

Weekend Three - Heroes and Villains O'ertake the Shire - August 29-30.

This weekend's theme is **Heroes and Villains**, and I am certain we will see many costumed super-beings, historical evil-doers and goody-two-shoes, as well as more fantastical folk and mythical creatures. The Marine's Toys For Tots with Youth for Veterans and the Navy Club will represent American Heroes. The flag of the USA will fly from the Globe Stage flagpole this weekend and next weekend in honor of US heroes and for Labor Day Weekend (Sept 5-6)

The Acting Company has already begun rehearsal for **Hallowe'en Days & Spooky Knights** programming for the final weekends of the Faire (October 10-25), and auditions are being held for the Holidays interactive dinner theatre show in the Mansion, as well as the Yuletide Festival set to take place November 21-December 13.

I'll see you all at the **Mandatory Merchant Meeting on Saturday morning at 9:45am at the Hart Inn**. Please join me or send a representative to receive any announcements and information and any checks/mail. **This meeting is Mandatory for ALL Guest Merchants as well as Merchants of the Shire.**

I will reiterate here in print that it is **extremely important to be ready to open on time, every time**. You should be receiving notifications of estimated gate opening time as well as the 'holding pen' opening time through the Faire Text Alert system. Please be ready for guest business **BEFORE** the canon fires at the Front Gate. Do not be found with your doors or tent flaps closed when the gates are open for guest entry, as this offense can carry a monetary fine.

It is my goal to get out and visit you all to check in during the afternoon on either Saturday or Sunday each week. If the past two weekends are any accurate indication, I will not always get to visit your booth each weekend. When I do pop in, I'll be looking to get your feedback, and to hear of your joys and woes, your challenges and successes.

Mandatory Merchant Meeting

Saturday August 29
9:45 am
Hart Inn

Marines and Navy Club to Participate This Weekend

Heroes return to Mt Hope this weekend



Youth For Veterans, in conjunction with the Marines' Lancaster chapter of Toys for Tots, will be collecting new and unwrapped toys behind the Anchor & Mermaid Tavern in Swashbuckler Grove to be distributed to the over 14,000 children in need in Lancaster County.

The Navy Club of Lancaster will be dry-docking their Ship 166 replica Patrol Torpedo boat behind the Endgame Stage on Upper Avalon. The crew will be on board to answer questions about Ship 166 and the Navy Club. Please welcome these heroes to the shire when you see them.

MERCHANT COORDINATOR

CONTACT INFO & HOURS

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Wednesday	10:00a-4:00p
Thurs-Friday	9:00a-6:00p
Faire Days	8:00a-9:00p
Mon-Tues	Unavailable

Please respect Merchant Coordinator Days Off and End of Day times. Prithiee, do not use social media messaging platforms to conduct Faire-related Merchant Business

MERCHANT PORTAL

Find a myriad of information on the day-to-day business of being a Mt. Hope Merchant by visiting:

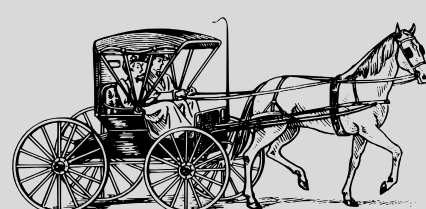
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Use Caution - Parking & Driving

It has come to my attention that more than one person has already fallen victim to a hit and run fender bender in the Participant parking area. Please, please, please, park carefully and drive with an abundance of caution. Take the time to pull all the way into your space, park your butt end in a space and not hanging out into the driving lanes, and remember to open doors slowly to avoid unintended mishaps. Do others the courtesy of looking twice before pulling out, or backing up.

Actually, my Merchant Friends, you are to be commended, as you are the best of the best out there on the parking lots. I thank you for your attention and caution. Stay alert and mindful !

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OUT thru FIRST AID



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Setting the Record Straight on Service/Support Animals.

Time to clear up one policy I highlighted last week : Pets are *still not* permitted on the faire-grounds of the PA Ren Faire.

Service Animals are always welcome. The Service Animal must wear their service vest/harness and be on a lead at all times. While I appreciate having the name and breed of your Service Animal listed for my records, it is not a requirement.

Support Animals are permitted with documentation: copy of the Support Animal's certificate and up-to-date veterinary records must be on file with the Merchant Coordinator before the animal is brought onsite. A photo of the animal must be provided, if it is not included on the certificate. You should email this documentation to your Merchant Coordinator.

