Family Generation 13 January 2023

Jeremy: GM
David: Davidus
Kris: Herlews
Spencer: Vernon

Great-grandfather (GGF) **Harsouse** Glory: 1,900

Grandfather (GF) **Harvis** born in 410, when Romans left.
439:
GF's starting glory: 1000 + 190 + 2d20 = 1200
Garrison duty...
440:
Garrison duty, survived raiding, gain 10 Glory. GF = 1210
441:
Garrison duty.
442:
GF attended crowning of King Constans to be High King. Gain 50 Glory. GF = 1260
443:
GF died of natural causes. End Glory = 1260

460:
Father, **Hebes**, starts career as knight.
Father's (F) starting Glory = 1,000 + 1/10 GF's Glory = 1126
Garrison duty
461:
Garrison duty
462:
Garrison duty
463:
F gets married. Bride's Glory = 200
Father's Glory = 1460
Garrison duty
Night of Long Knives
464:
Father gains manor of Winterbourne Stoke
Garrison duty, paid tribute to Saxons
465:
Garrison duty, paid tribute to Saxons
466:
Stayed at home and followed liege. Garrison duty.
467:

Stayed Neutral and at home.

468:

Vortigern's 3rd son, Paschent survives and goes into exile on continent and forms Gewisse Tribe.

Joins March of Aurelius and joins late. Not a March Veteran.

469:

Saw little or no combat.

470:

Skirmished against the Kent Saxons and gained 30 Glory.

F's Glory = 1490

471:

Fighting Saxons. Gained 25 Glory. F's Glory = 1515

472:

Gained 100 Glory fighting Saxons. F's Glory = 1615

Prince Uther saw F fighting and recognizes him.

473:

Fought at the Battle of Windsor. Died in battle.

479 - Start of Herlew's campaign as Squire

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Sir Elad is our Marshal of Salisbury - in command of all knights

Squired with Sir Amig of Tilshead, and Sir Jarren.

At Vagon and 21 years old.

480 - Training Games (Vagon) 20 January 2023

Jeremy: GM, David: Davidus, Kris: Herlews, Spencer: Vernon, Reilyn: Valeris of Stapleton, daughter of Eadlac Kilcheth

Day 1

Sir Elad: loaning us a charger for horse training.

Horse racing: Davidus wins. Herlews a bit sore about it (failed Modest, pass Proud). Vernon came in close last.

Target lancing: Marshal Elad is watching and giving us advice. The household knights are discretely betting on us. Herlews wins! And a ribbon on my shield.

Quintain: More betting. Herlews wins! A second ribbon on my shield!

Jousts: Lost.

Gained 2 Libra from

MISSION: travel to Tilshead to hail Sir Amig, travel to Devises to gather some squires, then travel to Sarum.

Davidus goes to chapel and meets Bishop of Salisbury.

Herlews asks Sir Elad about the squires. She advises not to be curious about the squires! Be extremely courteous to Sir Jaythe, Lord of Devizes.

Vernon: flirts with a servant girl (Adeline, Marshal Elad's seamstress). Might have a bastard born to him in Winter Session.

Day 2

Travel to **Tilshead**: fortified city and market, 1 day ride from Sarum. Met Sir Amig. Vernon hits on a woman, and a knight intervenes.

Met Squire Valeris. Feast in the castle hall.

Valeris brings us a task from Sir Amig. Knights left for Imber and have not returned. Imber is in Summerland County, which is in a Pagan kingdom. Summerland is controlled by **King Cadwy**. Herlews asks Valeris about the knights who have disappeared: Sirs **Aeron**, **Raythe**, and **Blaen**--household knights of Sir Amig. Sir Blaen and Raythe are cousins, and pagan. Sir Aeron is British Christian.

Steward of Tilshead is Perin, esquire.

Vernon spends the night with a servant girl...maybe 2 bastards in winter...

Day 3

Off to Imber...

Woke up a knackered Vernon in the stable.

The knights went to Imber in search of a man-eating-bear...

Herlews reacts badly to seeing Valeris with an axe.

Met by Old Garr, Priest of Imber. He knows of the missing knights who went into the forest 2 days ago. The village is sending dogs out today. Herlews notices tracks of a very large animal. Vernon doesn't like the tracks...Crashing in the forest ahead...

Need to head back to village, but we're lost. But find a clearing... with a man-eating bear. The Bear of Imber! Old Garr flees.

Meet the Druid of the forest who serves **King Cadwy**. Showed him respect and am now a friend of **King Cadwy**. He leaves with his Elephant.

