

SOMERY



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DEAR READER.

This book is intended for the traveller in that special world called Imagination. Some would say that Somery does not exist. That is true, in the same sense that Middle-Earth, Utopia and Hogwarts do not exist. But still, to some people, when reading the books, those places may feel as complex and vivid as if they actually did exist. To me Somery is such a place, even if it is merely there in my head. I see it as a tool for my imagination; a trigger for my creativity.

Why, I still hear some of you ask, do grown up men spend hours on something that might seem so meaningless as creating imaginary countries? Well, you could ask the same question about many things. Why do people collect stamps? Why do people dress up as characters out of Tolkien's books? Why do people spend a whole weekend playing computer games on a network? We all get something back that makes us smile, and enjoy life.

SUNDRIES

HOW TO GET THERE

Somery has regular airline connections with a number of large cities. Most flights arrive at Sherthevear International Airhaven outside Sibury, or at Wimprish Lofthaven near Melster. If you travel by boat, you are most likely to arrive at Eamouth, Melster, or Sibury which are the most important harbours in the country. If you decide to arrive by land there are two main roads leading into Somery, one from Terra Extremis to the east, and one from the south, from Cimeria. There is also a road over a pass in the Angel Mountains. Apart from these there are naturally several smaller roads crossing the border. If you enjoy the train you are less lucky, but there are far-reaching plans for connecting the railway systems of Somery and neighbouring countries.

WHEN TO GO

Somery has in most areas a rather mild climate, which means not too hot summers, and not much snow in winter, apart from the Angel Mountains area, and to a certain degree the Rimn Hills, which would be your destination if you are into winter sports. Naturally the climate tends to be somewhat cooler in the northern parts of the country. This means that virtually any time of the year is a good time to go.

The Dellswyshire Dawes in the Angel Mts and Rowry Dene in the Rimn Hills are excellent for skiing in winter, but also for hiking and mountaineering during the summer season. Contact your local travel agency to get more thorough information on when to go where.

There is also a number of cultural events throughout the year what may be worth giving some attention.

EMBASSIES

Somery has diplomatic relations with a number of countries and most embassies are located within the ward of The

Close in central Sibury, in *Erndwick Hamlet*. Telephone numbers and addresses for these are easily found in phone books.

BANKS AND EXCHANGING OF CURRENCY

Opening hours vary, but usually banks are open from 9:30 to 15:00, Monday to Friday, with one day (or in rare cases two days) a week open until 17:30. In the larger cities they tend to have extended opening hours but do not take this for granted.

Exchange offices do more commonly follow this trend. So called 'cash machines', in Somery usually marked '*Breightomfee*', are common in all larger cities and most towns of some size. Here you can use a number of major credit cards. Many hotels also exchange foreign currencies and cash traveller's cheques but usually at a less favourable rate. Do not forget your passport when you intend to exchange money.

The Somerish currency is commonly known to be a tricky one before you get used to it. Basically 1 Somerish rose is 40 pennies. Other terms that pop up are really the names of various coins, a 'coren' being half a rose (20 pennies), a 'ferthing' a quarter (10), and a 'teithe' a tenth (4). Added to this is the 'bannock' which is a quarter of a penny, which means you need 160 of those to make a rose.

GETTING AROUND: DRIVING

As a foreigner to drive in Somery you need a valid driving licence, a certificate of registration for your car, a nationality sign and a red warning triangle. You also need a third party liability insurance.

Driving without a safety belt is illegal, both in the front seats and the back. Drinking and driving is strictly forbidden and can cause, apart from spending time in jail, expulsion for a number of years.

Speed limits are generally 50 kmph (ca 30 mph) in populated areas, 70 (ca 45) or 90 (ca 55) on country roads and 110 (ca 68) on motorways, which are usually so called 'link roads'.

Naturally it's good to know the local road signs.

GETTING AROUND: GOING BY BUS AND TRAIN

Somery has an extensive public transport system and it is possible to get almost anywhere in the country by train or bus. For a foreigner there are several options with so called 'howeless shrithers' (carefree movers), which can give you e.g. unlimited travel at an affordable price on most trains and buses for a period of 8 or 15 consecutive days, or 15 travelling days in a month, etc. Contact your local train ticket office for more information.

WEAPONS

The Somerish weapon laws are very strict. For the possession and use of any kind of gun (air-rifles excluded, although you do need a permit to use them within populated areas) you need a licence. The carrying of a gun in a public place is only allowed for the Lathe Warden on duty.

At all times, when a gun is not used for hunting or at sport events or the practice for such, it must be locked away in an legally approved locker.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS

The possession and use of all drugs apart from alcohol and tobacco are illegal, apart from such drugs that are prescribed for documented illnesses. The possession and use of alcohol and tobacco are restricted to adults, i.e. those who are at least 18 years old. Note that smoking is not allowed in most public buildings, restaurants, shopping malls etc.

The Somerish alcohol culture spells 'temperance' and drinking alcohol let alone getting drunk during a working week is considered very bad taste. If you should bump into a drunk person, it's most likely a foreigner, and probably heading for jail before long, to sleep it off.

BEACHES

The beaches are not exactly what Somery is famous for, even though there are quite a few nice ones, the most popular being the ones along the Dunes coastline in Morentwyshire, and around Townen and Meaham on the east coast.

NIGHT LIFE

If you're looking to get pissed and dance your arse off, Somery is most likely not the place for you, but if you're into enjoying a late night at a cozy 'cotshirt' (jazz) club, you might find what you want among the music clubs of Sibury and Melster.

ART AND CULTURE

Now, this is probably Somery's strongest card, with several theatres, concert houses, and art galleries all over the country, not to mention the abundance of regular music events throughout the year, culminating at the Allsomerish Whit Kirthfair in Sibury at the beginning of June.

Those who are into architecture will find lots to look at, of which one of the highlights is the historical centre of Willowbury, with its wellpreserved streets lined with half-timbered houses, and

the stone buildings, including the old theyn hall, from the VIth - Vth century AP, in Prydwirth.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Skiing is best in Dellswyshire Dawes in the Angel Mountains, and in Rowry Dene in the Rimn Hills. Mountaineering can also be enjoyed in these same places during the warm season.

Boating on the canals of Shireddin Wetlands and Avillion Evens, and sailing in the archipelagoes of Melynion (around Isle of Milne) and Orcadion (Orchid Islands) are activities enjoyed by thousands.

Willset Moors to the north have plenty of hiking trails, and those that way inclined should also try the Lancreigh Shoreline National Park, with dramatic trails along an ironbound coast.

THE NATIVES

The Somerish may seem shy and cold at first, but once you get beneath the surface you will find a very kind and hospitable people, especially if you visit one of the music events.

MOREOVER

In July practically the whole of Somery is at a standstill since most industries close for four consecutive weeks although there are slight variations. People in the cities travel to the coasts and their countryside houses to rest, and the tourist attractions are frequented by people from all over the country as well as foreign tourists who are now starting to discover the gently attractive pleasant-

ness of the low pace of the warm season in the Summery Lands.

May can offer nice sunny weather and in spite of temporary lack of cloudless skies and the occasional showers, which are ensuring the wellknown greenness of the Somerish dales and hills, swim-friendly weather is far from uncommon. So, don't hesitate, book a week or two in any one of the pleasant seaside resorts, such attractive waterfront gems as Townen, Meaham, Sundmere, Shester ans Silchton-on-the-Dunes.

If you're into boating you will enjoy excellent sailing in Melynion and Orcadion archipelagos. Contact the Milnish Wilseylendwick (Sailing Tourist office) in Colme, Hatherwick, or Coverbyn, or the Orcadish Wilseylendwick in Sherminny or Dawvellis for more information.

Walking can be enjoyed also on several locations. We recommend the Lancreigh Shoreline Pathway with its ironbound coast and breath-taking sights, the Moorland Pathways of southern Shirleith (Branmoor Hills, Coymoor Wolds, and Willset Moors) with their heatherclad slopes, and the wealth of footpaths of North Melstershire. The Wilferrendwicks (tourist offices) in Archill, Stambeigh and Simouth can give extensive information on maps, available cabins for accomodation, and camp sites in the areas.

Other suggestions and more information can be obtained through

The Somerish Rede of Wilfore (SRW)
(The Somerish Tourist Council)
34, Willows High Str.
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ANNUAL EVENTS

ALLSOMERISH WHIT KIRTH FAIR *Sibury, early June*

Of all the music festivals in Somery, or *kirthfairs* as the Somerish call them, this is the most prestigious one, and also a springboard from relative anonymity to nationwide fame. Several of the most popular artists in Somery, like Annideigh Carra and The Mirth have made their breakthrough during this festival. The styles of music performed during the week range from classical over traditional folk to contemporary pop music.



