

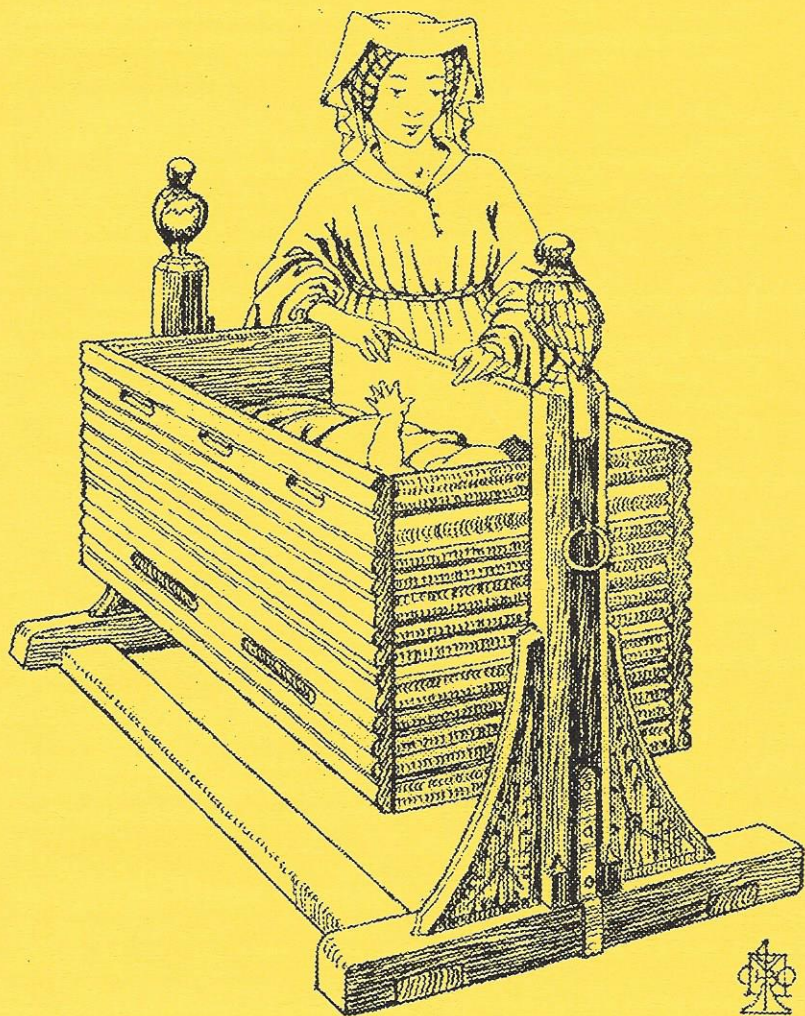
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SHIRE OF WINDKEEP

July

AS XXXII (1997)



A 15th Century Cradle

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# CALENDAR

## July

- Tues 1 Windkeep Work Night 7 PM 10700 Ranch Rd 632-1133  
Thru 3 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Tues 8 Research at the Library CANCELLED  
Thru 10 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Sat 12 WINDKEEP DEFENDER & "The Way We Were Revel"  
Sat 12 Functional/Visual Arts College/Comp.  
9 AM *Caerthe* (303) 933-0031  
Tues 15 Research Not at that Library  
Windkeep Work Night 7 PM 10205 Powderhouse Rd  
Thru 17 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Thur 17 Populace Meeting 7 PM Holliday Park  
Fri-Sun OUTLANDS CROWN 3 PM *Unser Hafen*  
18-20 Pawnee National Grasslands  
Tues 22 Taster's Revel CANCELLED Frontier Days  
Tues 22 Hoot and Holler 7 PM 10205 Powderhouse Rd.  
Thru 31 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park