The druid is simply a "**Green Brother**." Not many Green Brothers and one Green Father.

Back to Tilshead to report to Sir Amig... With 3 dead knights...

A pagan knight vouches for our integrity. He says that the **Green Father** is **Merlin**.

We attend funeral for Sir Aeron, a British Christian. The other two are interred in pagan fashion--eaten by wolves.

In the morning we depart for Devises.

Jeremy wraps up by asking all players if they had fun and what they enjoyed the most about the session.

Leaving Tilshead for Devises 29 Jan 2023

David: Davidus, Spencer: Vernon, Jeremy: GM, Reilyn: Valeris, Kris: Herlews

Devises...

Day 5

Meet Sir Jaythe & three squires we'll escort to Sarum. Sir Jaythe treats the squire in red with deference, but the others like dirt.

Red squire is riding a light grey charger (very expensive).

Herlews to squires, "By what name should we call you?"

1. Luxurious hair: from Haxton
2. Jaunty hat: eldest son from Fittleton
3. Red remains silent, other squires address him as "my lord." Has the best eqiupment and a light-grey charger.

Allegedly good hunting in Collingbourne Wood.

Fittleton and Huxton lords can't get along due to river tax issue.

We're engaged by Red, who wants to know of our lineages.

Valeris recognizes who Red is... The high king is Red's uncle. And Valeris's grandfather saved his ancestor.

Red is Squire Madoc, prince Uther's bastard son. He has not been acknowledged as Prince Uther's son or King Ambrosius's nephew. He was stuck in Devises with Fittleton and Huxton to keep him hidden.

Sarum...

Stable boys take our horse, but the stable master take's Madoc's horse.

Sir Roderick's banners are missing from Sarum. The high king's banners fly instead.

The Easter court is now a Royal court...

Nobles present:

Duke Gorlois of Cornwall

Duke Ulfius of Silchester

King Ambrosius

Valeris hears the following conversation: the Irish can't be trusted--they might team up with the Saxons.

The Feast:

Pashent, son of King ? Paschent has allied with the Irish King, Gillomanius. They have landed in Cambria, and are now raiding it...

"King Aesc of Kent is assembling a fleet, too. We don't know what he is planning to do with it."

King: problem with Saxon fleet in Kent, and the Irish: youngest son of Vortigern, Pashent, has allied with Irish king.

Madoc is acknowledged as Uther's son and knighted at Feast by King Ambrosius.

Uther gave ring that Madoc is wearing to Madoc's mother. So now Madoc will be recognized.

Sir Madoc receives a white charger as a gift, and vaults onto the horse.

Madoc points to us as he talks to his father, Uther. Minstrels stop playing. We are called forward... to present ourselves to the king.

Herlew's Awareness check = critical success. Presented himself to king and made himself known to Prince Uther, and stated his desire to serve in battle. Uther states that is an honorable goal!

Prince/Sir Madoc has requested that we join Uther in battle against the Irish. The King agrees! Marshal Elad is not happy about this. Count Roderick is nervous about this.

Prince Uther asks about our adventures in Imber.

Merlin shows up and speaks on our behalf! The king tells Count Roderick that he should be proud of us.

Herlews asks to be introduced to **Valeris's parents**. She introduced him to her parents. Father is **Eadlac Kilcheth**. And he meets Valeris's brother. Herlews now knows about the Five Jars on her father's mantle.

Vernon beds another serving girl. Winter phase: roll for potential bastard #3.

Travel to Menevia to Fight Irish...

Sir Madoc instructs us to harry the Irish flanks. Haxton and Fittleton are with us too.

Beach at Menevia...

King of Estralagus is locked inside his castle and will remain "neutral."

Banner in distance: **Pashent's banner!** Pashent is King Vortigern's son.

Round 1: versus a band of herdsmen... My horse is slain...

Round 2: versus a band of auxilia... Davidus knocked down...

Round 3: Take Davidus to rear and rehorse...

Round 4: versus herdsmen... Unhorsed a

Round 5: versus slingers...

Round 6: Battle is still a push... versus slingers...

Round 7: Battle is still a push... versus herdsmen...

Round 8: Numbers getting on our side...Merlin summons "The Dragon," a fireball in the sky...Irish panic...Merlin speaks...Uther cries "No mercy!"... Irish rout... Pashent escapes by ship...

Return to camp. Merlin is distraught... **Aurelius Ambrosius is dead!** Merlin declares Uther king and will have a potent son... Madoc is smug.