DWIMMERDELL DREAM FRELS *(Dwimmerdell Music Festival)* *Swanbury, Cornantshire, July*

This is one of the most famous pop and rock festivals in Somery, and this year it features, among others, Derwent Donyon, Men in Plaid, and Annideigh Carra. The festival area is situated not far from the banks of Lake Ishill. This is a perfect opportunity to get a broad selection of what Somerish pop and rock music of today has to offer.

EWSTETH EFTNEWING FRELS *(Ewsteth 'Renaissance' Festival)* *Ewsteth, Ewst, around July 22*

Where would a festival dedicated to the history of Somery be celebrated if not in Ewsteth where this country once was formed. People, locals and many tourists alike, dress up in characteristic clothes of the period, and music of the time can be heard all over town during the festival. If you don't have any clothes typical of Somery at the beginning of the new era such clothes can be hired in several shops.

YELLET DENE KIRTH AND LEITH FAIR *(Yellet Dene Folk Music and Poetry Fair)* *Skeith, Emmerset, Late July*

This is one of the most popular music events of the summer season. It is dedicated to Somerish folk music and poetry, featuring published poets as well as amateurs. Apart from the official performances you will find dozens of amateur musicians playing together, enjoying and communicating the language of the music deeply rooted in old Somerish tradition, still in constant development.

MICHEL MODEN BLOSSOM FRELS *(Michel Moden Flower Festival)* *Michel Moden, Ombridgeshire,* *Early August*

Flower Festivals are in no way uncommon in Somery, but few people celebrate it with such enthusiasm as the villagers of Michel Moden. Florists from all over the shire participate in the flower parade, and the festivities are concluded with impressive fireworks.

WIELDSWORD WAVER- SEEN FRELS *(Wieldsword Theatre Festival)*

Melster, Melstershire, early August

Enjoy the plays written by Shurrill Wieldsword, the most famous Somerish playwright ever, during a week in early August. Among his works the following can be seen, both in Somerish, and, at a limited number of performances, in Ingallish, 'The Great Departure', 'Druig Wurrend', 'The Eleventh Thane of Mar', and 'Three Crowns & Three Roses'.

THREE DEANS QUIRE FRELS *(Three Deans Choir Festival)* *Dunne Eaden, Bramleighshire,* *mid August*

The three cities of Bramleigh, Dunster and Dunne Eaden alternates as host for this annual festival dedicated to choir music, old and new, a cappella and with orchestra. This part of lathe Lynnest, known as *the Deans*, is famous for its choral music and originally only local choirs were allowed to participate, but in the last three decades choirs from all over Somery have been welcome. The invitation of foreign choirs is currently being discussed and next year's event (303), taking place in Bramleigh, may very well feature the first participation of a foreign choir in the festival.

WEDNESBURY QUICK TIVERING FRELS *(Wednesbury Film Festival)* *Wednesbury, Winstershire, late August*

See the newest commercial films, meet the actors on premiers, enjoy independent movies, and laugh at the latest turkeys. How a film festival in an insignificant mid size town like Wednesbury has managed to get such a reputation and nationwide respect remains a riddle, but somehow they have pulled it off. Mingle with the movie makers and see the stars of the screen in the flesh, and maybe even see a movie.

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

- JANUARY 1 NEWE YEARES DAY
Welcoming the new year.
- JANUARY 2 TWELFTE DAY YULES
The last day of the Yule celebration.
- MARCH 22 LENTES EMNIGHT
Celebrating the coming of Spring, a holiday of Hope.
- MAY 1 MAYFAIR
Celebrated on the eve (Mayfair Eaven) before with bonfires, and on the day itself with parades and marching bands.
- 1ST SUNDAY AFTER JUNE 1 WHITEFAIR
The big Music Holiday of the year. The Allsomerish Whit Kirthfair in Sibury lasts a full week starting with this day.
- JUNE 22 HEIGH LEAME (MIDSUMMER)
This may be the biggest holiday in Somery. It dates back centuries and is deeply rooted in Somerish traditions. Midsummer poles are raised, covered with leaves and decorated with flower wreaths. Lots of music and round dancing. The day before Heigh Leame is known as Leame Eaven.
- JULY 22 ANNESS DAY
A holiday commemorating the union of the Somerish Lathes.
- AUGUST 1 LOMASFAIR
A holiday celebrating the loaves of bread baked from the first ripe corn.
- LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST AFTSUMMER MONDAY
This day was added to compensate for the lack of holidays during this time of the year.
- SEPTEMBER 22 HARVESTES EMNIGHT
A holiday of gratitude, for the harvest and the warm season.
- SEPTEMBER 29 MICHELFAIR
This is the big fair holiday, with fairs all through the week.

- NOVEMBER 1 ALLSOWLES (OBNEIDION)
A remembrance day for all the people who have died during the year. Lanterns with candles are lit on the graves of loved ones.
- NOVEMBER 18 FOLKSDAY
The most recently added holiday, commemorating the day of Somerish independence, on this day, in the year 300.
- DECEMBER 22 FORME DAY YULES
The holiday of good food, and gifts, usually distributed by someone dressed up with a goat mask with beard and horns, as the *Yule Buck*. Yule as a holiday lasts from 22nd of December to 2nd of January, although only the first 3 days (First day, Other Day, and Third day of Yule), and New Year's Day and Twelfth Day are officially non-working days. Industries and companies are usually run at a low pace in between, though.

All these holidays are national flag days.

SOMERISH MONTH NAMES

January	Midwinter*
February	Aftwinter
March	Erelent <i>or</i> Erespring
April	Lent <i>or</i> Midspring
May	Blossom
June	Leame
July	Summer
August	Aftsummer
September	Harvest
October	Werne
November	Rime
December	Foreyule/Yuletide**

* The first day of Midwinter (New Year's Day) is sometimes referred to as the Twelfth Eaven, and the Twelfth Day of Yule is also known as the 2nd of Midwinter.

** The period 1 - 21 of December is commonly known as Foreyule, and the period 22 of December to 2nd of January as Yule(tide). Officially New Year's Eaven is the 10th of Yule(tide), and New Year's Day is the 1st of Midwinter. Weekdays have their traditional Ingallish names, except Saturday which is called Suneaven. The four seasons are Spring (also called Lent or Foreyear), Summer, Aftyear or Harvest, and Winter.

GOVERNMENT



NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Somery has a parliamentary government. The legislative body is The House of Elders or The Eldership, elected by the people by proportional representation.

The chairman of the Eldership is the Speaker, who, in accordance with results of the elections, appoints the Reeve, who is the leader of the country and who in turn appoints the Maistership, and Ambassadors. In his temporary absence the Speaker is deputy Reeve. The inner circle of the administration is called The Maistership.

The local government is maintained by the Shires.

THE HOUSE OF ELDERS

The House of Elders is the legislative body of Somery. It is elected through proportional representation. This means, in simple terms, that a party that gets e.g. 40% of the votes gets 40% of the seats in the House, although the reality is more complicated than that. The lower limit for a party to enter the House is 4%, to prevent a myriad of small parties in the House.

There are 349 seats in the House, 310 of which are distributed according to the population of the constituencies, and 39 extra seats to compensate a pos-

sible imbalance. Currently five parties or flocks are represented in the House.

THE FLOCKS

The parties or *flocks* as they are called in this country, that are represented in the House after the latest election in 300, are the following:

WRIGHTS (W)

This is the biggest party in the country. Its leader, currently Coleridge Earts Willish, is also the leader of the Maistership and therefore Reeve of Somery.

(w) wants a mixed economy of free enterprise as well as governmental influence. Companies and activities vital to society, like nationwide communications, healthcare, and social security should be in the hands of the State. Full employment, careful use of natural resources, equally distributed prosperity, economical development and social security are important goals.

The party currently holds 157 seats in the House of Elders

NIGHTSTERS (N)

(n) wants less influence from the State, and more autonomy to local government units. Freedom and security in a healthy environment, and a responsibility for coming generations are of im-

portance, as well as equality, solidarity and private ownership.

The current leader is Mawdlys Awvish.

56 seats in the House are currently held by (n).

KEEPSTERS (K)

Freedom is an important concept for (k), as well as individuality. The family is the institution on which society is built. Free enterprise should exist with as little governmental influence as possible, including healthcare, communications and social security. Taxes should be lowered to a minimum. (k) is also for a common market in an economic union with neighbouring countries, especially those of the former Albion-Merité.

The current leader is Shorill Maisher. (k) holds 31 seats in the House.

FOLKWEAL (FW)

(fw) could be described as a more radical version of (w), with more governmental influence, and a development towards complete removal of social classes, through redistribution of wealth and income between classes and between sexes. The initially revolutionary aspect of the changing of the social structure has in the course of time been replaced by one of gradual development.

The current leader is Ronys Clowther.

21 seats in the House are held by the party.

FREESTERS (F)

A free economy with responsibility for the weak and poor, equality between the sexes, and the importance of freedom and equal rights for all are central ideas for (f). Political solutions should be flexible in accordance with the problems involved.