Meet Sir John Harrington, Godson of Queen Elizabeth

English courtier invents the flush toilet

In the 1590s, Sir John Harrington, godson of Elizabeth I, invented a water closet with a raised cistern and a small downpipe through which water ran to flush the waste. Harrington's device called for a 2-foot-deep oval bowl waterproofed with pitch, resin and wax and fed by water from an overhead cistern. Flushing Harrington's pot required 7.5 gallons of water, a veritable torrent in the era before indoor plumbing. Harrington noted that when water was scarce, up to 20 people could use this commode between flushes. It was installed in the Queen's castle, but proved unpopular with the royals of the day, who preferred their accustomed chamber pot service. And so, flush toilet technology would have to wait several hundred years more to be widely adopted into use.

There were as many potty possibilities in Renaissance England, as there are in our modern society. In the countryside and sometimes in urban private homes, privies, consisting of rows of seats over an earth closet or a cesspit, were used. These garderobes, as they were known, were often set in outside sheds, and sometimes in cellars. Sounds like a port-o-let to me...

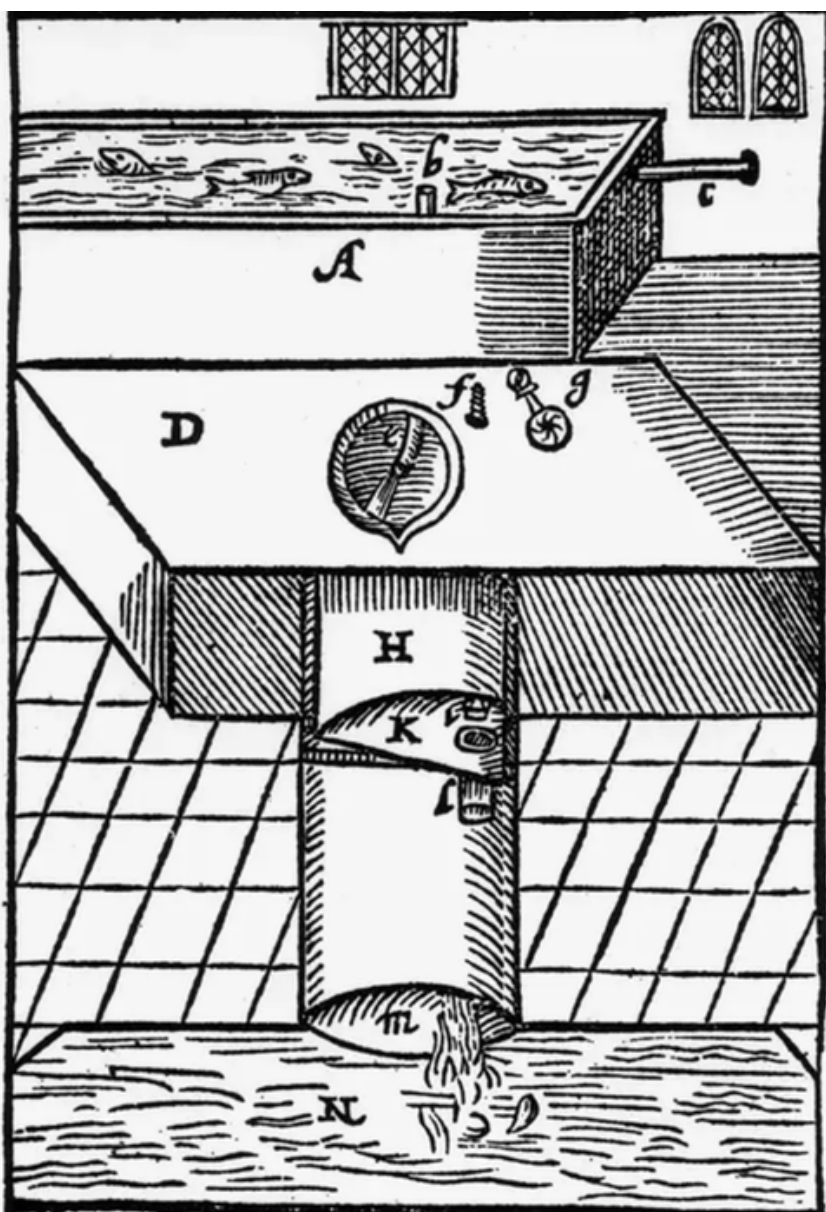


Diagram of fHarrington's Flush Commode

City living, especially in London, was another matter. There were public toilets available as they are today, and these were convenient for shoppers and city-dwelling lower classes who relied on these public toilets (not having the room for their own cesspits). These facilities were often situated in bridges over rivers. Guess where the waste went?

The urban middle and upper classes usually preferred chamber pots. If you had a chamber pot, it also most likely meant that you were wealthy enough to have someone empty it for you. Often, lacking a facility or place to dispose of a covered pot of human waste, people would instead quickly deposit that waste out the window into the street or yard. Phewwwweee! Watch out!