## August

- Fri-Sun Unser Hafen Defender 2 PM Crow Valley Campground  
1-3 *Unser Hafen (Ft. Collins CO)* Elisabeth (970)-484-0628  
Sat-Sun Willowgate Founder's Revel Kiaria (505)-758-3202  
2-3 3 PM *Willowgate (Taos NM)*  
Tues 5 Windkeep Work Night 7 PM 10700 Ranch Rd 632-1133  
Wed 6 Fencing 5 PM Holliday Park  
Thru 7 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Sat-Sun Quest for the Dragon Mavis (307)-237-1795  
8-10 *Plattefordham (Casper WY)*  
Tues 12 Research at the Library CANCELLED  
Wed 13 Fencing 5 PM Holliday Park  
Thru 14 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Tues 19 Research Not at that Library  
Windkeep Work Night 7 PM 10205 Powderhouse Rd  
Wed 20 Fencing 5 PM Holliday Park  
Thru 21 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Fri-Sun Dragons Quest VI 4 PM Peregrine (308)-436-2690  
22-24 *Hinderlands (Scotts Bluff NE)*  
Tues 26 Taster's Revel 7 PM Lions Park Community House  
Wed 27 Fencing 5 PM Holliday Park  
Thru 28 Fighter's Practice 5 PM Holliday Park  
Thur 28 Populace Meeting 7 PM Holliday Park  
Fri-Mon Fields of Gold Tourney 3 PM Caelainn (303)-287-6963  
22-24 *Caerthe* Crow Valley Campground

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Fighter Practice* is every Thursday from 5:00 to 7:30. At Holliday Park, corner of 19th street and Morie Ave. Please contact Lord Duncan at 637-5293 for additional information. Please call Lord Mavrikkii at 778-8536 for information and/or availability of a ride to neighboring fighter practices

*Fencing* is again every Wednesday from 5:00 to 7:30 at Holliday Park, corner of 19th street and Morie Ave. Please contact Lord Peredu at 778-3132 for additional information

*Archery* is again Outside whenever you want at Master Rhys's at 10700 Ranch Rd. call 632-1133. Contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320 to see if the second a target is set up at 10205 Powderhouse Road.

*Armouring* is by contact Lord Mavrikkii at 778-8536. A second location for armor repair is Mlodn's. Call 635-1320 for space.

*Calligraphers* is cancelled.

*Windkeep Work Night at Master Rhys's-* is the first Tuesday evening of each month at 10700 Ranch Rd. Contact Master Rhys at 632-1133. Please join us.

*Research at the Library* is cancelled until fall (October) contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320.

*Research not at that Library-Windkeep Work Night-* is the third Tuesday evening of each month at 10205 Powderhouse Road contact Lord Mlodn at 635-1320. Please join us.

*Taster's Revel* is the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Lion's Park Community Center from 7 PM to 10 PM. Feast by reservation only. Donation of \$5.00 per person. If you wish to prepare the feast for the monthly Taster's Revel please contact Mistress Aldyth at 632-1133 for times available and information.

July's Taster's will not be held due to Frontier Days.

August's Taster's shall be on the 26th. Please call Mistress Aldyth at 632-1133 for reservations.

*Populace Meeting* is normally the fourth Thursday evening after *Fighter's Practice* at Holliday Park (Bad Weather at Laramie County Library). July's meeting is on the 17th a week early due to Frontier Days.

# SENESCHALE'S REPORT

Warm greetings to all of you (no pun intended).

In the next few months our shire will be involved in a few local activities and some of our members have volunteered the time and effort it will take to make these events happen. Please check the calendar and announcement pages for more information. Please assist them if you can.

Our Shire's work nights are producing completed projects. On the first night materials for thirteen three legged stools were cut out. Ten members bought materials and constructed the parts to make individual stools. The extra stool parts shall be worked on at later nights and the completed ones auctioned as a fund raiser. Five stools were completed and in use after the second work night. In addition, on the second night one fencer loaner tunic was constructed. Plans for a rope bed are available and construction is programmed for future work nights.

Several of our members have or are moving out of Shire. We have three new transplants from Artermisia and some interested contacts from Banner Demo. If you see someone you do not recognize please introduced yourself and make them feel welcome.

One of our long time but seldom seen members has accepted Archery Marshal. Please welcome M'lord James the Small and get some Royal rounds on record. Lord Mavrikii has volunteered to be Chronicler for one year and will put out the August and following issues. Please provide him with your support of information and articles.

Yours in service;

Lady Renate Koven



# EXCHEQUER'S REPORT

May 16, 1997 - June 15, 1997

Balance forward: \$2,901.06

## Income

Taster's Feast \$ 45.00

Windswept \$ 3.75

Domesday prize \$ 50.00

Total: \$ 95.75

## Expenses

Taster's Feast \$ 97.35

Windswept \$ 15.12

Postage (Windswept) \$ 32.00

Total: \$ 144.47

Ending balance: \$2,855.34

# WINDKEEP DEFENDER AND THE WAY WE WERE REVEL

JULY 12, AS XXXII (1997)

The Shire of Windkeep bids all to come and join them in a day of fun, fighting, and frivolity. By the Gazebo in Lions Park will the noble warriors contest. To the winner of the tournament will go coin of the realm; to the highest placing member of Windkeep will go the title of Defender, along with its obligations. The site opens at 10:30, with the lists opening shortly thereafter. The tourney should start shortly after 11:00. In addition to the fighting, there will be the Annual Windkeep Memorial Mini-Golf tourney (\$2.00 at the mundane golf course), and silly games like Wet the Wench, Dragon and the George, Dizzy Sword Relay, Croquet, dancing, and board games.

