



# FAR ISLES MEDIEVAL SOCIETY

## Persona Details 2008-2009

Please enter the details for your most important / most frequently used Persona under “**First Persona**”.

If you are re-joining the Society, you may tick the box marked “**the same as last year**”. If you want to change only some of your details, tick the box and then write any changes in the appropriate place. It would be helpful if you would **please indicate your first persona subgroup** (even if just ‘none’).

You can find an explanation of persona details on page 4 of this form. If you wish to change your persona details (or your real-life details) any time during the year, please inform the Secretary.

### **First Persona**

Same as last year

First Persona Name

Period / Lifestyle

Household / position (*if any*)

Subgroup (*see notes*)

Areas of interest (*see notes for codes*)

Titles, positions or orders held in the Far Isles (*if any*)

### **Second Persona (OPTIONAL)**

Same as last year

Second Persona Name

Period / Lifestyle

Household / position (*if any*)

Subgroup (*see notes*)

Areas of interest (*see notes for codes*)

Titles, positions or orders held in the Far Isles (*if any*)

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## Membership Application Form 2008-2009

**Please retain these notes for your own reference.**

**Membership types** are as follows:

- Full:** Full members receive all Society mailings, including the newsletter *Apples and Acorns* and the journal *Far Horizons*, may attend revels at members' rates and may vote in all Society elections and General Meetings.
- Associate:** Associate members do not receive mailings but may attend revels at members' rates and vote in all Society elections and General Meetings. This is ideal for a family or group of friends, where one person can register as a Full Member and receive the Society mailings to share with his/her associated members.
- Child Associate:** All members below the age of 16 shall be Child Associate Members - similar to Associate membership but not able to vote or hold any elected or appointed posts.
- "Fur Isles":** Pets, teddy bears and other non-humans may be enrolled either as Child Associate Members or as a second persona under your own name (if you have only one persona of your own). Note that they do not count towards subgroup numbers.
- Supporting:** Supporting membership is open to corporate and unincorporated associations. Receives one copy of all mailings and one representative may attend revels at members' rates. Has no voting rights and may not hold Society office, but may nominate Full or Associate members for elected posts at the discretion of High Council. May not belong to subgroups or special interest groups.
- Second Persona:** Optionally, a member may have a second persona. The second persona may belong to a different subgroup from the member's first persona. By the current rules, a second persona has no "real world" status (eg does not count toward subgroup numbers).

If this form is for a child under 16 years of age, it should be counter-signed by a parent or guardian.

### **Data Protection**

It is necessary for the Society to hold personal data relating to your membership of the Society. This information may be held on computer or as paper records. We will treat the information you supply to us with respect and will not divulge it to anyone outside the Society unless either you agree that we can, or it is necessary for us to do so (eg for legal reasons). The Society has a Data Protection Policy which can be found on our web site (<http://farisles.org> or <http://farisles.org.uk>), or the Secretary will be happy to supply a copy.

It is necessary for you to provide us with your legal name and address. All other details are optional. Note that Society officers (principally the Committee) will have access to the details you supply even if you have requested that they should not be included in the "Domesday Book". It may be necessary for us to hold a limited amount of "sensitive" data for your benefit (for example, booking forms for events usually ask whether you have any food allergies).

If you have any questions on this subject, please ask the Secretary. Useful information can also be found on the Information Commissioner's web site (<http://www.dataprotection.gov.uk>).

### **Note for New Members**

For the purposes of social interaction "in the medieval", Society members invent a "persona", which represents someone who could have existed in the Society's period (500-1603AD). Examples could be "a wealthy Renaissance Florentine widow" or "an escaped Viking slave". This gives you a useful cultural background, particularly as regards costume. See the following page for more details.

Unless you have already decided upon a persona name, period, lifestyle, subgroup, etc., please feel free to leave these sections blank. Members will be delighted to explain and offer you advice. You can add or change your persona details at any time (please tell the Secretary of any updates).

