

The Fencer's, Dancer's, and Bearbaiter's Quarterly

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'Quarterly' may be something of an exaggeration—but remember that my persona is a tapster, and naturally has a different definition of what constitutes a quart.

The past half year, since the publication of the previous issue, has been far from idle. The Bands made a substantial showing at Jamestown's Fall Muster (in our early colonial avatar), and have since been involved in various other activities. This bulletin is intended to bring people up-to-date on our doings.

Upcoming Events

May 21-24: Siege of Shapwick, Ethel, Ontario (near Stratford). An English Civil War event: if there are enough STB people there, we will operate as a group for this occasion. Call Jeffrey Singman for information.

Mid August: Pennsic War. A number of STB members will be at this event, and there will be some sponsorship of Elizabethan activities, although scheduling conflicts for many of the usual participants mean that there will not be the full-scale Elizabethan encampment of previous years. Call Jeff Morgan for information.

?October: St Mary's Muster, St Mary's City, MD. There may be some STB people at this mid-17c. event. Call Jeff Morgan for information.

November: Avalon, Virginia. We are planning to make this English Civil War event our principal event of the fall, and encourage as many people as possible to turn out for it. Call Jeff Morgan for information.

?November: Jamestown Fall Muster, Jamestown VA. There are likely to be a number of STB people at this early 17c. event, building on our participation last year. Call Jeff Morgan for information.

?December: Shapwick Event, Ethel, Ontario. Depending on the progress of Shapwick's timber frame house, there may be some sort of event, which would certainly involve the STB. Call Jeffrey Singman for information.

The second edition of *The Elizabethan Handbook. A Manual for Living History c1588-1603* will be available within the next two months. The text includes some substantial improvements on the original: the costuming section has been upgraded, there are additional songs, dances, and games, the bibliography and lists of suppliers and contacts have been substantially expanded, and there have been additions and revisions throughout. The cost will US\$12 plus \$1.75 postage, \$2.50 postage to Canada, \$3.25 postage overseas. Orders and inquiries may be sent to Jeffrey Singman.

The *English Civil War Society of America Handbook* should also be available for purchase soon, and we highly recommend it to all members: it is probably the most useful collection of information on the subject for re-enactors between two covers. Contact Jeffrey Singman for further information.

We have been in contact with the Tower Hamlets Trained Bands, an English Civil War re-enactment unit in England. We are hoping that they will be able to provide us with assistance in establishing appropriate equipment and organisation for a London Trained Band unit during the Civil War, as well as furnishing an opportunity for transatlantic co-operation.

As always, the Trayned Bands welcome any interested parties to get in touch with us. Principal contacts are:

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