We will also have a silent auction throughout the day. Many wondrous things and talents will be on display for your bid. There will be a door prize, a bore prize, and a booby prize.

In keeping with the theme, "The Way We Were", we encourage you to wear/bring things from your first year in the Society. There will be an informal Bardic, with a prize for the best "No \*\*\*\*\*! There I Was" story from your first year.

Somewhere around 6pm, the annual BBQ will start, with sausages and ground meat on bread as the main course. Other courses will rely on the kindness of those who attend and features the luck of the pot. Site closes at 8pm, with the after-revel beginning around 9 until whenever.

Tourney and BBQ site is **DRY**. Revel site is **WET**. Dig into your pouches for \$5.00 site fee. If you bring something to share at the BBQ, there is **NO** feast fee. If you do not, please dig deeper for \$3.00 feast fee. Children 6-12 half price, and under 6 are free. We are not taking formal reservations, but if you wish to pre-pay, please send checks to the autocrat, made payable to SCA-Windkeep.

*Directions:* From I-25 exit on exit 12 Central Avenue, to the east, follow Central to Kennedy, turn right, follow Kennedy to Carey, turn left, halfway through the park you will see on your left the Mini-Golf course and the Gazebo. There will be signs. The revel site is 10700 Ranch Road, Master Rhys' directions at the Tourney site.

As in the past several years the A&S Championship for Windkeep will be held at the same time as the Defender Tourney. All are invited to enter, and the highest placing Windkeep resident will be made this year's Champion.

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# OUTLANDS SUMMER CROWN TOURNAMENT

Unser Hafen, July 18-20, AS XXXII (1997)  
Pawnee National Grasslands

The Barony of Unser Hafen sends greetings to the Outlands and invites all Gentles to the Pawnee National Grasslands for the Summer Crown Tourney. The site is the Crow Valley Campground at Briggsdale, Colorado. Site opens Friday at 3:00 PM and closes Sunday at 3:00 PM.

We will be hosting a fund raiser for the Waterbearers Guild. There will be some solar showers available for a price (bring a shower bag if you have one, a shower stall will be present), cold treats, wet games, dry towels, ice, etc. There will also be an opportunity for people to authorize as waterbearers.

The feast on Saturday night will feature kabobs, fruits, salads, and other items, some from India and other more eastern regions. The seating will be limited so get in your reservations early.

Site fees: \$5.00 per adult for the weekend, \$2.50 for 6 to 15, under 6 free. Day trips will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for 6 to 15 years old. Remember everyone under 18 must have a medical release waver and a parent or guardian present. If you need paperwork contact the autocrat early as the medical release must be notarized. Feast is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for 6 to 15 years old, and under 6 free.

Site Restrictions and Amenities: The site is wet with strict enforcement of the over-21 drinking age. There is drinkable water, privies, picnic tables, and developed camp sites. Smokers should have containers for butts as the site is usually very dry at mid-summer. Bardic fires at the whim of the Rangers, cooking fires in fire pits only. Parking in designated areas only. All pets must be on a leash at all times. There are no fast food restaurants or gas stations near the site. Please, bring your food and drinks. A small motel does exist in Briggsdale.

Directions: The site is reached by traveling I-25 to Highway 14 (exit 269A at Fort Collins), heading east and traveling about 40 miles to Briggsdale. At Briggsdale, turn North at the U.S. Forest Service sign, travel 1/4 mile to the entrance of the Crow Valley Campground.

Autocrat: Mistress Theresea die Tanzerin (Terry Foppe), 622  
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# UNSER HAFEN DEFENDER

August 1-3

The Barony of Unser Hafen wishes to cordially invite one and all to this year's Defender, Protector, and Warden tournaments.

The tournaments will be held on Saturday August the 2nd. Our current champions hope that fighters, fencers, and archers from near and far will join in the search for their successors.