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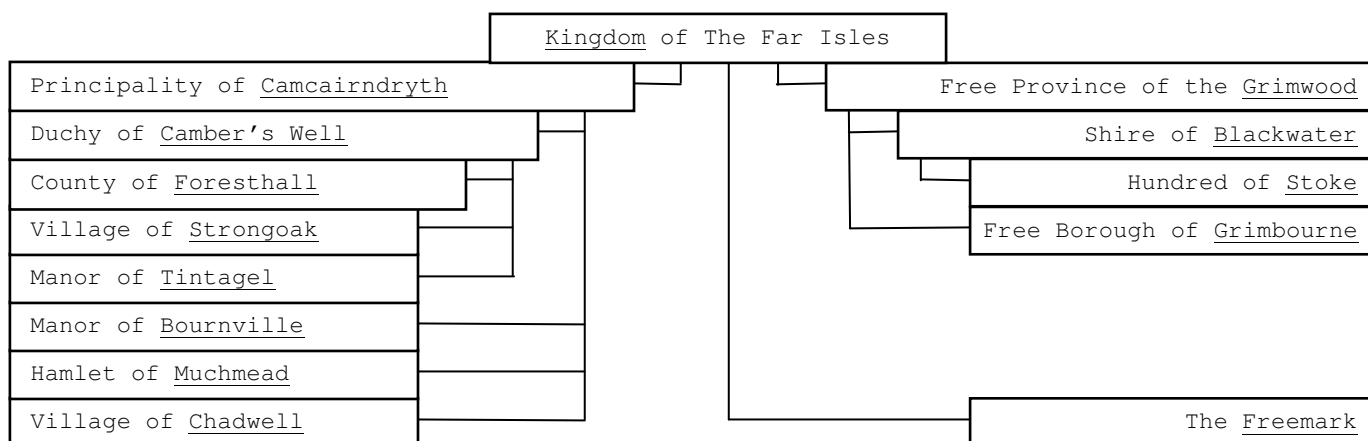
## Persona Details 2008-2009

**Persona Name:** This is the name by which your persona will be known. Your persona may not be named after a famous historic person (e.g. John of Gaunt) or fictional character (e.g. Rebecca of York). New members please note: your persona may not have a title such as Sir, Earl, Count, Duchess, Bishop, etc, as such titles are bestowed on a persona by the Monarch as a reward for services to the Society. Other titles such as Chancellor, Sheriff and Bailiff are reserved for Society officers.

**Period / Lifestyle:** This is the time period your persona is from, e.g. "1490s", and a short description of your character's background, e.g. "wealthy Florentine widow", "escaped Viking slave" or "ostler in noble household". Your persona's status may be anything from slave, serf or beggar up to minor (untitled) nobility.

**Household / position (if any):** Households are informal groups that have no official status. Membership is usually by invitation only. A persona may have a specific role in the household (e.g. Head, Castellan).

**Subgroups:** The Kingdom is divided into subgroups. The subgroups are shown below, along with their feudal structure. (If you are a member of the Shire of Blackwater, for example, you are also a member of the Free Province of the Grimwood and the Kingdom of the Far Isles.) Write the underlined subgroup name on your form, or just "none" if you are undecided (you will simply be a member of the Kingdom).



**Areas of Interest:** Please list your persona's interests using the codes below, or write any not listed.

The Society has many Special Interest Groups which help to teach or train members in the skill of that group. Group members may also research their subjects and produce articles for the Society's journal, *Far Horizons*. If you have two personas they can have different interests and they must progress up the Special Interest Groups ranking systems individually. Contact the head of the group ('Guildmaster') for more information.

A Acting & Drama	O Fighting – Rattan	b2 Needleworkers
B Archery	P Fighting – Steel – Freefighting	c2 Poetry
C Armouring	Q Florists	d2 Servitors and Scullions
D Arranging Events	R Games Players and Crafters	e2 Singing
E Bards	S Garb & Costume	f2 Storytelling
F Beadworkers	T Heraldry	g2 University – Philosophy
G Brewing	U Herbalists, Healers and Chirurgeons	h2 University – Medieval Sciences
H Calligraphy	V Incendiaries	i2 University – Theology
I Cartography and Navigation	W Knitters	j2 University – Courtly Love
K Cooking	X Lacemaking	k2 Inquirers
L Crochetwork	Y University – Legal Studies	ℓ2 Carpentry, Horn and Bone Working
M Dancing	Z Leatherworkers	m2 Glassworkers
N Dyeing, Spinning and Weaving	a2 Music	n2 Potters
		o2 Fighting – Steel – Trialfighting

**Titles, positions or orders held in the Far Isles:** This section is for existing members of the Society to list any titles or posts they hold or orders they belong to. Also, please list any senior levels of rank ("Journeyman" and above) earned in any Special Interest Groups, and any martial (fighter/archer) belts held.