The current leader is Loryn Cairlowe.

The party currently holds 83 seats in the House.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SHIRES

Somery is divided into 25 shires, each having a certain degree of autonomy, mostly when it comes to economy.

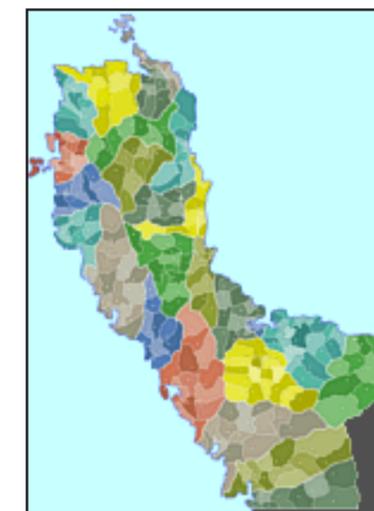
0. Siburyshire
1. Crownburyshire
2. Nether Avonshire
3. Dellswyshire
4. Suthershire
5. Ledgwickshire
6. Elvery
7. Upper Avonshire
8. Lynnestshire
9. Bramleighshire
10. Campshire
11. Marthenshire
12. Washfordshire
13. Sireset
14. Cornantshire
15. Morentwyshire
16. Willset

17. Farnset & Orchid Is.
18. Melstershire
19. Ombridgeshire
20. Emmerset
21. Erset
22. Ewst
23. Willowburyshire
24. Winstershire



BOROUGHES AND HUNDREDS

The shires are divided into a total of 309 administrative units of which 265 are hundreds, and 44 are boroughs. The hundreds are in their turn divided into towns and sokes, and the boroughs into wards.



GEOGRAPHY

The Shires of Somery occupy the northwestern peninsula of the Old Continent, i.e. the land west of longitude 15° E and north of latitude 27° N with the exception of the land east of the ridge of what in Somery is known as the Angel Mts. What is now the independent state of Somery was during a thirteen year interval a part of the province of Wesmeria of Merité. The country borders to the south on the Principality of Cimera, formerly a part of Eichensehria, and to the east on the part of the former province of Wesmeria which, after having been under Christianan administration, is now the independent state of Wesmerite; and Terra Extremis which is administered by the Directorate of Draconia. The longest distance from east to west is 1350 km (839 mi), and from north to south 1585 km (985 mi).

Topographically Somery has a rather varied landscape, e.g. the mountainous borderlands of the Angel Mountains to the southeast; the wide valleys of rivers like Elven and Avon; the partly forested Weald, where Michelweald is the largest continuous woodland; the rolling Lynnest Wolds with quaint little dales; the hilly regions of Rimn Hills and Branmoor Hills; the beautifully set lakes of the Shirdover Lakeland; the moorlands of Willset; the wetlands of Shireddin; the coastal lowlands of Crownburyshire; the flatlands of Wednesbury Emnet, and Holbury Emnet; and the stretches of iron-bound coastlines of the West coast.

Rivers include Lynne, 499 km; Omma, 457 km; Avon, 381 km; Wenden, 362 km; Elven, 327 km; Cam, 285 km. The largest lake is Michelmere, Erset, 302 sq.km. Others include Lake Linneigh, Cornantshire, 165 sq.km;

Coywater, Emmerset, 165 sq.km; Blackmere, Erset, 161 sq.km; Lake Ishill, Cornantshire, 152 sq.km; and Brillwater, Ombridgeshire, 141 sq.km. Isle of Milne, Sireset, is the biggest island, covering 1,027 sq.km. The Orchid Islands include Isle of Inwirth, 753 sq.km, Isle of Ennowe, 394 sq.km, and Isle of Inglas, 325 sq.km.

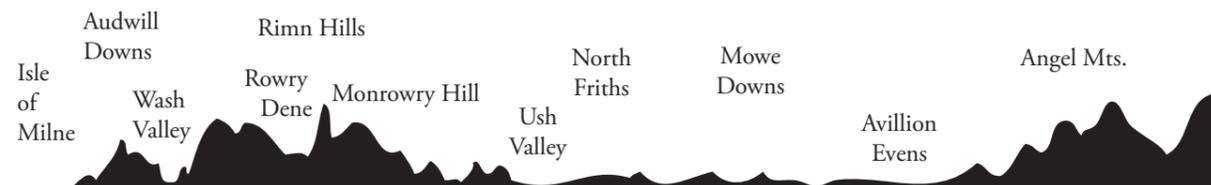
The map below shows a common way

of dividing Somery into regions.

- I. Daylowe & Northlands
- II. Shirdover & Eastlands
- III. Mar & Camden
- IV. Midlands
- V. Heartlands
- VI. Troy & Southlands



CROSS SECTION OF SOMERY FROM THE ISLE OF MILNE TO THE ANGEL MTS.



PHYSICAL MAP



THE SHIRES

BRAMLEIGHSHIRE

Area: 18,251 sq.km (15)
Approx. pop. 735,000 (18)
Pop.density: 40/sq.km (15)
Shire seat: Bramleigh
Mail code: BR
Motto: Cyfoethog pob dedwydd
(Wealthy are the happy)

The shire lies in the northern part of lathe Lynnest and covers the two valleys of the rivers Dunne and Whill, separated by the gently rolling uplands of the Warrow Downs. Part of Michelweald covers the eastern part. The Dunstith Downs, to the west, form part of the boundary against Campshire.

Three old districts or deans make up the present shire, Dunne Netherdean (basically the Dunne valley south of Overgreen Wold), Dunne Overdean (the upper Dunne valley), and Whilden (centred in the valley of the river Whill). These deans were over the years in varying degrees connected to lathe Lynnest but when the great shire reform came to be they formed a shire of their own.

The shire is famous for the Three Deans Quire Frels, an annual choir festival, with Bramleigh, Dunster, and Dunne Eaden taking turns as host.

CAMPSHIRE

Area: 38,821 sq.km (3)
Approx. pop. 1,200,000 (9)
Pop.density: 31/sq.km (21)
Shire seat: Campton
Mail code: CA
Motto: Amare non bellum inferre
(To make love, not war)

The shire covers the part of lathe Mar called Camden Mar, i.e. the valleys of the rivers Cam and Dewre, both flowing into the Mordewre Bay. The thane of Mar had his court in Marthen, which is in today's Marthenshire, while Camden Mar was ruled on his behalf by a stead thane seated in Campton.

The eastern and northern boundaries are formed by the ridges of the

Rimn Hills, which boast with some of the highest hills north of the Angel Mts, crowned by Monrowry Hill in Hundred Rowry. Being the highest peak of the Rimn Hills it contributes to the northern part of the shire being a mountainous inland. For those interested in skiing the Rimn Hills may be a cheaper alternative to the sometimes overcrowded Dellswyshire Dawes, although snowfall can be fickle.

CORNANTSHIRE

Area: 15,814 sq.km (18)
Approx. pop. 600,000 (23)
Pop.density: 38/sq.km (16)
Shire seat: Cornant
Mail code: CO
Motto: Cornu Copiae

The shire, being the northern part of lathe Daylowe is dominated by Dwimmerdell, i.e. the valley of the river Cornant. In the valley there are two big lakes, Ishill, and Linneigh, and about halfway between them lie the Dwimmer Falls, Somery's biggest, if not highest, waterfall. Brightlith Downs, forming the shire's northern border, have a rather dramatic end in the cape of Brightlith Gore. In the south lies the rather sparsely populated Widden Uplands.

The town of Swanbury is famous for the Dwimmerdell Dream Frels in July. This is one of the most famous pop and rock festivals in Somery.

CROWNBURYSHIRE

Area: 18,782 sq.km (13)
Approx. pop. 1,600,000 (6)
Pop.density: 85/sq.km (4)
Shire seat: Crownbury
Mail code: CR
Motto: Crowned art thou mongst shires

The shire occupies the northwestern part of lathe Avillion and the Mowe Valley in Sutherewland. The Mowe Downs mark the old boundary between the lathes. Crownbury was the capital of

Somery for a few years after the union in 2 AP, before it was moved to Sibury. Much of the population is concentrated to the Crownbury and Stillham areas, being the outskirts of the Sibury Metropolitan Area.

DELLSWYSHIRE

Area: 32,644 sq.km (7)
Approx. pop. 730,000 (19)
Pop.density: 22/sq.km (25)
Shire seat: Dellswy
Mail code: DE
Motto: Ken the Hills

The shire, geographically identical to lathe Norther Troy, is to the greater part covered and enclosed by the Angel Mountains, and thus featuring the most mountainous region in the country, known as the Dellswyshire Dawes. This is the winter sport centre of the country and also the home of the best Somerish skiers. Ternham, Hd. Highdawe has bred both Sanx 301 Vex Games bronze medallist Oshean Willern, and gold medallist Cannard Sedgwaugh, and Perwy Elish, bronze medallist in Nordic skiing has his origin in the neighbouring town of Ewich-upon-Frothe. All the members of the VexGames female ski jump team are from Hd. Wendawe.