Saturday's feast will be potluck. Mistress Rosalind of Wellmark will be offering chicken, bread and dessert for \$3.00 to those who wish to feast. If you plan to participate in the potluck please bring a dish to share with at least 6 others. That is, \*every\* feaster needs to contribute enough food for six hungry gentles. Feast reservations can be made through the autocrat and are limited to the first 100 requests, so please get your reservations in early. If you have any dietary questions please call Mistress Rosalind.

For entertainment on Saturday night a middle eastern dance circle and competition will be held. Awards will be given for best garb, technical abilities, and most enthusiasm. Please, drummers and dancers come and join us for what promises to be a spirited evening. After dancing House Genji will be hosting their 3rd semi annual sumo competition. Those large and small are encouraged to come and test their prowess in the ring.

Site opens Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and closes at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Site fee is \$5.00 per person. Be sure to ask about discounts on feast and site for children 14 and under. Make checks available to SCA-Unser Hafen. All reservations must be postmarked by July 25. This is a wet sight. To get to the site take I-25 to Fort Collins, and turn east on Highway 14. Drive about 45 miles to Briggsdale, and follow the SCA signs to the Crow Valley Campground. The nearest gas station and grocery store are about 25 miles from site. Please be aware that these facilities are not open on Sunday and come prepared.

Autocrat:           Elsbeth the Dark (Jennifer Cullor)  
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                          Loveland, CO 80536  
                          (970)667-1284



## DRAGON'S QUEST VI AN ARTHRIAN LEGEND

HINDERLANDS, August 22-24, AS XXXII (1997)

The Saga continues, with the Hinterland Hospitality you've come to enjoy and a wonder-fill weekend packed with action and excitement. This article is just the essentials - more to come next month. If you can't wait that long, call the Autocrat.

**Activities:** Heavy Weapons, Light Weapons, Archery, A&S Competition (anything made in the last year), Brewing & Vinting Competition (must be homemade and entered in either brewed grain beverage, non-sparkling wine, or sparkling wine), Dancing, Childrens Activities, Bardic (bring your stories & songs), Codpiece Contest, and as always a cunningly challenging Quest. You may wish to revisit Excalibur and A Ouest for the Holy Grail prior to your journey, and should plan to include a Heavy Weapons Fighter, a Fencer, an Archer, a Lady, & a Small (of an appropriate size for a Boifer Station) on your team. Court will be at the pleasure of Their Royal Majesties/Highnesses (if in attendance).

**Site Restrictions and Amenities:** It is the same comfortable (discreetly wet) one you've come to know and enjoy: Camp Kiwanis in Riverside Park/Zoo. Yes, this is a camping event, but with showers, flush toilets, running water, electricity, shade, a large feast hall, and yes, even cabins (which may be reserved for \$2 per person, but you've got to let us know with whom you are willing to share). We are next to the North Platte River, and there are some buzzing wildlife (bees) and poison ivy on site. Fires in containers only, and leashed beasts are allowed.

**Fees:** Under five years old, free; five to eleven, half price; everyone else is \$5 site fee and \$5 feast fee. Feast is limited to the first 100, and yes we do usually sell out before the event. You are well advised to make your reservations early, and prepayment is always helpful for you and appreciated by us. Back by popular demand is the four meal food package (for \$15) which includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Feast on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. Send coin (ok, paper) of the realm to the Autocrat, made out to SCA-Shire of Hinterland.

Site opens at 4 PM on Friday and closes at 4 PM on Sunday.

**Directions from Scottsbluff, NE:** Go to the zoo. There will also be many SCA signs. Nebraska Highway 71 (N-S) intersects with South Beltline Highway, and once there go west. You are a scant quarter mile to the site. Camp Kiwanis in Riverside Park/Zoo, 1600 S. Beltline Highway West, Scottsbluffs, Nebraska.

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**Chef de Cuisine:** Lady Maura (Camlyn Lore), P.O. Box 207, Minatare NE 69356, (308) 783- 2595

## SHIRE OF BRONZEHELM

### SHEEP SKIRMISH II WE'RE BAA-AACK!

August 29, 30, 31 and September 1, 1997

Welcome one and all to the second annual Skirmish over the sheep arid who gets them -Outlands, Artermisia Or Middle. Last year, as only Artermisia attended in force, we kept them. This year, we have heard rumors that the Outlands are secretly cloning sheep to confuse the 'body count', and all alchemists will be required to check their equipment at the Troll Booth to prevent any attempts to muddle the flock.