Sarum

Army of Saxons led by Aesc sailed up Avon. King Ambrosius poisoned by treacherous physician, but king led his army against Saxons. King dies... Saxons celebrate... Great star appears in sky... But Gorlois rallies army and annihilates Saxon army. Aesc escapes with half his army and fleet...

Britain has no High King, but Merlin declared Uther king... but who will be the most powerful son?

Battle fallouts: 2£ each, +1080 glory!

Next session: funeral for the High King.

Favorite bits tonight: feast & Valeris & Herlews stuff with embarrassing Rheilyn!

The King is Dead, Long Live the King! 3 Feb 2023

David: Davidus, Jeremy: GM, Kris: Herlews, Spencer: Vernon

Winter Phase 480:

Herlews: some knight took offense that I was talking with his sister & challenged me to a fight to the death. Marshal Elad puts an end to that.

Vernon: Valeris's younger brother hates Vernon because he thinks Vernon is sleeping with Valeris.

Davidus: lost a friend/companion. Now has a madness that will last for 6 months.

Checked increases…

Both sisters gave birth this year!

Vernon had two illegitimate sons:

Marshal Elad summons us… A woman with two babies is present & she points at Vernon… As does the servant girl from Vagon… Vernon pays 2£ to the mothers, and must pay Angette (the mother of one and fostering Adeline's girl) a half £ per year.

Training and Practice: took 1d6+1 skills

Scandal: the baby born to sister of knight #4 is illegitimate because it was born late.

The Funeral:

Haxton, Fiddleton and one other are here. All knighted and with shields similar to Prince Madoc's. Who is the third knight? All three look like Madoc thugs, i.e. enforcers.

Duke Gorlois of Cornwall is here.

King Cadwy of Summerland is here with two Green Brothers.

Lady Indeg is crying a lot.

Standing next to Merlin is someone who Sir Elad doesn't know, but is a druid.

Encountered a guest whose style looks Romanesque.

When near a **Green Brother**, he hushes me. Everything goes quite except **a singing nightingale**—clearly magic.

Gorlois not enthusiastic about Uther being King… In fact, vocally opposed.

Merlin crowns Uther king of Logres… and a call for Uther for to be High King… a tent is erected and the Legates of Britain vote on High King… heralds hesitate to announce results—they stall until the coronation.

On to Westminster Abby for coronation of Uther as King of Logres. When bishop places the crown on his head, Uther appears angry.

Barons of Logres now swear their loyalty to Uther: Ulphius, Roderick (gives a political answer indicating support for him to be High King), Gorlois (seemed weirdly happy that Uther is only King of Logres)…

Uther creates two more dukedoms: **Ulphius** now is Duke of the Vale (around Silchester), **Adarus** (Duke of the March)…

Duke of Saxon is now vacate. Uther takes that dukes son as his ward.

We go to the feast and are seated with the dogs.

Rumor: Uther made Gorlois kneel longer than any other duke during swearing…

Back to Salisbury…

Marshal has robes for us. Knighting robes! We start the Vigil in the chapel… Marshal Elad wakes us in the morning… oops, we fell asleep during the Vigil..

Knighting ceremony… Valeris has her nose broken by Earl Roderick… Herlews… Vernon… Davidus…

The Leap: Herlews slid over the top of the horse

Earl Roderick: happy Uther is King of Logres, but glad there was no civil war. Happy Ulphius is defending us against the Saxons.

Year 480's Glory = 2488

Vagon 10 Feb 2023

David, Spencer, Jeremy: GM, Kris, Reilyn

481

Creating backup character… **Squire Hermind**

Earl Roderick is not married.

Davidus's (Hector) squire is squired to Vernon. Herlews's squire (Hermind) is squired to Valeris. Valeris's squire (Marlowe) is squired to Herlews. Vernon's squire (Alan) is squired to Davidus.

Riding the Rounds…

Encounter Father Tewi on the road and escorted him back to Sarum.

Point to Davidus & Herlews.

Encounter Sir Llywerch, Deputy Constable of Logres. His horse has a sensitive hoof.

Tathe, a "merchant," set upon by bandits. Allegedly the bandits took his cloak… But something is amiss. We have Sir Bar of Shrewton watching him. In Haxton, we meet Sir Haxton. A gallows with hung bandits in town… Sir Haxton is dressing better since joining Sir Madoc's squad…

Marshal Elad tells us to be creative in our thinking, don't just take the obvious answer.

Easter Court coming up… at Kilevum.

Banners: Duke of Kilevum.

Sheriff of Salisbury is also the Sheriff of Kilevum.

Sir Llywerch, Deputy Constable of Logres, talking to a Saracen?