The most famous winter resort is the Silver Tree Winter Spa in Highdawe. Also in summer the shire offers plenty of recreation, including walking and mountaineering. The larger part of the population is found in the northern half of the shire, around Dellswy, and to some extent along the rivers Dillys and Wen.



ELVERY

Area: 41,847 sq.km (1)
Approx. pop. 2,000,000 (5)
Pop.density: 48/sq.km (13)
Shire seat: Eamouth
Mail code: EL
Motto: Naye deem by bare onseen

The shire basically covers the valleys of the river Elven and its tributary Siona, i.e. the northern parts of lathes Elvery and Suther Troy, and the valley of Myle. The metropolitan area of Eamouth, including the boroughs of Freywoold and Milldale, is the third in size of population in the country.

Elvery now is, together with the shires of lathe Avillion, the centre of Somerish agriculture, but also has successful industries, like Morlett Automotive in Thirsfield. Eamouth is also Somery's most important harbour on the west coast.

EMMERSET

Area: 21,771 sq.km (11)
Approx. pop. 765,000 (16)
Pop.density: 35/sq.km (18)
Shire seat: Skeith
Mail code: EM
Motto: Share the burthen

The shire covers the southern part of lathe Shirdover. The north features the valley of river Emmer, while the south is dominated by the outskirts of the Rimn Hills. Much of the population is concentrated around the shire seat of Skeith along the broadening of the Emmer valley, Yellet Dene.

Yellet Dene Kirth & Leith Fair which is held every year in Skeith, in late July, is one of the most popular music events of the summer season. It is dedicated to Somerish folk music and poetry, featuring published poets as well as amateurs.

ERSET

Area: 16,551 sq.km (16)
Approx. pop. 620,000 (22)
Pop.density: 37/sq.km (17)
Shire seat: Prydwirth
Mail code: ER
Motto: Penderfyniad arthes
(The determination of a she-bear)

The shire covers the central part of lathe Northerewland. Prydwirth, the old

capital of the lathe, is a beautiful town, with several historical buildings, representing virtually all styles and ages. The wellpreserved ancient thane hall is well worth a visit.

The river Ere, from which the shire has its name, runs through it. It is the outlet of Mitchelmere, the largest lake in Somery. Another of the largest lakes, Blackmere, also lies within the shire.

EWST

Area: 12,547 sq.km (21)
Approx. pop. 1,000,000 (11)
Pop.density: 80/sq.km (7)
Shire seat: Ewmouth
Mail code: EW
Motto: Naye mo atweyn
(Never again apart)

The shire is situated along the old boundary between the lathes of Northerewland and Sutherewland, following river Ewe, covering basically its valley, and the coastal area around the Bay of Serneway. The shire's long beaches are big tourist attractions, with several seaside resorts, mainly between Meaham and Ewmouth.

River Ewe has for a long time been an important border, and its valley was once one of the most fortified in the country. Rows of forts at regular intervals can still be seen on both banks of the river.

Ewsteth Bridge, a few miles north of Solley, is the place where the Ewsteth Writ was signed in 5 BP by the first three lathes, and also where the final Fullock Writ was signed seven years later, in 2 AP, when all twelve lathes had signed the treaty, and a united Somery was a fact.

FARNSET & ORCHID IS

Area: 6,253 sq.km (24)
(Isle of Inglas 325
Isle of Ennowe 394
Isle of Inwirth 753)
Approx. pop. 450,000 (25)
Pop.density: 72/sq.km (9)
Shire seat: Perthy
Mail code: FO
Motto: Navigare necesse est

The shire covers the old lathe of Farnset, i.e. basically the Malgarian Peninsula, down to, and including, the Hiddle and

Enna valleys, and the Orchid Islands. The archipelago around the five larger islands, Orcadion, consists of hundreds of islands of various sizes and is popular for sailing. Seals are common both in the waters around the islands and around Malgary.

LEDGWICKSHIRE

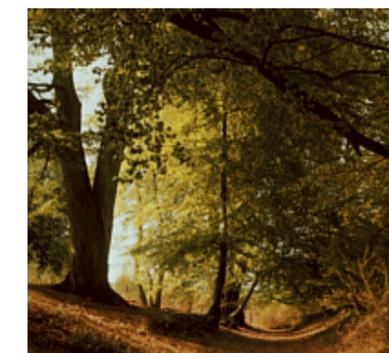
Area: 36,676 sq.km (5)
Approx. pop. 950,000 (14)
Pop.density: 26/sq.km (22)
Shire seat: Ledgwick
Mail code: LE
Motto: Sutherfold thou sunderly stow

The shire, covering the middle parts of lathes Elvery and Suther Troy, features three regions: the fertile lowlands of the Holbury Emnet to the west, where also the majority of the population is found, going eastward followed by the Suther Troydian Uplands which to the east meet the Angel Mountains.

LYNNESTSHIRE

Area: 39,682 sq.km (2)
Approx. pop. 1,000,000 (12)
Pop.density: 25/sq.km (23)
Shire seat: Lynnest
Mail code: LY
Motto: E multis arboribus silva
(Out of many trees a forest)

The shire, occupying the southern two thirds of lathe Lynnest, a region known as True Lynnest, plus Hundred Troswy in lathe Elvery is dominated by the Lynne valley and Tulldover Bay. To the west lies one of the quaintest parts of the Somerish countryside, the Lynnest Wolds, an area of rolling hills and small villages. Even the comparatively large towns of Ackridge and Dovery still retain their small town character, and the gently rolling hills and the valleys in between are



scattered with towns and hamlets that on the outside look very much the same as they have for centuries.

Where the hills rise on the east side of the river Lynne lies Michelweald, the largest woodland area in the country, covering most of northern and western parts of the shire, extending into the bordering shires. A large part of the woodlands are set aside as the Michelweald National Woodland Park. It contains botanically interesting areas of primeval forest.

MARTHENSHIRE

Area: 15,035 sq.km (19)
Approx. pop. 1,200,000 (8)
Pop.density: 80/sq.km (5)
Shire seat: Marthen
Mail code: MA
Motto: Tueor salutem meam

The shire is made up of the heartland of lathe Mar. Most of the population can be found in the Mar and Dwill valleys. The area is quite hilly, especially in the east where the Rimn Hills dominate. The shire has one of the most dramatic shorelines in the country, and the Lancreigh Shoreline National Park Trail between Twillingham and Perwyn, in Campshire, offers a walk with unforgettable and breathtaking sights.



MELSTERSHIRE

Area: 18,487 sq.km (14)
Approx. pop. 2,200,000 (4)
Pop.density: 119/sq.km (2)
Shire seat: Melster
Mail code: ME
Motto: Omnia in grano

The shire covers the northern part of lathe Northerewland. The natural centre is Melster, the second largest metropolitan district in the country. The larger part of the population is concentrated to this area, and also to some extent to the Ere valley in the south. In contrast to this northern Melstershire is rather

sparsely populated.

MORENTWYSHIRE

Area: 24,273 sq.km (10)
Approx.pop. 765,000 (17)
Pop.density: 32 (20)
Shire seat: Morentwy
Mail code: MO
Motto: Nunquam sine clave
(Never out of key)

The shire covers about two thirds of the old lathe Shirleith, of which Morentwy was the capital. A great deal of the population is concentrated to the lower parts of the Eddin and Entwy valleys.

The far south is dominated by the wide moors of Branmoor Hills. Shereddin Wetlands National Park is a marshland bird reserve centred at the estuary of the river Eddin. Parts of the wetlands have been drained and cultivated, with a network of canals. The Dunes in the northeast form a coastal lowland with long beaches.

NETHER AVONSHIRE

Area: 33,020 sq.km (6)
Approx. pop. 2,400,000 (2)
Pop.density: 73/sq.km (8)
Shire seat: Avonmouth
Mail code: NA
Motto: Hillborn Seabound

The shire is situated in eastern Avillion. It has three major regions; Avondale Emnet, i.e. the wide lower Avon valley to the west, which contains much of the population; the rolling Lockwin Downs, with its extension in the Mawkin Peninsula, to the northeast; and the mountainous outskirts of the Angel Mountains to the south.

OMBRIDGESHIRE

Area: 19,503 sq.km (12)
Approx. pop. 650,000 (21)
Pop.density: 33/sq.km (19)
Shire seat: Ombridge
Mail code: OM
Motto: Dwfr yw bywyd
(Water is life)

The shire covers the northern part of lathe Shirdover, i.e. the upper valley of the river Omma, and the Shirdover Lakeland. The uplands of the Omma-

downs in the south form the boundary against Emmerset).