The event starts Friday, August 29, 1997 at 4:00 PM and ends Monday, September 1, at noon. The site is the same as last year, Rockcreek Campground south of Laurel, Montana, on Highway 12 towards Red Lodge. Camping for the four days and three nights, including meals, will coast a measly \$15 per person. We will be providing food all weekend, mostly of the stew, bread, cheese and fresh fruit variety, along with oatmeal for breakfasts (possibly also sausage gravy and biscuits.) Beverages will also be handy as well as hot water for those who wish tea or other such items. There is a small convenience store on site and a restaurant just 500 yards from the campground for those who need special items.

Merchants are encouraged to attend and display their wares. There is a \$10 fee for merchants, this covers the entire weekend and electricity and other amenities will be available at no extra charge for those who require it. We don't get too many merchants in this area, so the marketplace will be a popular area for the weekend.

Fighting will be the pre-dominant activity for the Skirmish, with both heavy and rapier fighters getting their chance to fight for the sheep. The scenarios will not overlap, so those who choose to do so can participate in both fighting styles. There will be champion's battles as well as melees. Each will be worth a 'Sheep Point' The grand total winner, by Kingdom, will be announced Sunday night. The winner gets control of the sheep for the coming year. Fighters can contact the Shire Knight Marshall for further information (see below).

There are two hot showers on site, as well as four flush toilets. We will be providing extra porta-castles as well. The campground building also has a laundry area in case of need.

We do not intend to neglect the Arts and Sciences, either. There will be a Laurel's Prize Tourney, if enough Laurels attend. If not enough Laurels attend, then the Tourney will be turned into an Arts and Sciences display. This is not just for the members of Bronzeheim - we wish to see the handiwork of all areas. All Kingdom competition categories are welcome. In addition to the Tourney/Display, there will be two contests - best-dressed sheep and best sheep disguise. The votes will be cast by the populace and the winners announced Sunday evening. For details, contact the A & S Minister listed below.

There will also be some equestrian activities over the weekend. This will probably take the form of display only, but more details will be following later. We also hope to have archery available, close to the campsite.

The campground owners are providing us with a bonfire pit for singing, dancing, drumming and storytelling under the stars all three nights. Firewood is plentiful and will be pre-cut. All performers are welcome.

The Site is reached by taking your best route to I-90 in Montana, and going to Laurel exit #434, which is West of Billings. This road is US 212 when going South from Laurel, across the Yellowstone River. Both sides of the exit require a left turn to go towards the campsite. Eleven (11) miles South of Laurel, at the intersection of US 310 and US 212, is Rockvale. Rockcreek Campground is 600 meters South of the intersection on the East side (left) of US 310. There will be signs posted.

Please make checks payable to "Shire of Bronzeheim, SCA, Inc.". Reservations are requested by August 20, 1997.

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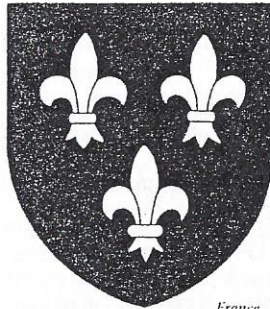
Bronzehelm Knight Marshall: m'Lord Stephan MacMillan and Bronzehelm Minister of Arts and Sciences: m'Lady Fiora Giuliana can be contacted through the Shire - P.O. Box 772, Billings, MT 59103-0772.

# Princes and peoples

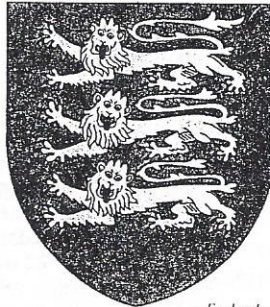
**France.** A hereditary monarchy. After the reign of Charles VIII (1483-98), the crown had passed to the collateral house of Orleans with Louis XI, who reigned from 1498 to 1515. Louis XI was the son of Charles of Orleans, the poet-prince, and great grandson of Charles V. His queen, Anne, was heiress of the duchy of Brittany and widow of his predecessor, Charles VIII. The country was one of the most populous in Europe, with a population of 19 million. Paris was by far the largest city, probably numbering 80,000. The kings were infrequently in residence in Paris. Louis XII preferred to hold court at the Castle of Blois in the Loire valley, his birthplace.

