

### Wyrmegeist Fighter Practice

Every Sunday Afternoon, 12:00 pm-ish Until Dark  
Last Sunday of every month is a Garb and Grub Practice

Open To The Public

Kathy Drive Park  
Enter through Avalon Subdivision

### Wyrmegeist Populace Meetings

1st Monday of each Month, 7:00 pm

Open To The Public

Main Library on Goodwood Blvd.

Our website address:

[www.wyrmegeist.org](http://www.wyrmegeist.org)

Our Yahoo! Group:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wyrmegeistdragoncave/>

Our Kingdom:

[www.gleannabhann.org](http://www.gleannabhann.org)

Our newsletter and contact list are maintained online only!  
For printed copies please contact our Chronicler.

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## Eventing - Gleann Abhann Style

**April 9: Gleann Abhann Spring Coronation**

*hosted by Barony of Small Grey Bear at Camp Clearfork (AR).*

**April 16: Athenaeum III**

*hosted by Shire of Tor an Riogh at Camp Taloha (AR)*

**April 23: Beltaine**

*hosted by Barony of Grey Niche @ Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park (TN)*

**April 30: Candlelight Camp**

*hosted by Barony of Small Grey Bear .*

**: Forest Maiden**

*hosted by Shire of Blackmoore Keep at Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin (LA).*

**May 14: Gleann Abhann Spring Crown List**

*hosted by Shire of Lagerdamm.*

**May 21: Knight's Academy**

*hosted by Shire of Dragoun's Weal at King's Arrow Ranch (MS)*

**: Cracked Anvil**

*hosted by Shire of Smythkepe .*



## Dragon's Breath

The newsletter for the  
Shire of Wyrmegeist, in the  
Kingdom of  
Gleann Abhann



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## Persona Research

*Lasair inghean mhicSeoin*

There are a large number of websites available to help with persona development. One of my favorite websites is Modar University - [www.modaruniversity.org](http://www.modaruniversity.org). A lot of the sites that you will come across have lists of questions to answer about your persona. I'm going to list some of those here, and let you know what I find out about my persona. Hopefully you'll share information about your persona also. Be specific - how would someone in that time period/area have referred to or described themselves. Don't just say "9th century living outside Dublin" (yep, I'm guilty).

What year were you born?

Where do you live?

Describe your home.

Describe your family and household.

## A Song for Francois A Léoð Galleas

Gone our Prince // Silent the mead-hall,  
Gan ūre landfruma // ástillian meðesele,  
Still the darkness // Still the people.  
Ástillian niht // ástillian léode.

Dark Sword-wielder // Stood amongst you.  
Sweart guðsweord wealdere // Ástöd mid ðé.  
Strong and quick-he // Sure and steady.  
Cāf a lāoht hé // Langtwidig ānmōdnes.

Stone of strength // Honor-bearer,  
Carr a cræft // Ārfaest-healdere,  
Still (yet) our Leader // Stands he-ever,  
Géa ūre laedere // Āstandeð hé æfre  
Stern (mighty) way-holder // Who will follow?  
Cræft weg-geæfnere // hwa sceolde æfterfolgian?

Sing his name // Shout his word-fame,  
Āwrecan sīn nama // Gylian sīn lāstword,  
Raise your voices // Raise your flagons,  
Ūp ābregdan éower héafodwōðe // Ūp ābregdan éower cuppe,

Galleas Stronghand // Lives forever!  
Galleas cræfthand // Aélif æfre tō alder!  
Galleas Strongheart // Lives forever!  
Galleas cræftheorte // Aélif æfre tō alder!

ÆEdward gearwian  
6/22/05  
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## Defining Terminology

(definitions from Melissa Snell,  
About.com's Medieval History Guide)

### Bastide

A **bastide** was a type of fortified town, built in parts of 13th- and 14th-century Britain and France, which was constructed according to a geometric plan. Bastides were often built on hilltops and divided by a grid of streets into numbered blocks that were further subdivided into house and garden lots.

Bastides served as defensive posts, where the inhabitants of sparsely-populated districts could gather for protection, trade and convenience. The founders of bastides granted their towns generous charters, and in return made profits from rents, trade tariffs, market tolls and other municipal revenues.

[Edward I](#) of England, who was also duke of Gascony, founded more bastides than any other monarch. The bastide is believed by some scholars to have influenced English colonists when constructing settlements in the New World.

The name of the famous Bastille prison is a corruption of the term bastide, which was the original use of the prison.

#### Example:

When Lord Bigg granted a charter to the **bastide** at Shepton, he grew rich and powerful through revenues from the wool trade with Flanders.

Please consider  
donating items to  
the  
Gleann Abhann  
Largesse Basket.

contact Countess Diana of the Isles, O.P.  
([warboar@aol.com](mailto:warboar@aol.com)) or Earl Syr Loric  
Silvestris, O. P. ([syrloric@bellsouth.net](mailto:syrloric@bellsouth.net))

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