Seated at 4th table out of 20, with **Sir Yvo**—blue swan. My friends are seated much lower.

Close encounter with **Dyanne** and **Uther's thugs: Sir Moneval & Sir Heliando**r.

Uther announces war with Bedegrain.

Sir Fiddleton told Valeris and Vernon that he has an uncle in Bedegrain. So he'll probably hang back in battle.

Sarum 17 February 2023

Jeremy: GM, David: Davidus, Spencer: Vernon, Kris: Herlews

Mustering in Sarum. Will march to Silchester, Corinium, then to New Works.

Knights from south will ride fast. North will send infantry and supply trains.

Fiddleton jumps into his saddle, but his girth saddle strap wasn't secure, crash and scream. Fiddleton's shoulder is injured. He is left behind, and it appears **Earl Roderick** is not surprised.

Messenger from **Duke Gorlois** rides into camp on muddy horse, and then leaves after leaving unwanted message to **King Uther**. His message was heavy rains and muddy trails delays Duke Gorlois.

Rest in Lambor. Try to cross **Trent River** and are met by smaller army from Bedegrain. River crossing is repelled.

Sir Sulien was in the King's tent earlier… He is not in main army. Someone with Sulien's coat of arms rides up to King during battle. He appears to be a scout only.

Marshal Elad orders us to follow **Sir Kenian**. We'll be part of a larger flanking force, led by Sir Kenian, that must cross a peasant bridge.

Herlews and Vernon scout and see a warrior that spots us and flees. We pursue… but he makes it to a castle before we can catch him. Other groups from our force also encounter random people who run at the sight of them.

We raid for the day…

Near the end of the day a group of 75 enemy knights face off against our 300 knights in the flanking force.

Battle of Bedegrain:

Battle rolls; Uther = 11, Bedegrain = 18 with 5:1 odds giving a +10/-10 mods for Uther. Makes Uther's roll a critical! +5 to our weapon skill this round.

We face off against some knights…

I knock my **opponent knight unconscious** and order my squire to **capture the knight and secure his charger**. Heraldry: gules, a Maltese cross or. But my opponent dies—darn. <u>But collected charger and war gear.</u>

Sir Kenian and I go after the leader of the group. Herlews inflicts 28 points of spear damage!

King Uther drives his sword through **King of Bedegrain**'s chest. His army surrenders.

Uther introduces **Sir Sulien** as cousin of King Bedegrain and turns Sulien into **Count of Bedegrain** in service to Uther.

45 Glory from battle.

Duke Gorlois arrives after the battle, all covered in mud after slogging through mud. King Uther is not pleased and imposes a heavy (**unjust**) fine on Gorlois. Uther tells Earl Roderick that Gorlois cannot be trusted.

Return to Sarum…

Sir Kenian tells Sir Fiddleton that his dead uncle "fought valiantly."

Next session:

A mission with Sir Kenian—the earl is sending us to Leir's Castle to visit Sir Edaris, Duke of the Marche regarding his daughter, Lady Rosalyn (age 15)**.** Leir's Castle is in Leirstown.

Followed by Christmas Court…

Sarum 24 Feb 2023

Jeremy: GM, David: Davidus, Spencer: Vernon, Kris: Herlews, Reilyn: Valeris

We bring Valeris up to date on events of the battle.

Vernon goes to speak with Sir Fiddleton. Fiddleton's uncle was recovering from the Sweating Sickness when slain.

Valeris's father returns from battle. He was wounded but not seriously.

Vernon is on the hunt for a noble woman… Lady Indeg is with two knights…

A horse arrives… with the heraldry of Sir Brastias, Captain of the Duke of Cornwall's Guard. A man of Duke Gorlois… goes to the earl's meeting room… Sir Herlews makes a bad impression… bad news is coming since Duke Gorlois's man is here… Valeris's father indicates bad news is afoot, and says that Earl Roderick is delicately trying to give advice for Duke Gorlois… his insightful comment, "Uther and Gorlois are too similar." Valeris fills us in…

We depart Sarum with Sir Kenian… we escort him to Leir's Castle on Earl Roderick's business… We are visiting the Sir Edaris, Duke of the Marches's daughter… we are to observe, learn, learn about Rosalyn…

Ride for a week to Leir's Castle… we see Sir Edaris's heraldry… the castle is an imposing fortress… Sir Edaris's men are trying to make a good impression…

Lady Ellen is 13 years old in the year 481. Rosalyn is 15 years old.

Sir Vernon sees a green lion in the Forest Sauvage… his companions stop him from heading towards the forest… the lion is a soul-drinking fay creature!