**The Netherlands.** From 1482 to 1506 present-day Belgium and Holland were imperial lands of Philip the Fair of Hapsburg, who inherited them from his mother, Mary of Burgundy, together with Luxembourg and Franche-Comté. It was a prosperous land owing to the profitable trade of its cities: Ghent, the most populous, exceeding 50,000 inhabitants; Bruges, with a population of 35,000; and Antwerp, which grew to reach the size of Ghent.

**England.** A hereditary monarchy. After the Battle of Bosworth Field (1485), in which Richard III was killed, the Wars of the Roses ended, and a Tudor, Henry VII, gained the throne. In 1509 he was succeeded by his son Henry VIII. The country had only 3 million inhabitants, and wealth derived mainly from sheep. London had a population of 50,000; Bristol and York had between 10,000 and 15,000.



France



England



Empire

**Scotland** A hereditary monarchy. The reigning monarch since 1488 was James IV Stuart, who married Margaret Tudor, daughter of King Henry VII of England. James IV met his death in 1513 at Flodden Field in battle against the English and was succeeded by his son, James V.

**Scandinavia.** Norway was a hereditary monarchy; Denmark and Sweden were elective monarchies. The union of these three kingdoms, dating back to the end of the 14th century, existed more in theory than reality. Sweden probably consisted of 800,000 inhabitants. The population of the other two kingdoms is unknown. Denmark was the wealthiest of the three, controlling both banks of the Kattegat. Christian I, the first

of the Oldenburg monarchs, was succeeded in 1481 by his son John I, who died in 1513.

**Germany.** The sovereign emperor following the death of Frederick III in 1493 was his son Maximilian I of Hapsburg, who reigned until his death in 1519). The principalities (most notably the Platinate, the two Bavarias, Württemberg, Saxony, Mecklemburg, and Brandenburg), the ecclesiastical territories, counties, and cities maintained strong independence. The population totalled 20 million inhabitants. Cologne, with a population of 40,000, was the largest city, followed by Nuremberg, Augsburg, Vienna, Metz, and Strasbourg, each numbering about 20,000. Principal sources of wealth included the merchandise and manufacturing of these cities; mineral resources were also important.

# ARMOUR

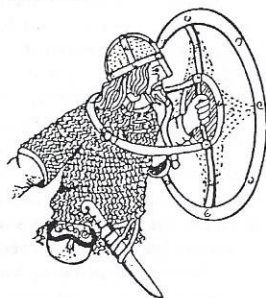
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Information Leaflet in multipart. Source: Glasgow Museum Leaflet Armour I. Will cover "Hard Armour", "Soft Armour", "Under, Overgarments and Footwear", "Helmets", "Shields", and "Horse Armour and Equipment".

### Part VI "Under, Overgarments and Footwear II" and "Shields" to be continued!!

They would have reached to the ankle and been pointed. From 1150 onwards some went up to the calf and were in effect boots.

Also in about 1150 the *coat armour* appeared. This loose gown worn over the armour flowed out from the hips and was split for riding. It could be sleeveless or have wrist-length sleeves and trailing cuffs which form long streamer-like tippets as they widen out. (A sleeveless example can be found in the 'Winchester Bible'.) It may have helped to protect armour from the wet but it is more likely that it was a copy of Middle Eastern garments as early examples were white with no heraldic devices upon them.



### "Shields"

Saxon shields were usually round, 24-36in (61-91.5cm) in diameter and made of two to three layers of wood laid across the grain. Faced with ox-hide they had a metal boss – *umbo* – on the front. This protected the centre of the shield which was hollowed in the inner-side to provide room for a hand to hold an iron grip (larger shields had a strap for the forearm as well). Saxons also used the Norman type *kite* shield. Made of linden, lime or cedarwood and faced with leather, they were 48-56in (122-142cm) long and were reinforced around the edges with metal.

This is the type described by Anna Comnena: 'An additional defence is a . . . long shield very broad at the top and running to a point, hollowed out slightly on the inner-side but externally smooth and gleaming with a brilliant boss of brass'.

When the kite shield was not in use it was hung from the neck by an adjustable strap – the *guige* – (see AXE, Arms Leaflet 1). When fighting one arm was passed through two or more vertical straps – *enarnes* – on the upper-back of the shield.

