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Ponte Alto Activities

Fairfax County Schools are closed the week of March 21, 2005, for spring break, so **Heavy Weapons Practice and Rapier Practice** are **CANCELLED on March 24, 2005**.

Scriptorium/A&S/Bardic Circle/Newcomer's Garb/Whatever Night! will be held **Friday, March 25, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of Lady Perronelle la peintre (*dwatsonirwin AT cox.net*, (703) 455-0298 (H)). Please contact her for more information. Bring a snack or drink to share. Directions can be found at <http://atlantia.sca.org/pipermail/ponte-alto/2004-July/002582.html>

Sunday Rapier Practices resume April 3, 2005, weather permitting. Thursday night rapier practices continue as usual on days the school remains open. Contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information.

Ponte Alto is hosting a [Northern Regional War Practice](#) in conjunction with Sunday fighter practice on **April 10, 2005**. Contact Lord Abel Brem of Regnesfolc (*AbelofRegnesfolc AT aol.com*) for more information. on heavy fighting activities.

The April **Newcomers Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at 7:00PM** at the home of Lady Isabella Candeloro. Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information and directions.

Lady Courtney of Houghton (*courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com*) and Lord Connor Sinclair (*connorsinclair AT yahoo.com*) will begin hosting **All Things 15th Century Workshops** at their home in Reston, VA, from **6-9 pm on third Wednesdays** of each month. The next session is **April 20, 2005** and the topic is veils, coifs, hair styles, and how to make a pater noster. The class is being taught by Lady Elspet Byndelase of Lochmere. More details can be found at: <http://atlantia.sca.org/pipermail/ponte-alto/2005-January/003229.html>.

Dance Practice is suspended until the summer.

SUNDAY

Ponte Alto Baronial Business Meeting

Last Sunday of the month at 6 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Idylwood Road, Falls Church.
[Business Meeting Directions](#).

Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice

Weather permitting, Noon - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#) for more information. [Sunday Fight Practice Directions](#).

Outdoor Rapier Practice

Weather permitting, 2 pm - Dark, outdoors at Tysons-Pimmit Park, behind Tysons-Pimmit Library, Falls Church. Please contact [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Sunday Fight Practice Directions](#).

MONDAY

Alle Psallite (Vocal Music)

Every Monday, 7:30-9 pm in Herndon. Please contact Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for more information or directions. Music files can be found at http://www.ravenstreet.org/Anne/alle_psallite/alle_psallite.htm.

Asian Nights (Exploration of all things Asian)

Second Monday of every month, starts at 6:30 in Centreville. Please contact Lady Áine Sindradóttir (***ellen.m.davis AT att.net***, (703) 815-0310 (H)) or Lord Ii Saburou Katsumori (***logan AT modzer0.cs.uaf.edu***) for more information or directions.

TUESDAY

Harp and Drum Corps (Instrumental Music)

Meets first Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)) for practice of SCA Dance music. Meets third Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9 pm at the home of Mistress Anne of Carthew (***anne AT ravenstreet.org***) for practice and polishing of more advanced musical pieces. Contact the respective hosts for more information.

WEDNESDAY

**The Well Dressed Late
Medieval Woman Workshops**

Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 7 pm in Alexandria, VA, at the home of Lady Mathilde Bourette (***mathilde AT mathildegirlgenius.com***), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

**All Things 15th Century
Workshops**

Third Wednesdays of every month from 6-9 pm in Reston, VA, at the home of Lady Courtney of Houghton (***courtneydehoughton AT yahoo.com***) and Lord Connor Sinclair (***connorsinclair AT yahoo.com***), whom you should contact for more information and directions.

THURSDAY

Rapier Practice *

Every Thursday at Shrevewood Elementary school from 6 pm to 9 pm. Please use the rear entrance to the cafeteria. Please contact the [Baronial Rapier Marshal](#) for more information. [Indoor Rapier Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

Dance Practice *

Last Thursday of the month - ON HOLD until summer.