In the courtyard we see Lady Rosalyn handing out coins to peasants and servants…

We accidentally get in line to receive money from Lady Rosalyn… Davidus and I decline the money and ask that she donates it to the poor… I recount Earl Roderick's bravery to her… Sir Edaris is not impressed…

End of 481…

Winter Phase…

Personal Events:

Davidus: Disease, -1 CON

Herlews: Relation, Joy… Flirt+… chatting up Lady Indeg… She asks me to dance… ooh, what a failure dancing… maybe some day…

Vernon: is proposed with an arranged marriage… gains 7 £ to marry off one of his kin to a lusty man…

Valeris: gains a friend…he brings an offering wrapped in a tea towel… it's aromatic… fresh baked goods… a tawny cake in the shape of a dove with dark fruits within…a pumpkin cake with sultana and spices…this burgher wants her to hire him on as her baker when she gains land…

Family Events:





Davidus: no event

Reilyn: on patrol, something happens… gains +2 liege men

Herlews: while on patrol…ride down a small group of bandits… found a golden ring with a precious stone amongst their possessions… a ladies ring… don't know how valuable it is… perhaps a Jewish merchant in Sarum can appraise it, he says, "Come back in three weeks when his brother is there." The brother finds a picture of the ring in a book… It is from "very far away," from a "new land far to the west." A fire opal, from North America… worth 7£ and a good offering to a future wife… Their names are Ishmael and Jakob… and I purchase the second ring for 2£ (which gives me a +2 APP). They have a beautiful, chaste, and smart sister in need of a husband… but I've picked up a tail in Sarum… I could wear ring #1 around my neck, or entrust it to the Earl. *To entrust it to the Earl, I need to talk to Sir Amig, Dapifier of Earl Roderick first.*

Vernon has nightmares of something in the forest chasing him…The green lion is searching for his soul…and Vernon has the "green sweats." The stable master whispers pagan guidance to Vernon to escape his dream ("avoid the leaves, stay on the hard packed earth, don't run at the trees" over 5 nights) … Vernon awakes on the fifth night…NOTE: Marshal Elad and the stable master have seen the Green Sweats before…But the Green Lion is still hunting Vernon! We are relieved of patrol duty and one of must stay 3+ arms reach from him and awake at night…The stable/hunt master, "If you don't kill it, the green lion will go after his [future] children." His line is cursed…Maybe King Cadwy could help…

Game ends with our group in Sarum…

Vagon 3 March 2023

Gabriel: Squire Ciaran, David: Sir Davidus, Jeremy: GM, Kris: Sir Herlews, Spencer: Sir Vernon

We arrive at Vagon…

The fire opal ring is in Count Roderick's safekeeping. I made it clear that the ring is to help me gain me a wife.

Marshal Elad tells us to keep Ciaran with us and report back to Count Roderick about his performance.

Easter Court in…the Royal Hunting Lodge in Kingston in Hewsitts

Just north of London…

Large hunting lodge and lots of tents…lots of coursers (+5 to Hunting) here, and a white horse…

Roderick is given lodging in hunting lodge…we stay in tents…

Sir Herlews tried to meet Lady Rosalyn…her father, Sir Edaris, **Duke** of the Marche, intercepts Herlews's attempt…Herlews acquits himself well in the presence of the Duke.

Sir Vernon and Squire Ciaran hunt ladies…they find a serving girl…but she has duties for her lady…he sees the lady and fails Lustful, but critically succeeds on Chaste…

Heralds prepare us for feast…Herlews succeeds at his Appearance roll…Davidus Fumbles, but Sir Vernon tries to save him…

Davidus, Herlews & Ciaran on a good table…Vernon on a lower/safer table…

Feast:

Sir Sulien, Count of Bedegrain is announced…there are whispers amongst the crowd…but we think we heard "traitor" muttered…could be a conspiracy about…is revenge plotting…

Sir Vernon overhears a conversation among three lovely ladies: Lady Harley, Lady Anne & Lady Marigold…aka "The Gossips"…the gossip is that Uther is knocking up his servants…

Herlews Fumbles on feast Gossip…repeats that Madoc is King Aurelius's son… Oh crap!