It seems that toileting behaviours and facilities have changed very little throughout the centuries of human history. **And so, I come to the point of this informative little piece:** Let's all take into consideration our own habits around the faire site. This week, on my walk-about across the Shire, I visited too many corners and a few alleyways that stank of human urine. Perhaps, to those week-time workers and booth-camping neighbors who eschew a quick trip to the flush privies nearby, a closed bucket (a chamberpot, perhaps?) would be a better choice than to unzip in a nook or cranny of our sweet hamlet. That malodorous stench lingers in the worst way on a warm humid day, my friends. And sometimes, much the way it was in Ye Olde Times, the rains don't wash away the odors in time for our weekend guests' arrival.

WHEN SETTING UP YOUR BOOTH OR DELIVERING STOCK :

UNLOAD THEN MOVE VEHICLES TO PARTICIPANT PARKING

YOUR EMPLOYEES MUST PARK IN PARTICIPANT PARKING, NOT AT THE BOOTH

FOLLOW SPEED LIMITS & CLEAN UP YOUR OIL & FLUID DRIPS

FRIDAYS ARE A VERY BUSY DAY ONSITE- NOTE THAT FIRST AID GATE WILL BE BLOCKED DURING THE FOOD DELIVERY TIME - PLEASE USE JOUST GATE TO EXIT WITH CAUTION!

Discounts for Fellow Participants

Many **Faire-owned Food Booths** provide a discount on their menu items See your *Food Discount Card* for a full list of participating Food Booths and other details on food and beverage discounts.

Braiding Elegance offers Morning Pricing to Participants 2 hours prior to gate opening:

- Braids \$35 and under for \$10
- Braids \$36-\$55 for \$20
- Braids over \$55
- Hair Tinsel 10 for \$15 or 6 for \$10

First Come First Served
so, get on the list early!

Corsets & Cogs offers a
20% Discount to Participants.

Dress Your Dreams with KISS DESIGNS

Open early (around 9 am) Saturday mornings for Participants. Offering last minute repairs and fixes as well as a discount. Discount depends on the item.

Earthly Leather

10% Participant Discount
Layaway Available - paid by 10/25

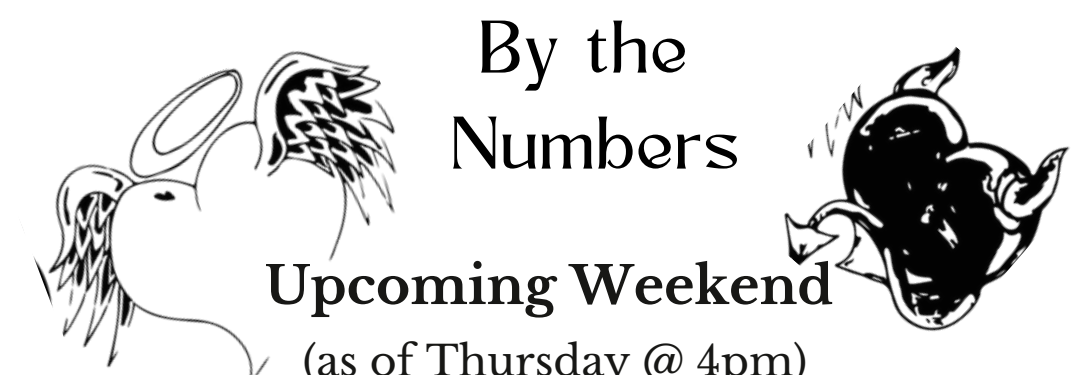
Red Falcon Armouries & Accessories

10% Participant Discount.

Rigr Crafts & Viking Jerks Beard Care

10% Participant Discount.

Please be respectful of the merchants offering discounts and be prepared to show your Participant ID as proof of employment on the fairegrounds.



Upcoming Weekend

(as of Thursday @ 4pm)

Saturday Tickets Sold: 3817

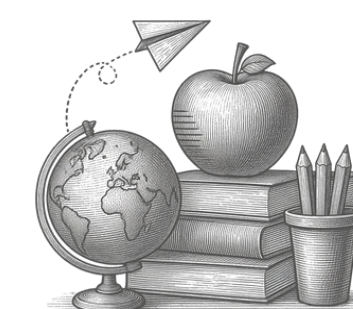
Sunday Tickets Sold: 1825

does not include season passholders

Week Two Attendance:

Saturday: 7109 Humans & 50 dogs

Sunday: 4841 Humans & 34 Dogs



Student Days

Sept. 30: 5261

Oct 1: 6895