**Heavy Weapons Indoor
Practice ***

Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Practice is geared to developing beginning and intermediate fighters through intensive hands on training with experienced instructors, as well to providing ample opportunity for more advanced fighters to sparr with knight level combatants. All are welcome. Contact the [Baronial Knight Marshal](#) for more information. [Indoor Heavy Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

**Ladies Instructional Heavy
Weapons Indoor Practice ***

First Thursday of every month at Lemon Road Elementary School on Idylwood Road, 6 pm - 9 pm. Contact Lady Marie Thérèse Normand (***mariatheresapontoon AT yahoo.com***, (703) 690-9453 (H)) for more information. [Indoor Heavy Directions](#). This is a [school location activity](#).

FRIDAY

Ponte Alto/Stierbach Archery Practice

Fridays from 4:30 pm until 8 pm, the indoor season archery practice site is Bull Run Regional Park's shooting center. [Archery Practice Directions](#). Practices are jointly held with Stierbach. You may also contact the [Baronial Archery Marshal](#) for carpool or other information. Contact and practice time/location information for Stierbach practices can be found at the Stierbach Archery website: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze4ks38/archery/main.html>.

Ponte Alto Scriptorium/A&S Night

May meet on a Friday during the month, as posted on the at the top of this page. Please contact Lady Perronelle la peintre (***dwatsonirwin AT cox.net***, (703) 455-0298 (H)) for more information and directions.

Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic

Come and share your songs and stories! Meets the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. Contact Lady Celia of Rosedale (***rosedale703 AT aol.com***, (703) 378-2441 (H)), Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani (***cassandra AT jordanclan.net***), or Baroness Briana Maclukas (***darbyjanie AT hotmail.com***) for more information.

MONTHLY

SCA Newcomer Meetings

Newcomer Meetings occur once a month on a weeknight from 7-9 pm at the homes of various members of the Barony. Contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.

Newcomers Garb Night

We have newcomers garb night once a month on a weeknight at 7 pm, at the homes of various members of the Barony. Please contact the [Baronial Chatelaine](#) for more information, or check out the top of this page for the most recently posted information.

*** Note on school locations for activities:**

There will be no activities at schools during school holidays or on other days when Fairfax County schools are closed or all nighttime school recreational activities are cancelled. Notification of cancellation or alternate site location will be posted on the web as soon as possible.

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Monthly Calendar

April 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 28 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	29	30	31 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice	April 1 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	2 Spring Coronation	3 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice
4 7:30 pm - Alle Psallite	5 7:30 pm - Harp and Drum	6	7 6 pm - Rapier Practice 6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice 6 pm - Ladies Instructional Heavy Weapons Practice	8 4:30 pm - Archery Practice	9 Sacred Stone Novice Tourney Defending the Gate IV	10 Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice 2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice

<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>6:30 pm - Asian Night</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>7 pm - Late Medieval Woman Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Tournament of Chivalry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>7 pm - Newcomer's Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm - Harp and Drum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>6 pm - 15th Century Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p><i>Earth Day</i></p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p> <p>7:30 pm - Stierbach/Ponte Alto Bardic Circle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>Beltane XXIV</p> <p>Newcomer's Event</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p><i>Passover</i></p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Fighter Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Fighter Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Business Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>7:30 pm - Alle Psallite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>7 pm - Late Medieval Woman Workshop</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>6 pm - Rapier Practice</p> <p>6 pm - Heavy Weapons Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>4:30 pm - Archery Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>Night on the Town VII</p> <p>Tourney of Lyons</p> <p>Tir-y-don Baronial Birthday XXX</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May 1</p> <p>Noon - Outdoor Heavy Weapons Practice</p> <p>2 pm - Outdoor Rapier Practice</p>

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7:30 pm -
[Alle Psallite](#)

3

7:30 pm -
[Harp and
Drum](#)

4

6 pm -
[Rapier
Practice](#)

6 pm -
[Heavy
Weapons
Practice](#)

6 pm -
[Ladies
Instructional
Heavy
Weapons
Practice](#)

5

4:30 pm -
[Archery
Practice](#)

6

[Spring
Crown](#)

7

Noon -
[Outdoor
Heavy
Weapons
Practice](#)

2 pm -
[Outdoor
Rapier
Practice](#)