The shire is known for being the last outpost of the Estron language. The supposedly last native speaker, Frithall Kimbethery, lived in Michel Moden, a few miles north of Momith, in the late second century. A campaign has been started by his grandson through the Estron League to try to revive the language in its modern form. The interest has been surprisingly big, and has contributed to a number of bilingual signposts on various locations in the old lathe of Shirdover (Ombridgeshire and



Emmeset).

SIBURYSHIRE

Area: 2,356 sq.km (25)
Approx. pop. 3,000,000 (1)
Pop.density: 1273/sq.km (1)
Shire seat: Sibury Town
Mail code: SY
Motto: Mind and muse wise thinen herte

Siburyshire lies in central Avillion. The shire consists of the major part of the metropolitan area of Sibury, the capital of Somery, thus its major cultural, economical and political centre. Among it's suburbs can be mentioned Tuton, where the most prestigious university in the country, Tuton House of Higher Lore, is situated.



SIRESET

Area: 12,230 sq.km (22)
Approx. pop. 975,000 (13)
Pop.density: 78/sq.km (6)
Shire seat: Strawton
Mail code: SI
Motto: Dyfodol o gorffennol

The shire is basically the heartland of lathe Daylowe, centred around Elfish Bay. Strawton, once the seat of the thane, forms a natural centre. The archipelago of Melynion, clustered around the Isle of Milne consists of hundreds of islands. To the east the land rises to form the Rimn Hills.

SUTHERSHIRE

Area: 26,154 sq.km (9)
Approx. pop. 600,000 (24)
Pop.density: 23/sq.km (24)
Shire seat: Sutherlea
Mail code: SU
Motto: Mind thee thy past

The shire is dominated by the Dill valley, forming the suthernmost parts of lathes Elvery and Suther Troy. The land rises in the east to meet the Angel Mountains. Near Highmond are the Edrannashan caves, with prehistoric paintings, thought to be at least 8,000 years old.

UPPER AVONSHIRE

Area: 37,979 sq.km (4)
Approx. pop. 2,400,000 (3)
Pop.density: 63/sq.km (10)
Shire seat: Bridglea
Mail code: UA
Motto: Cottidie unum malum

The shire occupies the southern part of lathe Avillion, being its old heartland.



The centre is made up of the Avillion Evens watered by the rivers Avon and Wren. This region is famous for its muist (pronounced moysht), i.e. apple cider. In the southeast the Avon takes its source in the Angel Mountains. Michelweald covers the hills of the western part of the shire, also known as the Lens.

WASHFORDSHIRE

Area: 16,218 sq.km (17)
Approx. pop. 800,000 (15)
Pop.density: 49/sq.km (12)
Shire seat: Washford
Mail code: WA
Motto: We are for aye soothfast to thee

The shire covers the northernmost part of lathe Mar, dominated by the Wash valley. Uplands like Audwill Downs to the north, Cloudy Downs to the east, and the Rimn Hills to the south form parts of its boundaries. This is something of a backwater part of Somery, with lazy little towns, perfect for the weary, away from the major tourist traps. In spite of not being swarmed with visitors the shire holds plenty to look at like quaint castles and manors, including Watchister Seld in Washford.

WILLOWBURYSHIRE

Area: 27,312 sq.km (8)
Approx. pop. 1,120,000 (10)
Pop.density: 41/sq.km (14)
Shire seat: Willowbury
Mail code: WB
Motto: Caer Helygen



The shire covers the upper valley of the river Weden, and that of its tributary the Ush. The area is quite hilly, rising in the west to join the Rimn Hills, and to the south lie the forested North Friths uplands, being a part of Michelweald. Wil-

lowbury, the shire-seat, was for periods of time the capital of lathe Sutherewland. The city's old centre, Eldertown, situated on a peninsula created by rivers Ush and Weden, shows a large number of spectacular half-timbered buildings.

WILLSET

Area: 10,939 sq.km (23)
Approx. pop. 650,000 (20)
Pop.density: 59/sq.km (11)
Shire seat: Tostrith
Mail code: WS
Motto: Volve me in trifolium

The shire covers about a third of lathe Shirleith. The Williver and Tor valleys dominate the northern part, while the heaths of the Coymoor Wolds cover the south. Most of the population is spread along the valleys and the Tostrith Bay. Close to Stambeigh stands one of the country's most noteworthy stone circles.

WINSTERSHIRE

Area: 14,847 sq.km (20)
Approx. pop. 1,500,000 (7)
Pop.density: 101 (3)
Shire seat: Winster
Mail code: WI
Motto: Weden is thy blee
(Blue is your colour)



The shire covers the central part of lathe Sutherewland, i.e. the lower Weden valley, the Wednesbury Emnet, and the Kenna valley. The Emnet dominates the terrain in the north, while the south, bordering on Lynnestshire, meets the hilly, forested North Friths of the Michelweald area. The coastline consists of long sandy beaches, with the exception of the Wedneslow Wold area which features low cliffs and pebbled shores.

THE ISLE OF MILNE

The Isle of Milne is situated off the northwest coast of Somery, in the shire of Sireset. Together with the isle of Thirnseigh and a great number of other small islands it forms the hundred of Milne, its seat being Colme, its largest town.

The main island covers ca 1,027 sq. kms, stretching ca 44 kms from east to west, and ca 53 kms from north to south.

The island is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Somery, but in spite of the invasion of visitors during the summer season the island seems to be able to swallow them all, and it's not unheard of to find plenty of spots unspoilt by tourists, and maybe even a small beach all to oneself.

The island is almost divided in two with only an isthmus, covered by the town of Colme, connecting them. The southern part, Thorse, has some lowlands, Barsum Deane, to the west but is mostly dominated by the hilly area of Thorse Downs to the south and southwest. Thorse also has the island's largest woodland area, Rownop Wode.

The northern part, Penglewyn, is considerably lower with a few hills, The Overland, to the west and an open plain, The Emnet, to the east. The north is more densely populated and most of the area is cultivated, while the south has quite a few moors and woods which may appeal to outdoor people.

There are nine NPAs (Nationally Protected Areas, with protective restrictions for visitors) worth attention on the island, among them the caves of Stancleves, the forest of Rownop Wode and Thorse Peaks. Below is a list of them and other places that may be worth a visit.

Barsum (D 5). While most towns on the island has a weekly market, none of them is as famous as that of Barsum. During the Michelfair week in late September it grows to be by far the most popular on the island and the Turrow Market, a gem in itself surrounded by old merchant houses, is crowded with people from all around. Contrary to

most markets the greater part of the goods offered is not a lot of junk, and it's not unlikely to make a find or two, particularly at the flea market in the Town Hall annex.

Colme (E 4) is without competition the largest town on the island, with a population of 20,000, and is consequently its commercial and administrative centre. Here is where most tourists arrive, by ferry or by air.

The town is quite old and has an almost intact town wall, and a noticeably regular street pattern which some would like to date back to before the arrival of the Summer clan.

The name is popularly believed to mean 'stone circle' (Es. 'cylch mean'), referring to the ancient stone circle in Culmean Green to the north of the town centre.

Not far outside the town, to the northwest, you find Craxholme Goar NPA.

Craxholme Goar NPA (C-D 4) just outside Colme is a popular place to go for the Colmers in their free time. The peninsula of Craxholme Goar is a combination of grasslands and cliffs ending in wetlands to the west, with plenty of birdwatching opportunities. Certain areas are further restricted during breeding season, late spring - early summer.

Downfareth (G 6) is best known for being near the Stancleves caves but holds a quaint small town charm of its own that is well worth discovering. Across the firth with a great view of the town lies Erlscather, a hill that is a well known landmark. Tales are told about the Erlqueen who, sitting on the hilltop, tries to lure sailors with her sweet song to run aground.

Ernewick neighm Sea (C 6) is the natural centre of the Bight of Sands area, which boasts some of the best beaches on the island. All along the seaside there is a great number of guesthouses to meet the invasion of guests in the summer. You can also find apartments to rent, with great views of the sea. If you are tired of basking in the sun and splashing in the waves you can always

make a trip to Withersands NPA and enjoy the birdlife.

Fixen Howe NPA (D 2). While the Penglewyn Overland mostly descends slowly northwards, Fixen Howe is a dramatic exception. It is like part of the slope has forgotten to continue downwards and then suddenly remembered. To the south the hill is gently rising to its summit while to the north it drops dramatically which offers a splendid view of the lower lands surrounding Foxton Hield to the north and the sea in the distance. It probably has gotten its name from the fact that foxes (*fixen* = female fox) are quite common in the area.

Goswolme (G 3) is the island's second town in size. Its most famous sight is the stationary tall ship Eithmarow in the harbour which serves as a hotel and youth hostel. It also has a popular marina, and is the start and finish of the Cullamellin Cup, which is among the most prestigious of sailing competitions in the country, claimed to be the oldest still held.

