

The Blue Strand

Hello and welcome to the Gentlefolk of our fair shire,
 Welcome to the new edition of the Blue Strand. I know it has been awhile since one has been sent however that was due to an old computer and some massive changes in my life as well as a lack of content. I hope all of you are doing well. Rather than make this about dates and times and contacts I will put the web address to go to our Krae Glas page for that. It is updated regularly and the contacts are always there. http://www.sca.org.au/krae_glas/

Now to the fun stuff!

Please let me know:

what you want to make this a good read that strengthens the Krae Glas community.

For this first issue I have some fun facts about:

What did people use before toilet paper was invented?

Some are old some are relatively new.

- *Hayballs, Scraper/gompf stick kept in container by the privy in the Middle Ages
- *Discarded sheep's wool in the Viking Age, England
- *Frayed end of an old anchor cable was used by sailing crews from Spain and Portugal
- *Medieval Europe- Straw, hay, grass, gompf stick
- *Corn cobs, Sears Roebuck catalogue, mussel shell, newspaper, leaves, sand- United States
- *Water and your left hand, India
- *Pages from a book, British Lords
- *Coconut shells in early Hawaii
- *Lace was used by French Royalty
- *Public Restrooms in Ancient Rome- A sponge soaked in salt water, on the end of a stick
- *The Wealthy in Ancient Rome- Wool and Rosewater
- *French Royalty- lace, hemp
- *Hemp & wool were used by the elite citizens of the world
- *Defecating in the river was very common internationally
- *Bidet, France
- *Snow and Tundra Moss were used by early Eskimos

Coming up next time: Fun facts about making objects that look good and you can eat as well for feasts.

Don't forget that this summer we are running the series of Krae Glas twilight tourneys. It is a great time to invite other to come along and experience what the SCA is all about. Maybe invite some ex-SCA players in case they are interested in coming back because their lives have now simplified and they have time again.

St. Monica's is also a major part of Krae Glas and they are in need of some Chemises and other clothes for their Hospitalier. If you can help them out with either some old garb or making garb for the group then please let Tiffany know.

Please remember that the Krae Glas Wednesday night gathering is on the 4th Wednesday of every month at Gwynfor and Gwir's premises. Although we do go through some 'business' as in reports we also have time to work on our projects.

To those of you who have had their lifestyle change and cannot attend regularly, you are sorely missed and we hope that you are fit and well. Any time you want to pop in for anything you are more than welcome.

As this is a work in progress all inputs would be greatly appreciated. I will view them all and I will make changes where possible. I may not be able to implement every suggestion made, but every single one will be very welcome, so please don't get offended if I don't take your ideas on board. Welcome to the new Blue Strand in its infant stages, I hope you enjoy it and I look forward to hearing from you all,

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Ps. Yes, the background may change regularly or not at all. J