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Upcoming Events

Baronial Progress

Date	Event
April 2	Coronation
April 29	Night on the Town VII

April 2005

Date	Event	Group	Location
2	Spring Coronation (R,H)	Atlantia/Lochmere	Annapolis, MD
8-10	Sacred Stone Novice Tourney	Sacred Stone	Booneville, NC
9	Defending the Gate IV (Q)	Sudentorre	Fredericksburg, VA
16	Tournament of Chivalry (R)	Atlantia/Windmasters	Apex, NC
23-25	Beltane XXIV	Berley Cort	Sedley, VA
23	Newcomer's Event	Crois Brigte	Winston-Salem, NC
29-1	Night on the Town VII (R)	Lochmere	Crownsville, MD
29-1	Tourney of Lyons	Hidden Mountain	Cordesville, SC
30	Tir-y-don Baronial Birthday XXX	Tir-y-don	Newport News, VA

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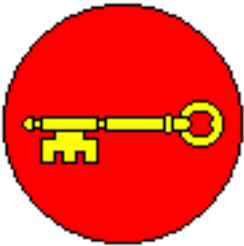
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Officer Reports and Letters - Baron and Baroness

Unto the populace of Ponte Alto do Marcellus and Belphoebe, Baron and Baroness, send greetings,

As the cold and dreary days of winter give way to spring, the patron saints of weather smiled upon us and gave us a beautiful day at this past Duke Gyrth Oldcastle Bloodbath.

As you all know, and according to the decision made at the last Baronial business meeting, the entire profit of the event was donated to the American Diabetes Association -- in Duke Gyrth Oldcastle's memory -- while the proceeds of the bake sale went to the Royal Travel Fund. Generous donations to both causes were also made by various parties, and we wish to thank everyone that attended the event or contributed in any way. We could not have pulled it off without your generosity.

All in all, much merriment was had, and his Excellency and I selected our new Baronial Archery, Armored, and Rapier Champions. Vivant to Lord Miles de Locwode, Master Kevin of Thornbury and Seamus O'Maloiriain!

His Excellency and I would like to avail ourselves to the opportunity to remind all that the Coronation of our new Monarchs, Robert and Denise, is just around the corner. We would also like to encourage our populace to attend the event and add to the fun and color of the festivities, not to mention to show our support to our Crowns.

We would also like to remind all that so far there have been no ideas yet as to the November event. While November may seem a long way from March, organizing an event takes time and it would be good to start tossing ideas around.

As we all know, Ponte Alto holds four regular events per year: Baronial Birthday in February; Gyrth Oldcastle's Bloodbath (formerly St. Paddy's Bloodbath) in March; Chalice of the Sun God (this year's "The Poseidon Adventure") in September; and last but not least the (insert name here) November event. You may have noticed that three of these events are pretty much staples and have a pre-determined theme and format. The fun part about the November event is that it does not have one and it lends itself to all sorts of fun.

November events have ranged from feasting and dancing events such as "A Little Event with a Great Big Feast," to fighting events such as "The Lady and the Tiger." Not to mention the German (also known as the "Eine Kleine" event) two years ago, and the "Day at the Races" event of last year that focused in palio "horse" racing, feasting, dancing and A&S.

So what will it be this year? We can't wait to hear your suggestions. Even if you have never autocrated anything, this may be the event for you to start as it does not need to be a huge, highly structured affair. (Particularly being so close to Chalice of the Sun God, which is the biggest Ponte Alto event of the year!)

So what do you say? Are you game? Put on your thinking caps and share your ideas with us at the next business meeting!

And keep those recommendations for awards coming! Your input is invaluable to His

Excellency and I!

Yours in Service,

Marcellus and Belphoebe
Baron and Baroness of Ponte
Alto



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Officer Reports and Letters - Web Minister

Greetings, Ponte Alto!

It's hard to believe, but it's been a year since I stepped up as your Baronial Web Minister. In that time, much of the site has been converted to a more maintainable (hopefully) format using PHP and the MySQL database, including the Roll of Arms, Order of Precedence and Officers list. The II Tempo has moved online, to include a monthly calendar viewable on the web. With inspiration from our A&S officers, the Baronial A&S Gallery was born to showcase the talents of our artisans. Baronial encampment web sites for Sapphire Joust and Pennsic (including the handy-dandy Land Calculator) are now in the process of being converted to database-driven pages to better serve our Land Agents.