Sir Vernon: Marshal Elad approaches him with marriage offer to the daughter of a household knight…Count Roderick agrees with the arrangement…3rd daughter of Sir Littleworth, Lady Hindal, with dowry of 2£…Sir Vernon laughs off the offer to Marshal Elad!…

Davidus entertains the host with his story…and **it is announced that we will be invading Sommerland this year!**

Announcement as the king will speak…He announces that there is no tribute from Sommerland, so we will **muster here at Sarum**…

Herlews is called before King Uther…he is ordered to give his Battle analysis of how to fight Sommerland. Success! The king is impressed with Count Roderick…**Roderick is happy with Herlews**…

Ciaran gets drunk at the feast…

Herlews toasts Lady Rosalyn…fails…Marshal Elad saves him!…**I think Lady Rosalyn noticed and smiled at me!**

The host, King Uther, calls for a toast to our victory against Sommerland…Herlews fails, toasts overly exuberantly and looks anxious for battle…

Davidus gets verbally randy with "Beth," a nice Roman Christian servant girl ("nice tits!")…Oh my!

Invasion of Summerland!

750 knights show up for the muster at Sarum, with a 2:1 ration of footmen to knights. Maybe the king listened to me!

Davidus notices that the heraldry of Duke Gorlois of Cornwall is not present at muster! But tells no one…

Herlews criticals on his Intrigue. **Count Roderick, Sir Amig, and Marshal Elad are not coming to the war, but they are sending me**… Vernon found out that **Roderick has his own claim on Warminster in Summerland…** So are Sir Amig and Marshal Elad. Herlews hears gossip from pagan knights: apparently **Merlin advised the king not to attack Summerland, the king laughed and ordered Merlin to do his best…Merlin nodded and walked away**… Herlews tells only Valeris, Vernon & Davidus… Vernon tells us all about Count Roderick's claim to Warminster…

We march into Summerland with 1500 infantry and 750 knights, but encounter no resistance! We encounter not a soul! A rider brings news that angers Ulphius, a silver mine has been blocked by the miners. Herlews hears that another silver mine has been completely flooded…We find the Duke of Cornwall with lords from Ascalon & Jagent—**they skipped the**

muster!…Gorlois, Ascalon and Jagent says Summerland knights blocked their route to Sarum, so they attacked directly…Uther is angry at the lack of an army to fight!

That night the army gets sick…a curse or worldly affliction…the situation gets worse…CON -5, except for Vernon…vomiting blood with a green tinge in it…

Our group is told that we will be providing escort for the king…

The king comes riding back and announces that the war is over!

As soon as we pass the border of Summerland into Salisbury, we feel better.

Feast at Summerland:

King Cadwy is a feast. Uther proclaims great victory, gives land to Cadwy. Cadwy remains King of Summerland and becomes a Count of Summerland… What?

People won't buy our loot from Summerland…it must be cursed…

10 March 2023

No game. Jeremy was sick.

"The Shitshow That Was Summerland" 17 March 2023

David: Sir Davidus, **Gabriel**: Ciaran, **Jeremy**: GM, **Kris**: Sir Herlews, **Spencer**: Sir Vernon

Sir Vernon knows something is up with Vernon, but he won't tell us what… Ciaran Fumbles his Awareness regarding Vernon… seems to be a real faerie poisoning tonight… rain and a flash of lightning… we feel better, but **King Cadwy** appears in a flash of lightning and announces that his "hospitality has expired"… a number of priests, knights, and footmen committed suicide during the lightning storm… Ciaran saw the faeries in the water… Sir Vernon knows it was faeries… We depart Summerland…

Weird: **Count Roderick** was in Warminster with **King Cadwy** and **won Warminster** in a game of chess. The **Marshal** tells us, that even when he's cheating, **Roderick** is not good at chess.

Sir Davidus appears to have seen a small girl who is a demon… his dreams and sleep are troubled… Sir Herlews is trying to help Davidus… Davidus's vision: when he was a squire, he escorted a priest to a village with a possessed girl, but now in his dream the demon chastises him…

Herlews ask Roderick for permission to return his plunder from Summerland to King Cadwy's people…Roderick has a chest to fill up and he will return it…

The next day we travel to Devizes to meet Sir Jaythe Hyfaidd, **Lord Devizes**…he tells us we are to accompany him… nine days travel… the Earl is asking Lord Devizes for a report on another potential bride… **Baron Ederyn** is harsher about Courtesy than Lord Devizes… Lord Devizes is studying us for the 9 day trip…Lord Devizes warns Sir Vernon that the **Lady Elyalla** is exception beautiful… we arrive at **Castle Vigor**…it's an imposing castle, the guards are disciplined…

The day at Castle Vigor…Herlews goes hunting and gets lost…

Sir Vernon encounters Eyrn, servant girl of Warcastle (the bruised and beaten one)…a local knight strongly "suggests" that she "go with" Sir Vernon…