Mewme (G 3) is among those little towns whose population take pride in making their town centre green and blooming. As you walk along the streets you will find garden upon well tended garden, and late July people gather in the Town Eddish for the annual floral festival to enjoy each others efforts and maybe find something to add to their own green spot. The festival usually attracts a lot of people.

Milngor (A-B 7) is almost as far west as you can get in Somery, and, according to legend, this is where the Summer clan first went ashore. There is a monument in stone in the harbour commemorating this event. The plaque on the monument is engraved with the phrase "Into the Summer lands" in both Somerish ("In to tho someres land") and Classic Estron ("I meun i'n tiroedd ha-faidd").

Outerith NPA (I 8), a small islet about 500 m wide and 800 m long, situated about 5 km to the east of Sutherholm Aiths, is the breeding ground for thousands of various seabirds, like sea-

gulls, cormorants and puffins. There is a regular boat service from Meryot Sheat during the summer season, but visiting the island is further restricted during breeding season, late spring - early summer. Getting ashore can be complicated in rough weather since there is no natural harbour.

Rownop Wode NPA (E-F 5-6) is an area of partly quite dense deciduous woodlands, put aside to be protected, con-

taining oak, ash, hornbeam, hazel and hawthorn. A group of particularly old oaktrees are worthy of attention.

Stancleves NPA (F-G 6-7) is one of the few cave systems in the country that are at least partly accessible to the general public.

Myths have it that it's the home of the Erlfolk, and when man appeared and discovered the caves they just moved farther into the caves. If someone

by chance would find the secret passage to the inner caves they are, according to legend, certain never to be seen in this world again.

Sutherholm Aiths (H 8) have regular boat services from Downfareth, and also Meryot Sheat.

Thirstowe (D 6) is the biggest town of Thorse, and the island's third in size.



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PEOPLE & CULTURE

PEOPLE

Talking about the ethnicity of the people of Somery is futile. Over the centuries any people who has migrated here have soon found themselves assimilated to the native population. If you ask Somes about their ethnic background they will look at you, amused, and ask what on earth that has to do with anything. Maybe they will quote the old Somerish saying “*Folks been o’ tweyn kins, friends thu’ knowst, an’ friends thu’st yet ta mee-te’*”.

Seriously, the Somerish culture is a mainly a mix of the Estron, being the legendary original people living on the peninsula, and the Summer Clan from Christiana, who first colonized the Somerish peninsula about 1,500 years ago, and whose language was taken over by the Estron, adding their own spice to it, intermarrying with the Christianan settlers, mixing their own culture with theirs, until out of that mixture came a new culture, which could be categorized as nothing else than Somerish.

MUSIC

Music is possibly the essential part of life for the Somerish. You could easily say that music is the glue that keeps the Somerish society together. The so called kirthfairs, i.e. music festivals, are frequent and big events and during the Whitfair holiday people from all over the country come to Sibury to join in the biggest celebration of the year to music, The Allsomerish Whit Kirthfair.

FOLK MUSIC

Folk music is the core of the Somerish music. Virtually every kind of music written and performed in Somery has traces of the ancient musical tradition of the peninsula, going all the way back to before the first Christianan settlers arrived. The most popular instruments in Somerish folk music are flute, *cithern* (a lute-like instrument not to be confused with ‘zither’), harp (also known as gam-

monwood), *cruit* (a kind of violin, also called *fithele*) and *olderd* (double bass). The music is mainly pentatonic, often with a sadness woven into the gaiety of the tune and the dance tunes can be very captivating. Both pop and classical music in Somery owe a lot to the music that has its roots deeply buried in the folk tradition.

POP MUSIC

Pop music of Somerish origin is well-known and several groups and artists are working towards international breakthrough. Somery’s currently biggest pop/rock act is *The Mirth*. This group, based in Tull, Melstershire, plays a wellcrafted



mix of electrified rock and folk music with classical influences, of which the latter can be clearly seen by the fact that the set includes two celli, a violin, and flute/oboe, beside the traditional guitar, keyboards, bass and drums. A couple of concerts have been given with the Melster Philharmonic.

A more traditional set is represented by Strawtonian group *Derwent Dunyon* whose music is mainly guitarbased, with impressive singing in parts.

Among the solo artists of the singer/songwriter tradition the brightest star right now (301) is *Anndeigh Carra*, born in Milltree, Morentwyshire, who had her big breakthrough at the Whit Kirthfair in Sibury 300. With an soft, quite intimate voice, backed by her own guitar, double bass and light drums, maybe a string quartet or a piano, her

songs have a personal touch that apparently appeals to a lot of people in this country.

Gray Slawke from Curwich near Sibury could be considered her male equivalent although his music is more electrified. His lyrics are more down to earth, and more about broken hearts and disappointments in life.

Men in Plaid from Eamouth represent the more humorous side of music, but with lots of talent and musicianship.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Some of the most beautiful classical music in Vexillium originates in Somery. Of the most prominent Somerish composer the following could be worth mentioning, along with some of their most appreciated works:

Ennan Wildale (25 BC - 41 AP) (The Months Suite);

Shon Frewde (15 BC - 50 AP) (The Cairveryn Concertos);

Ennan Caurtner (141 - 204) (Avillion Suite; Overseas Symphony);

Shorill Stanwade (152 - 224) (Marrish Symphonies; Summer Rhapsodies);

Raev Waugham (172 - 258) (‘Roshyn Wyn’ for orchestra and voices; ‘Meadow Birdsong’ for violin & orchestra)

There are several symphony orchestras in Somery, but the most respected ones are The Sibury Symphonia, currently led by the Hon. Erryl Osprey, and The Melster Philharmonic Orchestra, led by the Hon. Ean Gossish. Every Spring around the Evenlight Holiday there is a big festival of Classical music, Ver Musicae, alternatively taking place in Sibury and Melster.

Freeform or Cotshirt probably has nothing to do with cotton shirts, but more likely with the phrase “cut short”, as in syncopate. It probably started developing at the turn of the last century in the late night music clubs in the Sibury region. It’s the most complex music style performed in Somery. Popular instruments used include double bass, drums, guitar, piano, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and flute. There are several variations of the style.

ARTS & CRAFTS

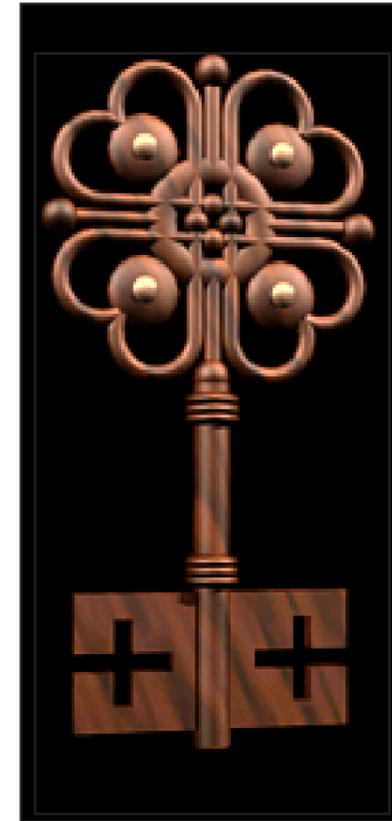
Another almost equally essential part of the Somerish society is art of all kinds. The most important art museum is the Ealin Gallery in Sibury, which has the biggest collection of Somerish and foreign art in the country. Other museums worth mentioning are the Calla Museum of Art in Melster, and Cairdry Hall in Strawton.

The most significant features of the folk handicraft are the “love keys”, that young men used to carve in wood and present to a possible life partner, as a token of their affection and will to pursue her. Nowadays these lovekeys are also given as gifts to close friends of both sexes, parents, children, or anyone else that you feel close to. The latest trend is to bring a lovekey and a small posy of flowers the first time you are invited into someone’s home. They are also popular souvenirs among foreign tourists.

THEATRE

If there is such a thing as a national stage of Somery it would probably be the Quairdy Boards in Sibury, where many of the actors who have later gone on to work with TV and film have made their debut. This is the oldest theatre stage in the country, and it is the dream of many a playwright to get their work

performed here, just like it is a dream come true for any actor to tread these boards. There is quite a number of other stages in Sibury, too, not to mention the Wieldsword Playhouse in Melster, which is considered almost as respectable as the Quairdy.



RELIGION

Somery has freedom of religion, but faith is very much a personal matter. There are buildings that were once built for religious purposes but many of these are now used as town halls, hundred courts, concert halls, museums or similar secular activities. The government is completely secular and in no way affected by religious beliefs, and groups with marked religious purposes are not as such allowed to form political parties. Marriage through religious ceremonies is a traditional custom only, with no legal binding, which has to be confirmed before witnesses by an authorized governmental official. Burial ceremonies are likewise performed by officials appointed by the government. There are no official statistics on religious affiliation. If music were a religion it would, without a doubt, have the largest number of followers in the country.