But there is only so much I can do to serve YOU without YOUR INPUT.

So, fellow Pontoons, I ask you: what would serve you on the Baronial web site?
What parts of the existing web site are the most useful? not useful? could be more useful if...?
What do you wish was on the web site that isn't?
What do you wish wasn't on the web site that is?
Please send any input you have to me (webminister AT pontealto.atlantia.sca.org), so I can better serve you.

In Service,

Signora Cassandra Arabella Giordani
Web Minister



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Meeting Minutes - March 20, 2005

Held at the Education Building of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

20 Attendees

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Officer Reports

Seneschal: Lady Marie-Therese Normand

- The new deputy Seneschal is Master Tirloch
- There is no deputy Chatelaine or Minister of Minors yet
- Ponte Alto is on probation because the waivers from Day at The Races did not make it to the Waiver Secretary. The probationary period will last one year from March, 2005.
- Henceforth, all Ponte Alto Autocrats need to get their waivers (Minor, Family, Non-Member, and MoL) into the Seneschal who will ensure that they get to the proper place.

MOM: Siobhán

- Not present

Exchequer: Lady Melissent d'Artois (Deputy Katherina von Bayern reporting)

- The baronial account has \$8255.30
- Katherina von Bayern (Tracy Fussell) is the new deputy Exchequer/Chamberlain
- A 9x13 dayshade pavilion has been donated to the Barony by Lady Melissent d'Artois
- Did we send \$50 to the Kingdom for Kingdom cloak clasps?

Heavy Marshal: Lord Duncan the Elder

- Atlantian Handbook is on the website
- Practices continue, weather permitting, on Sundays
- Thursday night practice is cancelled until March 31, 2005 at the school
- We have the school reserved for indoor practice until June, and are trying to get into the gym
- Reminder that there will be a northern regional practice at the regular Sunday practice on 3/27/05
- Marie-Therese de Normand has three sets of loaner armor and is willing to work with newcomers (and oldtimers) to help get their kits together
- We had 1 Ponte Alto authorization at Bloodbath

Rapier Marshal: Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd

- Three Ponte Alto fencers authorized at Bloodbath (plus 1 Schlager authorization)

- No practice Thursday March 24, 2005 due to school closure
- Rapier loaner gear is available, please contact the rapier marshal

Archery Marshal: Arnfriðr

- There is a new marshal in the land, Ewan
- Miles de Locwode is the Acting Deputy for Ponte Alto
- Practices continue at Bull Run in Manassas; Arnfriðr and Miles have been meeting at Miles' house at 5 pm and carpooling out I-66 in the HOV lanes; contact Arnfridr or Miles if interested in carpooling.

A&S: Baroness Greta Klusenaere

- Lots of workshops happening; thanks to Courtney & Connor and Mathilde for hosting Wednesday night classes.
- March 25th, 2005 there will be an A&S night at Peronelle's with lots of topics being discussed and worked on, including persona development and the calligraphy challenge.
- The next All Things 15th Century Night will be April 20th and will focus on women's veils, hair styles, and how to make pater nosters. It will be taught by Elspet Byndelase from Lochmere.

Chatelaine: Lady Marsaili Johnston of Lochwood Moss

- Last newcomer's meeting hosted by Lady Courtney and Lord Connor had a big turnout including 2 newcomers.
- Next newcomer's meeting will be hosted by Lady Isabella Candalero on Tuesday 4/19/05 at 7 pm.
- Anyone interested in becoming deputy Chatelaine should contact Marsaili.
- Marsaili recommends that all officers print up baronial business cards. His Excellency Baron Marcellus volunteered for this.
- Lady Lucia reports on a demo at Stenwood Elementary Friday, April 8th, at 12:30 p.m

Herald: Lord Connor Sinclair

- (Courtney reported for Connor)
- No current business
- Seamus heralded court at Bloodbath
- Herald's report for Bloodbath will be submitted shortly

MOL: Baroness Agnes Daunce

- Bloodbath was a success
 - 23 heavy fighters fought in a bearpit style format. Sir Aradd Ffestiniog was the formidable winner
 - 15 rapier fighters fought in a bearpit style, Hadrurus was the winner
- There were two reported injuries. The Chirurgeon on site, Lady Dealla, will be filing the appropriate reports.

