lechees to the tune of "The Scotsman", that particular song may be wearing a bit thin. Here, to the tune of "Nights in White Satin" by the Moody Blues, is a possible alternative.

Knights in white satin,
short cotehardies and hose,
Ladies fall languishing,
as the men make the clothes.
Glistening gallants
in their thin cloth of gold
Win the fond heart of
every maid they behold.

And we love them...
Yes, we love them...
Oh-oh-oh-oh, yea!

Lords in soft velvet,
Any color will do --
All their naps will be theadbare
Before we are through.
Strokes and caresses
Fondle linen and silk:
Ladies go leching
over them and their ilk.

For we love them...
Yes, we love them...
Oh-oh-oh-oh, yea!

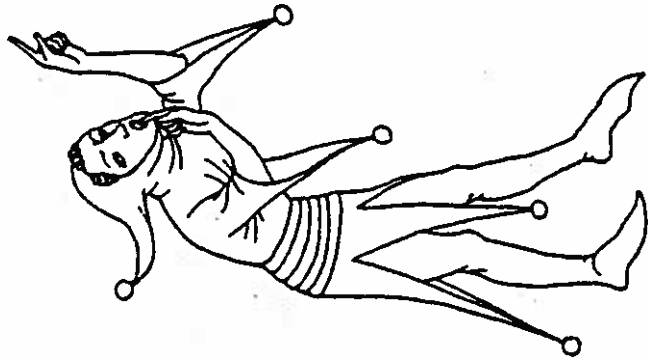
--Gwendolyn merch Llewelyn



In case you've noticed that this issue
reads from right to left --

April Fool!

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