Cruistians in Somery. Since the Shires of Somery is a secular state, and the matter of personal beliefs is just that, personal, there are no official statistics as to who belongs to which religions. There is a Cruistian bishop in Sibury, though, independent of any foreign influence, being the leader of a group of Cruistians, most of them concentrated to the Siburyshire and Two Avonshires area.



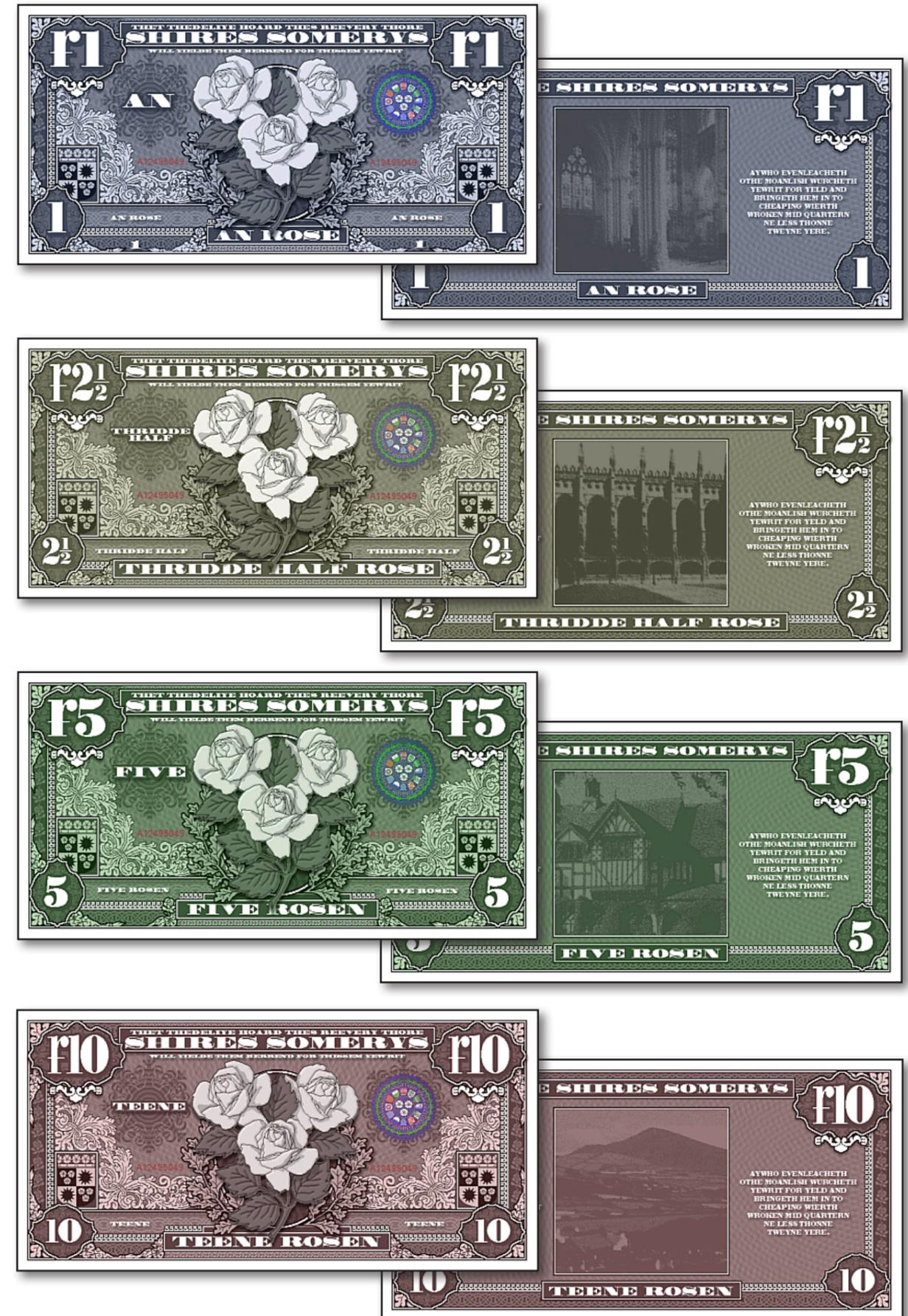
CURRENCY

The Somerish currency is the *Rose* (f). This is divided into 2 *Corne* (sing. *Co-ren*), in turn divided into 2 *Ferthings*. A Ferthing equals 2½ *Teithen* (t), each Teithe is divided into 4 *Pennies* (p., p or in isolated cases ”). Each penny is divided into 4 *Bannocks*. Thus

1 Rose = 2 Corne = 4 Ferthings
 = 10 Teithen = 40 Pennies
 = 160 Bannocks

When amounts are written the most common ways is this, e.g. 3 rosen, 8 teithen and 1 penny = f 3/8 or f 3/8'1. When the amount doesn't include pennies the sign ' for teithen is usually omitted, thus e.g. f 3/8. If teithen are not included it is usually written thus, f 3/2, f 3/-'2 or simply f 3/2. When only rosen are included in the amount it is usually written, e.g. f 3/- or f 3. When the amount does not include rosen there are also a few ways of writing, like f -/8'2 or f -/8'3 (or just 8'3). A coren is usually written f -/5, or 5' and a ferting f -/2'2 or 22 but these amounts are almost invariably referred to as a coren and a ferting.

There are discussions about abandoning the bannock but it will probably last for a good while yet. When including it in writing it's placed after the penny as a single quote mark for each bannock, thus 3 rosen, 5 teithen, 2 pennies and 2 bannocks = f 3/5'2". If the penny is excluded it's replaced by a hyphen, (NB! Without the usual quote mark used for teithen!!) f 3/5-".



HISTORY

EDRANNASHAN

One day, almost 8,000 years ago, someone decided to leave a mark to posterity, and thus giving us a view of the way the world was looked upon, and a glimpse of the way of life all those centuries ago. In a cave near the hamlet of Edrannashan, in Hd Highmond, Suthershire this someone covered the walls with very vivid paintings of people, animals and symbols, possibly religious, revealing an imagination of amazing depth. This is so far the oldest sign that has been found of human activity on the northwestern peninsula of the Old Continent. Seeing that all other antiquities are of a later date it's probable that the land was occupied by people coming from the south, over the Angel mountains, making Edrannashan one of the first stops on the way. If these people were the Estron or if they came later to dominate an earlier settlement of people is something we will probably never know. We can only speculate, basing our guesses on the artefacts, mounds, stone circles and other traces of human inhabitation and activities found all over the peninsula. What we with some certainty do know is that the Estron were in full control of the land about 1,800 years ago, when the Somerish arrived from *Mystgallia*. Written sources from the period before that are very few, and to the most part limited to stone carvings of which some still defy interpretation, and most texts describing its history in more detail have been written down centuries later.

THE GREAT DEPARTURE

Some time around 1400 BP there was a dramatic change in the religious climate in *Mystgallia*, present day Christiana. Cruis, a founder of a new religion demanding the unconditional abandonment of all other gods, had begun his teachings and this in such a convincing way that soon an overwhelming number of people on the island had embraced this new faith. With the number of fol-



lowers increasing an equally increasing pressure was put upon those who wished to remain within the ancient religious framework of their forefathers.

The most significant group of these opponents to the new religion was the so called *Summer clan*, sometimes referred to as the Fifth clan of *Mystgallia*. Worshipping the sun god *Leoma* as their singular deity they were the odd man out among the clans, and were to become even more so as the new religion won an ever greater part of the population. Eventually there was too great a pressure on the clan to convert, which left them, basically, with two options, staying and converting, or leaving. A small number chose to give in to the demands and to accept the new faith, while the majority, under the leadership of its legendary charismatic leader, *Begimend Sunnanwine*, decided to search for new lands where they could freely follow their old traditions. According to old Summer clan legends there was a mythical continent, known as the *Summer Lands*, beyond the eastern seas, the home of their god, the sun, which he left every morning to watch over his creation. In their exposed situation people of the clan began considering the events a sign to search for that land, to find what they increasingly felt was their true home.

THE GREAT VOYAGE

Although some legends may tell you differently the great migration of the

Summer clan probably wasn't one singular event, a voyage including all the members of the clan. It's more likely that it happened in waves, as told in Aewil Arweorðlic's "History of the Somerish people", starting with a group, possibly guided by the supposedly godinspired



leader *Begimend Sunnanwine*, who, when new land was indeed found, sent a message back telling the good news, inspiring other groups to follow, until eventually practically all the people belonging to the clan had left *Mystgallia*, at least those who were faithful to their old ways.

A multitude of legends are connected with this voyage, and most of them have some kind of supernatural ingredient. Among the most popular ones we find the story of the evil ocean spirits or seafivels trying, with various tricks, to prevent the seafarers from reaching their destination, the battle with the sea monster *Wælgenga*, and the speaking dolphins sent by the sun god to guide the seafarers on their perilous quest.