Chronicler: Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair

- New co-chroniclers are Lady Courtney de Houghton and Lord Connor Sinclair, with inspiration provided by Liam the Cute.
- A deputy chronicler is needed.
- Articles and artwork for the II Tempo are needed.

Web Minister: Lady Cassandra Arabella Giordani

- Baronial Pennsic website is in progress
- The Coronation sign-up site has been taking the attention of our hard working webminister

Warlord: Sir Thomas of Calais

- Unable to attend due to his duties escorting Princess Denise home from Gulf Wars

Baron and Baroness: Baron Marcellus Capozziello da Napoli and Baroness Belphoebe de Givet

- At KASF, we were happy to see so many Pontoons represented.
- Baroness Belphoebe was chosen as a KASF Champion for her Insane Italian Ren Outfit! Vivat!
- The new Baronial Heavy Champion is Master Kevin of Thornbury!
- The new Rapier Champion is Seamus O'Maoiliriain!
- The new Archery Champion is Lord Miles de Locwode!
- Baronial Progress: Storvik Investiture, Coronation, Bandit King of Smeewick, Crown
- At Crown Tourney we will have a Baronial hospitality tent (15' x 15' pavillion). Anyone who would like to contribute food to the potluck would be most appreciated. Please contact Baron Marcellus with contribution information.

Events

Bloodbath: March 19, 2005

Lord Connor Sinclair, Autocrat and Lady Courtney de Houghton, co-autocrat

- The event was a success!
- As the Barony had voted unanimously to donate all profits from the event to the American Diabetes Association, the total being sent is approximately \$316.57. The profit from the event was \$216.57, and there was a separate \$100 donation for the ADA.
- As the Barony also voted unanimously to provide a jar at Troll to accept donations for the travel fund of TRH Robert and Denise, the donations and proceeds from the bake sale totaled \$281.

Chalice: September 16-18, 2005

Siobhan, autocrat; Lady Luce Antony Venus, deputy autocrat

- New byline: The Posiedon Adventure (if the weather won't come to us, we'll go to the weather). Based on Homer's Odyssey.
- All slots are available for volunteers.
- Gruffudd is cooking again.
- A new Parking Czar is also needed.
- The site will be Prince William Forest Park again: wet site, cabin camping only; no tents.
- It was requested that we purchase an extra month of ad space in the Acorn for this event due to the Acorn's habitual late arrival lately.
- The site will probably be Prince William Forest Park again: wet site, cabin camping only; no tents
- Luce asked for people traveling to other events to contact her if they are willing to deliver the Chalice Challenge in those other courts.

Pennsic: August 2005

- We are registered with Pennsic as The Barony of Ponte Alto.
- The land calculator and Baronial registration page will be up within a month.

November Event: November 2005

- No ideas for a November event have come forward as of yet
- Having a Kingdom level event might be tough since we are on probation with the waivers.

Old Business

- Ponte Alto is losing an old friend, and a meeting place for Harp and Drum, with Baron Corun's departure. Plans are in the works for a once a month session.
- Travel thrones are in the design stage. Master Ranulf of Waterford is working on the design and has offered to donate leather for the seats and backs.
- The new Chamberlain is looking into new storage space.
- Lady Perronelle la peintre continues work on the Ponte Alto phone directory. Please e-mail Perronelle (dwatsonirwin AT cox.net) to be included.

New Business

- Sapphire joust is at a new site this year in Amelia, VA, about 35 minutes south and west of the old site. It also has showers and restrooms. The site fee will be \$12. Ponte Alto will be having a group encampment again, organized by Lord Geoffrey ap Clywd.
- Arnfriðr will investigate the cost of arm guards and gloves for loaner archery gear.
- The Barony voted to approve up to \$250 to Olaf the Tinkerer, (Redd Cook) for repairs to the Baronial loaner armor and weapons.