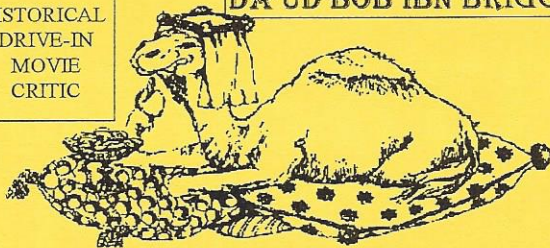
Both straps could be used if necessary. The forearm rested on an oblong panel. Both types of shield often had the outer-side studded with rivets. By about 1180 shields had begun to flatten at the top and have rounded corners, such as the type used by Richard I (which also had a spike on it) and which is seen on contemporary seals. By 1200 these had become sharp corners and only the base was round. This *heater* type of shield was used into the first quarter of the 13th century.

Emblems began to be used on shields as a means of identification from about 1150-75. Before this time, as can be seen in the Bayeux Tapestry, the designs and animals painted on shields were probably only decorative, whereas from the late 12th century they became heraldic devices (see crests in HELMETS).



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## DA'UD BOB IBN BRIGGS



Well, now, they'd been advertising this one for weeks. So I've been looking forward to its broadcast date for quite some time. And the previews had been so tantalizing. Some guy being blown into the air through a ripped sail. An extremely good-looking lady wrapping her long leg around a man. A good looking man with long hair and a beard looking out of the screen. A one-eyed giant flinging a man across a room with the back of his hand. And then the title, whose name has become synonymous with a long journey. And so it is that this month, Da'ud Bob does **The Odyssey**.

Starring Armand Assante as Odysseus, Greta Scacchi as his extremely patient wife Penelope, Christopher Lee as Teiresias, Bernadette Peters as Circe, Isabella Rossellini as Athene, Vanessa Williams as Calypso, Irene Papas as Odysseus' mother Anticleia, Geraldine Chaplin as his nurse Eurycleia, and Michael J. Pollard as the Warden of the Winds, Aeolus, this is definitely the "Cliff Notes version of Homer's epic poem. (Well, they even admitted in the opening credits that it was "Based on the epic poem by Homer".) Of course, with only four hours, and a special effects budget that was probably already larger than originally anticipated, a lot of stuff got left out. There were no sirens at all. The landing on Sicily and the slaughter of some of Hyperion's cattle was also missing. As was the eventual reconciliation of Poseidon (Odysseus was to carry an oar inland so far that it would be unrecognized as such but was thought to be a winnowing bat, and there he was to make a sacrifice to Poseidon.). Most of Teiresias' prophesies were missing. Odysseus' return to Aeolus wasn't there. The children Odysseus had with Circe and with Calypso were left out completely. A lot of other details, some of which helped to explain many of the motivations of some of the characters, was simply on vacation somewhere else, because they weren't in the show. Like I say, Cliff Notes version.

And what about one of the central themes, the double standard. Penelope is home scraping hides with a stone. Odysseus is off aardvarking with Circe. Penelope is fending off persistent (and greedy) suitors. Odysseus is making the sign of the four-legged pomegranate with Calypso. Penelope is being chaste; Odysseus is chasing (and bedding) goddesses. What's the deal here? You'd think that what's good for the wandering gander should be good for the stay-at-home goose.

The good points were really good. The special effects. The monsters. The cyclops. Many of the helmets. The big wooden horse. The music. The discovery of the Cyclop's footprint. Odysseus weeping for his lost men. The opportunities for stupid jokes that, fortunately, the scriptwriters ignored. (Things that could have been worked in somehow, but weren't: "Better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick"; "Nothing but a big bag of wind(s)"; "Boy, talk about being "blown" overboard"; "There's no cheese like home"; or even, from Circe, "Go to hell".)

Not all of it was really good. Apparently, shepherds in ancient Greece dressed in rags. Scylla had only three heads here. The dress with the loooong tassels. Using a sword as a pick and shovel.

Zero breasts (though they did their best to show as much of Vanessa Williams as possible and still get on prime time). Seven gallons of blood. 42 dead bodies, plus a few body parts and others killed off-screen. Chariot rolls. Waves roll. More waves roll. Even more waves roll. Sword fu. Spear fu. Fang fu. Sharp pointed stick fit. Gratuitous hubris. Gratuitous sheep's head. Gratuitous armpit washing. Academy Award nomination to Armand Assante for (besides looking so good) saying like he means it "I would rather lie for one moment in my wife's arms as a man than live forever without her" (after having spent several years in Calypso's bed, no less!). An 87 on the Vomit Meter. 2½ Stars. Da'ud Bob says "Check it out!"

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