Herlews passes the daily Intrigue check…on the hunt, the local household knights can find me a nice serving girl, if I wish… it seems that "willing" serving girls are easy to acquire at this castle…

At the feast: we meet Sir Ederyn, Baron of Warcastle…Lord Devizes is presented with **Lady Llyalla** (Appearance 23, and that beats Eyrn)… Sir Valeris is Suspicious of Lady Llyalla… Herlews is not impressed by her… a local knight announces terrible news… a theft! And serving girl Eyrn is dragged in as the suspect… justice is passed to Lady Llyalla, who asks for her "thieving hand onto the table" and, with a **sadistic** look on her face, rams her eating fork through both Eyrn's hands! …

Lord Devizes stops us and thanks Sir Valeris and Vernon for providing a distraction to him for stopping him from stabbing Lady Llyalla…

Rides back to Sarum through the night…

Lord Devizes charges past Earl Roderick and into his office… after 30 seconds Earl Roderick calls us into his office for our opinions of her… no reports are positive… Roderick summons the Marsha and tells her to ride to Baron Ederyn with the message that he cannot attend his castle next year, with no "other reason given"… and tells her to gift the Baron his favorite 30£ charger…

Pecking order: duke, count, earl, viscount, baron, baronet, knight

Count Roderick tells Eyrn that she will serve in Sarum… Herlews waits for his reaction…

End of 482…

Roll checks… No family die…

Sir Vernon is caught having an affair with a noble woman…Count Roderick is displeased… Sir Vernon loses his armor and must do penance…his "powerful pagan jizz" (PPJ)…

Yearly event: **Enemy**, lower status, in household, they hate me, righteous animosity. It was the family of the jilted girl who had the "potential in-law" stand her up, but Herlews agreed to arrange a marriage elsewhere… So, her mom & dad are a bit pissed with me.

Sir Ciaran gets into a duel with **Lady Elaine**'s **brother**, because he tried to court Lady Elaine… **Sir Duro**, Lady Elaine's brother hates Sir Ciaran…

Herlews's goal: to become a **Marshal**. Needs to start talking to Marshal Elad.

Llud's Hall in Chute Forest 24 March 2023

David (Davidus), Gabriel (Ciaran), Jeremy (GM), Kris (Herlews), Reilyn (Valeris), Spencer (Vernon), Arthur Hood (Squire Cadell)

Salisbury's and Glevum's sheriff lives in Llud's Hall.

Easter Court at Castle at the SlipperyFord; where **King Uther will finally decide who Lady Ellen will marry!** We have the task of…

Young Ciaran has been given a white robe, put into a room and been told to pray…the Marshal brings squire Caedel over and pushes him towards Sir Vernon…

Marshal Elad makes Sir Herlews "Acting" Deputy Marshal, with the promise that the "Acting" will go away if Herlews can keep Sir Vernon and Squire Cadell in line.

Valeris: her father says…Vortigern was responsible for hiring a Pictish bodyguard…Constans murdered by Pictish bodyguard…a connection?…

Valeris: more from her parents…her grandfather helped get Aurelius and Uther onto the continent, after Constans was killed…her grandfather stayed behind, but helped get the "kids" out of Britain…

Ciaran's knighting ceremony:

Roderick tells us we're going to Easter Court at Castle at the Slippery Ford…

Sir Vernon has heard Sir Sulien referred to as "Sir Sullied."

Sir Valeris has heard that as King Bedegrain was dying and looked at Sir Sulien and said, "Sulien, may your name forever be tarnished, like the foulest muck upon the earth. From this day forth, your name shall be synonymous with disgrace, tainting all it touches. By my last breath, may thou be…..sullied!"

ON to Easter Feast at Castle at the Slippery Ford…we are punished with escorting the baggage trains to Slippery Ford…the baggage train contains Count Roderick's gifts to Uther to curry favor to marry Lady Ellen…

Ambushed at the border of Salisbury and Silchester by 2 knights and 15 Wotan-worshipping barbarians…Saxons! Hired by a masked man with silver and offer of riches… Sir Amig looks a little battle-crazed. Marshal Elad and Count Roderick snap Sir Herlews and Sir Vernon out of their battle-madness and ensuing melancholy…

Road to Castle at the Slippery Ford 31 March 2023

Kris (Sir Herlews), Arthur (Squire Cadell), David (Sir Davidus), Gabriel (Sir Ciaran), Jeremy (GM), Spencer (Sir Vernon), Reilyn (Sir Valeris)