Announcements

- Next meeting is April 24th, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

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Other Articles

Coronations, English Style

(Read the full text at http://www.westminster-abbey.org/coronation_tour/interesting.htm)

In the last millennium England's Westminster Abbey has witnessed thirty-eight coronations: the first documented coronation was that of William the Conqueror on Christmas Day 1066, and the most recent was Elizabeth II on 2 June 1953.

Before 1066 most coronations had been held at Bath, Winchester, Canterbury, and Kingston-Upon-Thames. The order of service written by St Dunstan, once Archbishop of Canterbury, for the coronation of King Edgar in 973 has formed the basis of all coronation services since.

Only two Sovereigns have not been crowned in the Abbey: Edward V, one of the Princes in the Tower who 'disappeared', and Edward VIII who abdicated in 1936 before his coronation.

William The Conqueror - Confusion Leads to a Riot

After defeating Harold at the Battle of Hastings, William the Conqueror came to the Abbey for his coronation, but it did not run smoothly.

It was attended by both French-speaking Normans and English-speaking Saxons. As the congregation shouted their approval in both languages, the Norman soldiers, trying to keep order outside, thought the noise inside was an assassination attempt and began setting fire to the houses surrounding the Abbey. Smoke filled the church, the congregation fled and riots broke out outside! Meanwhile, inside the Abbey, William and the officiating clergy completed the service, despite the chaos.

Henry III - A New Westminster Abbey

Henry III succeeded to the throne in 1216. London was under the control of France so instead of Westminster, nine-year-old Henry was crowned King in Gloucester Cathedral. It was 3 years later, that he was officially crowned and anointed in Westminster Abbey.

Henry was a very religious man and his favourite saint, Edward the Confessor, founded the original Abbey in 1065. He believed St Edward (who was buried in the Abbey) deserved a grander resting place. So he began rebuilding the Abbey, seeking inspiration from cathedrals in France. He intended it to be a burial place for him and his successors, and a site for all future coronations. By incorporating into his design a large central crossing in front of the High Altar he created a huge space for the coronation 'theatre', where the crowning ceremonies have taken place ever since.

Edward I - The Coronation Chair

When Henry III died in 1272 he was succeeded by his son, Edward I. He captured the Stone of Scone from the Scots in 1296 and had an oak chair made to contain the sacred Stone. The Coronation Chair is on display in the Abbey and the Stone, returned to Scotland in 1996, is now on display at Edinburgh Castle.

Richard II - A Procession from the Tower of London

Richard II was crowned in the Abbey in 1377. The day before his coronation Richard processed on horseback from the Tower of London to Westminster. The procession passed through London streets bustling with entertainers and decorated with bright banners and tapestries.

This was the first ever coronation procession, and thereafter monarchs (until Charles II) continued this tradition, sometimes resulting in huge celebratory pageants along the route.

Mary I refuses to be Crowned on the Coronation Chair

Queen Mary was crowned in Westminster Abbey in 1553. She succeeded her brother Edward VI when he died aged 15 years. A Roman Catholic, she refused to be crowned sitting on the Coronation Chair because her Protestant brother Edward had previously been crowned on it. Instead she insisted on using another chair, blessed by the Pope, for the crowning and the Coronation Chair was used as the throne.

Queen Elizabeth I - The English Language is Introduced into the Coronation Service

Elizabeth I succeeded to the throne after the death of her sister Mary I. Her 1559 coronation marked a significant change in the service, with the introduction of the English language into the previously all Latin ceremony. Many bishops refused to attend her coronation and the Archbishop of Canterbury refused to crown her, so the Bishop of Carlisle did it instead.

King James I - The English & Scottish Thrones are Joined

When Elizabeth I died she left the throne to her cousin, King James VI of Scotland, son of Mary Queen of Scots. He came to London with Anne of Denmark, his consort, to be crowned James I of England in 1603. His coronation was very significant: it represented the uniting of the English and Scottish crowns, and he was the first Scottish King to be crowned sitting on the Stone of Scone (contained in the Coronation Chair) for over 300 years.

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