



The Murmurs

Greeting to the Populace,

We send fervent wishes to you for good health and prosperity. We miss you so. The last quarter of 2020 went quickly but was no doubt filled with energy and activity. Our own barony hosted a phenomenal virtual Collegium. Many thanks again to Lady Elisabeth Pendarvis, GdS, Lady Samira al-Waddi, JdL, and their many assistants for organizing and adapting this event. We are so proud of you and the work that made this not so easy feat happen.

In addition to our own event success, An Tir continues to see the creation of digital content such as virtual events, classes, social events, and talk shows all catering to our SCA desires and enabling us to stay connected through this time apart. We know that it is hard to adapt our thinking to this modern access when we desire so greatly to be with each other in person reenacting the middle ages as they should have been. And while the end of May 2021 may seem like forever away, know that the time will pass faster than we realize.

We would also like to take a moment to thank those that participated in the survey sent out at the beginning of December. We are currently looking in to how to incorporate all the wonderful feedback we have received. Please remember that we are only a message away if you have comments.

Her Excellency Disa of Glymm Mere is putting together a new class series and we would love to see any of our talented populace volunteering to teach.

There is also the Membership Survey through January 22, 2021. Additional commentary regarding this survey can be sent by email to sca-comments@lists.sca.org or by mail to SCA Inc., Box 360789, Milpitas, CA 95036

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*What's all this talk of exile
As a tale of misery?*

*Your homeland's where you're happiest
Wherever that might be.*

Ofaq Jalayer, Late 15th/early 16th century Persian Poetess

Until we see each other again, we serve with joy and love,

Zahra & Gerileikr, Coronets of Aquaterra and Bearwood

A note from the Chronicler: I received a generous gift of copies of the Murmurs from the 1980's from M'lady Meresige, currently of Bellingham. Some content this month and in the coming months will come from these issues, and will include credit to the original contributors.

Winter Recipe: Cormarye

***Originally published in the June-July 1983 Murmers, and
contributed by Rhaiela.***

This recipe is taken from the 1390 'Forme of Cury'

This recipe for a roast was not cooked on a spit was common in medieval times, as it specifically tells us to 'lay it in the sauce, and keep that which falleth therefrom in the roasting'. It would have been cooked in a covered earthenware or iron pot placed in a brick oven, and a casserole or self-basting roasting tin will answer nicely.

2 ½ lb pork roast

2 tsp ground coriander

½ tsp ground caraway seed

1 tsp salt

½ tsp ground black pepper

4 cloves garlic

½ pint red wine

Skin pork and slash fat with a knife. Put the coriander, caraway, salt, pepper, garlic, and red wine into the roasting tin or casserole. Put in the pork and cover with a lid. Roast in moderate oven (350) for 1 ½ hours. Start with the fat side up, turn after 30 minutes, and after 1 hour turn the meat again. Allow to finish cooking for a further 30 minutes with the lid off to brown the fat.

Dish the meat and keep warm. Pour the juices from the roasting pan into a small saucepan and reduce to the consistency of gravy by boiling rapidly.

Song from History

(Originally published in the May 1983 Murmurs)

A note from the Chronicler: This is a fun feature that I've discovered in the older issues and would love to continue, so if you have suggestions of historical songs please send them in!

A round which is very old seems to date back to the fifteenth century. It is quoted in Edward F. Rimbault's collection, 'The Rounds, Catches, and Cannons of England' (1863) with the following explanation of its origin:

"In 1453, Sir John Norman, being the first Lord Mayor of London who 'brake that ancient and olde continued custome of riding with great pompe into Westminster, to take his charge, choosing rather to be rowed thither by water,' the watermen made of him a roundel or song to his great praise, the which began: --

'Rowe the bote, Norman,
Rowe to thy Lemman.'

"For this we have the authority of a contemporary, Robert Fabyan, who was Sheriff of London in 1493-4."

3-part round Thames boatmen 1453

1 Heave and ho rum - be - low
Turn a - gain, Whit - ting-ton,

2 Row thy bote, Nor-man, row,
Thou wor - thy cit - i - zen,

3 Row to thy lem-man.
Lord Mayor of Lon-don.

Ursulmas Happenings

Though we will not be able to have Ursulmas in person this year, several events of celebration will still be occurring!

Ghosts of Ursulmas Past will be put together by HL Samira al-Waddi and HL Katarzyna Miloshowa. From submissions by the Populace they are compiling a video of pictures from previous Ursulmas events to help remind us of great times and to look forward to 2022.

The finished product will be published on YouTube by the time Ursulmas would have happened in late January.

Gift of Ursulmas Present has been put together by Her Excellency and it will be so exciting to create gifts for one another as a way to connect in this time. The deadline for mailing your gift is January 29th.





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