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# Horror On The Border

Goblin Raiders Burn Border Villages – Locals Massacred. Fort Greenvale Burned To Ground.

Word reached Midwinter today of a vicious attack on our eastern borders by goblin raiders. The vile creatures waited until the villagers were celebrating during the Feast of Erryn on Sunday. Survivors reached Moreton-on-the-Green Monday morning and troops were dispatched immediately to the front line. There, they found the villages of Hickory Creek, Ashvale Falls and Twin Peaks burned to the ground.

Forces were also sent to the local forts to bolster their defences. The troops sent to Fort Greenvale found the walls breached and the garrison dead. No sight of the goblins has been made. The Commander of the Auxilliaries, Morton Fallstar, had this to say: "Midwinter will not stand still and allow it's subjects to be terrorised by these monsters. The call has gone out to all able swordsmen to join the companies heading east to the border. The goblins better beware, we are out for blood."

#### Local Dignitary Found Dead.

During the early hours of October 25<sup>th</sup>, the watch were called to the Potter's Guild following reports of a disturbance.

Inside was found the body of the Guildmaster Abrus Banazzo. The Watch suspect foul play.

Banazzo had been the Guildmaster for fifteen years and was one of the most popular.

# Knight of Dragon Wins Tournament For Fifth Year Running.

Monday saw the annual Tournament of Erryn. For the fifth year running Gerald Hornglass, Knight of the Dragon, won the prestigious joust competition. The melee competition was won by an unknown freeblade Albert Crompton who travelled all the way from Cambria to be here.

The festivities were marred by a Peacemaker demonstration held outside the arena. They were seeking signatures for a petition banning the games, calling them 'an orgy of blod and death'.

This year only five men died as a result of the melee, down three from last year. Two knight and six horses were killed during the jousts.

# Party At The Palace.

Today will see the visit of Lukbert Kalovic, the Zalian Ambassador, to Midwinter. Officially he will meet with the High Council to discuss new trading agreements between our fair cities. Unofficially he will be discussing the recent conflicts between our fishing fleets over fishing rights.

# New Casino for City.

Last week Palitza Orlona, head of the Zale Gambling Group, opened the new 'Orlona Casino' in the Market District. Casino patrons have described the establishment as the best of it's type in Midwinter.

# Guild News.

Some of our members have recently passed the promotion exams and have advanced in the guild's heirarchy. Wilbur Hodgley, Tavin Kolanya and Marcus Stonelake have all joined the Guild.

Two of our Associate members, Esla Mornyr and Karl Rowley have both been promoted to Full Member status.

Meddry Shadowblade has joined the ranks of the Seekers.

#### Revellers Arrested.

Sixty-three revellers were arrested during the Feast of Erryn celebrations on Sunday.

Events got out of hand when local Pit Fighting champion Gordo Hespar was defeated by a new fighter Pat 'the Roach'.

#### New Ratting Record.

Tavern owner Riku Kamshak's prize terrier, Bullseye, broke the Midwinter Ratting record last night at The Barrel. Bullseye single handedly managed to maim and kill twenty eight rats during his ten minute bout yeterday.

'He'll break the record again soon,' said proud Riku, 'Your human rats are small and weak. Bullseye here, he's used to dwarven rats. Much tougher all round.'

# Duellers Caught In The Act.

Two men were caught duelling in the Memorial Park last Tuesday despite the practice recently being banned by the Commander of the Watch. The two miscreants are currently in the Lamp Street Watchhouse awaiting trial next week.

# Norn Hill Socialite Still Missing.

Concerns are being raised for the life of missing socialite Zayara Carroth. Zayara went missing on the 19<sup>th</sup> October and has not been seen since. Her husband is being comforted by friends.

The Watch are baffled, they have no information and no ransom demands have been delivered, raising concerns that Mrs Carroth's life may be in extreme danger.

#### Grain Prices Set To Rise.

The devastating news from the Eastern Marches has triggered a flurry of activity in the Merchant's District. Survivors have reported destruction or seizure of all the available grain crops in the area by the goblins.

A warning was issued by the Baker's Guild that the attacks could lead to a shortage of grain over the winter therefore leading to an increase in the price of bread.

# 'Zale Stole My Fish' Claim Irate Fisherman.

Local fisherman Eli Crowstorm accused rival fishermen from Zale of stealing the Dukeswater fish stocks today. He claimed 'Five year ago I could fill my nets in an hour, now it takes me all day.' He lays the blame squarely on the fishing fleets of Zale, who in recent years have been increasing their fishing in the Dukeswater. The problem has already led to bloody clashes between the rival fleets.

# Births, Deaths and Marriages.

Emily and James Stormwind are pleased to announce the birth of their first son, Joshua, last week.

Greenwood Undertakers have announced the death of Alfred Moonstaff, aged 93. He died peacefully on Moonstaff Island last Wednesday. His heir, grandson William, thanked family and friends for their support.

Joseph Saxby of Midwinter has announced his betrothal to Malusa Marudas of Zale. The union brings together two well respected brewing families.