After the ambush…Count Roderick pulls Marshal Elad and dresses her down…some of the servants were killed, and one woman kidnapped…Eyrn was knocked over pretty hard…the ambushers may have been less ruthless when charging through our peasants than usual, why?…the colors of the ambushing knights were colors from Silchester…**beware of Silchester at feast**…

Castle at the Slippery Ford

Count Roderick goes straight into the castle with Marshal Elad…there is a great commotion… Roderick is yelling at people for them not recognizing him…Sir Davidus and Sir Valeris treated for their wounds…Sir Herlews gains gossip (via Intrigue) for Valeris…gossip: **King Uther still yearns for the elected position of High Kingship**…**Valeris says Count Sulien was the rightful heir to Bedegrain**…Valeris and Vernon debate this last point…

Feast:

We're wearing Count Roderick's colors…something up with Sir Ciaran…Valeris, Davidus, Vernon, and Herlews seated at Blue Boar…brown table for Sir Ciaran…Sir Vernon and Davidus are rude and sit at the head of the table…**Herlews recognizes Sir Martinus and his wife Lady Rhianneth!…members of the royal court!**…1st course-fruit tarts; 2-roast crane; 3-glazed eggs; 4-beef marrow fritters; 5-roast baby seal; 6 (sweetness)-quinces stewed in wine… courses total…**Sir Bellias**, Captain of the King's Guard…**gossips Ladies Anne, Marigold & Harley** are sitting right across from Sir Herlews:

1. notice **Lady Rhianneth** is always a little late when moving away from **Prince Madoc**…
2. from the gossips: Oh my that strumpet Rhianneth making passes at Prince Madoc…her perfume enchants men, made by which…all women now aiming for Prince Madoc instead of King Uther…and more nasty stuff…**Lucius** (4-year old boy) and his aunt, **Baroness Pomponia**…full text:

   > "Oh my, have you been watching that strumpet **Rhianneth** making passes at **Prince Madoc**? " "I hear her perfume seduces anyone. It was made by a witch." "Well, she will have plenty of competition. It looks like half the ladies who were trying to bed the king have changed their targets now to the prince." "Yes, and who would have thought the baroness would push her way to the front of the king's line of seducers?" "No, she would never do that, she has dignity!" "Ha ha, even she would sell her dignity is she could save £1000 libra to buy her desire for Lucius' lands." "Ah, Lucius. Poor lad, losing his mother at childbirth and his father in combat. He is fortunate to have such a strong

aunt to care for him." "Poor? When he acquires his holdings he will be the wealthiest man in the kingdom!"

King Uther will gain money soon and will refurbish our fleet…and people have brought me gifts…**Sir Blains of Levcomagus**, cousin of **Sir Ulfius**…Sir Blains wants to marry **Lady Ellen**…and **Lady Ellen** comes into the hall…**Sir Roderick** stands up to say he is interested in **Lady Ellen** too!…Both Sir Blains and Roderick keep looking over their shoulders at Ellen, even while talking to King Uther…King Uther approaches the suitors, and his bodyguards follow… Roderick has presented the king with far more £ than Blains (high 100s of £)…the king lets down Sir Blains with a dilemma…and gives **Ellen to Roderick**!…Sir Blains takes it "well" and "congratulates" Count Roderick…

And now a wedding! Right now in the feast hall…Abbot John, Black Monk performs the ceremony…

Prince Madoc passes our table on the way out of the hall and **nods towards our table**.

Outside the hall with Prince Madoc…we look to the side of the path and see **Prince Madoc** with **Lady Rhianneth** having a conversation…the lady is saying, "I have a fire inside me that burns only for you"…Prince Madoc is trying to avoid her advances…she touches him and he avoids the touch…and says No…**Sir Martinus** comes out and confronts Prince Madoc…Sir Davidus Orates and end to the confrontation…**Sir Bellias** comes out and ends it…

A Duel…**Prince Madoc** should choose a champion but does not..

The Next Day: A Duel

They duel in the courtyard…shields break…Prince Madoc is seriously injured, but impales Sir Martinus…Sir Martinus spits up blood and falls… It is likely Prince Madoc will lose the use of his right arm… King Uther proclaims Prince Madoc innocent…

Sir Valeris approaches the new widow Lady Rhianneth…

Valeris says to keep an eye on Lady Rhianneth…Sir Herlews remarks that Prince Madoc nodded in the direction of our table…

We return to Salisbury with our new liege lady!

End of 483

Winter phase next game…experience rolls are LAST thing done in Winter Phase…

Reilyn, what did you forget to tell us?