DEULLEW

The first land that was sighted, according to the legend, was *Enys Melyn*, i.e. the Isle of Milne, where the clan for the first time met the Estron. They were greeted in a friendly way, and symbolic gifts were exchanged. The clan became aware that also this people worshipped the sun, and this convinced them that they had found what they were looking for. The island was at that time part of the Estron kingdom of *Deullew*, whose name still lives on in the lathe of Daylowe. Its main settlement was *Tregwellt* which was situated near what is now Strawton, where the possible traces of the foundations can still be seen. Here the newcomers were greeted and welco-



med by king *Ierll* and his court. They were shown much hospitality, but when the king became aware of their intentions to settle down in his land, he was worried, and spoke of fairer lands which they would find if they travelled to *Avillion*, and *Trefwyn Uchel*, the seat of the High King *Brennan*. They were told through sign language, and similar ways, how to get there, and as they travelled north to pass *Brightlith Gore* a messenger was sent back to *Mystgallia* to tell their kin about what they had found.

AVILLION

The ships passed through the *Orcadion Archipelago* and followed the coast where it turned south, here and there watched by the curious eyes of the local people. Several days passed and some people started talking about having been fooled by the king, and wanted to go ashore at the next suitable place, and settle there, but *Begimend* urged



them on, himself wanting to see what *Ierll* had been telling him about. Finally they reached what is now *Sibury Firth* and here they were met by a ship whose captain, after learning their business, welcomed them and offered to guide them to *Trefwyn Uchel* (today's *Trevenill*, near *Bridglea*), which *Begimend* and his people accepted. They followed the *Estron* ship up the river until they reached the king's city. *Begimend* and his closest men were brought to the king who welcomed them. When he heard the reason for their arrival he and the people of *Trefwyn Uchel* showed them hospitality, as brothers in the worship of the sun, and took them into their homes, awaiting a decision of the king's council.

SETTLEMENT

After a few days of discussion the council decided to provide the newcomers with help and guidance as to where they could settle down further up the river and they also agreed that there would be room also for the expected clan members arriving from *Mystgallia*. After a month or two more of the clan ships with eager new settlers started arriving, and all were welcomed. The *Estron* and the *Summer* clan lived side by side in harmony and peace for a long time.

CONFLICT

The main cause of what was to come could probably partly be blamed on the difference in birth rate between the two peoples. Traditionally the *Clan* had big families, while the *Estron* had considerably smaller ones. As time passed it came to a point where the *Clan* all but outnumbered the *Estron* in *Avillion*, and this caused distress among some groups who complained to the king, who disregarded this as a point of less importance, and reassured the people that this was not a problem. This did not satisfy them, and soon unfounded rumours of the *Clan* started spreading among the *Estron*. Tension started rising, and now groups within the *Clan* starting spreading rumours in their turn. Fights between extremists became more and more common. Time passed and the old king died, leaving a weak son to take over the increasingly inflamed situation. His younger brother, hungry

for power, soon conspired against him and had him murdered, blaming the killing on the *Clan* wanting to weaken the *Estron*. This was the spark that set the whole built-up tension on fire, and war broke out between the peoples with many casualties on both sides.

LEOMA

The war lasted for years until one day a mighty battle was fought near *Cerrig yn Stefyll* (*Kirstwall*). We will leave it to *Aewil the Venerable* to tell the story:

"On the third day of the battle *Meybren*, the unrightfully ascended King of the *Estron* and the *Clan's* Headman suddenly stood face to face. Around them the battle went on and raged back and forth, and each of the leaders were protected by their warriors leaving them to concentrate on each other, and all the people around them saw this moment as the crucial epicentre of the war. They fought for what seemed like hours, moving back and forth, attacking, parrying, attacking again. Then suddenly a small mistake made the *Clan's* Headman lose control of his sword, and at the same time slip on the mixture of mud and blood that was once a green meadow. The King aimed his sword at the Headman's heart, the people around them paralyzed as if turned to stone. The King cried with a loud voice, asking for the Sun Lord's blessing in an extatic sense of victory. His words had but left his lips when a sudden darkness fell over the battlefield and the warriors upon it, as if night had fallen on them in an instant, and a deafening silence brought an almost painful sensation to the ears of every man on the field, as all action stopped like cut off with a knife. After a few seconds it was like each and every soldier simultaneously drew his breath, and then the cries of agony from wounded soldiers filled the air and the metallic sounds of swords and shields being dropped could be heard like a short but hard rain storm. Minute followed upon minute, each age-long. Eyes were raised to the sky and where once the sun had shone was now a gaping hole, within a ring of fire, threatening to devour the world. Fear struck each and every man's heart at this sight of what they believed was the rage of the Sun Lord, showing his contempt for man's madness in meaningless conflict. One by one the soldiers

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started crying out loud their prayers for mercy, and forgiveness. Many men truly believed this was the end of the world, when a glimpse of light at the edge of the black emptiness grew ever stronger, and slowly but surely the sun unveiled his face. In the growing light the King was seen lying on his back, lifeless, without any apparent wounds, with a wild expression in his now seemingly frozen face, and his eyes fixed at where the fiery mouth in the sky had been. He was dead.”

PEACE

This marked the end of war. The Clan's Headman, in the eyes of the Estron chosen by the Sun Lord, thereby named Leomancoren, 'chosen by Leoma', was elected king over both peoples, and the peaceful time that followed was to last for many years, under Leomancoren and his descendants, the Corningas.

THE CORNINGAS

Leomancoren, as the new king of the two united peoples, made temporarily Trevenill his capital, but planned and built a new city on the border between the lands of the Estron and the Clan. When completed legend says he himself named it Corningseld, "the hall of the Corningas", which is doubtful since that denomination of the dynasty probably was not established until after his death. After the battle of Kirstwall the rumour of the Sun Lord's favourite spread like wildfire to the people in the neighbouring lands. The leaders of the various duchies and thanedoms felt they had to keep in with the new king and after a few years the region paying tribute to Corningseld, and the king and high thane of what at this time was becoming commonly known as Sumorige (the same word as 'Somery', Hafaidd in the Estron tongue), reached the river Ewe to the north, Michelweald to the west, and the Eafrum Liths and Angel Mountatins to the south and east. As time passed and the structure of the region became more clear, the royal dynasty of Sumorige strengthened their power through agreements with the local clan leaders and soon the area had the look of a genuine kingdom. As the population grew so did the kingdom, and one by one surrounding areas also

came under the crown, as dependencies. Those worth mentioning include Elferige, Sutherfold, Troy-om-Hills, Northerewland, Lynneset, and The Denes. Contemporary Estron kingdoms include Tir Leth, Tir Dwfr, Deullew, and Marlad. The area now known as Suther Troy, then carrying the name of Troed Gweision consisted of a number of 'earldoms' or swyddi gweision, from time to time showing a loose federal structure. Among these earldoms we find Swyndól, Bren Awyre, Aeres, Creidól, Bryniog et.al.



The different periods of Somerish history are referred to here by their common Somerish denominations along with English translations.

Ca 7500 BP? Cave paintings at Edrannashan

Ca 1400 BP? THE GREAT FORTH-SITHE AND THE GREAT SEAFORÉ (The Great Departure and the Great Voyage)

Because of the social consequences caused by the reluctance to convert to the worship of Cruis the Summer Clan leaves Christiana to settle elsewhere, mainly in Somery, but also in other places in Vexillum.

Ca 1100 BP? THE MENGING THORE THEDES (The merging of the Peoples)

The Somerish and Estron peoples are gradually merging. After initial hostilities, ending in the battle at *Cerrig yn Stefyll* (Kirstwall), the hierophants of the two sun cults agree on the practice of the worship of the Sun, and thus a unity between the peoples is eventually acquired through religion.

Ca 1000 BP? The first lathes are formed.

Ca 900-700 BP THE ELD THORE STANBEIGHS (The age of the stone circles)

This is the age of the transforming of the Sun cult. The direct worship of the Sun as a celestial body is gradually changed into a spiritual worship, with the sun as a symbol of that spirit, named *Leoma*. The first written records. "*Star Sumoriscan Peode*" ('A history of the Somerish People') is written by *Aewil Arweorðlic* ('Venerable'), telling the earlier history of Somery.

Ca 700 - 400 BP THE FORME ELD THES YONDLIGHTING (The First Age of Enlightenment)

This is the peak of the Sun cult. *Lorehouses* (universities) are created all over the peninsula. Cultural peak. An amazing amount of documents have made it

through wars and plagues to the present day. The Great Spiritual Teachers appear, such as *Aeric Scimwlite* ('Fairface') and *Erryl Freawine* ('Lord's friend').

Ca 235 - 10 BP THE GREAT UNFRITH (The Great 'Unpeace')

A period of instability, plagued by wars. After 10 BP no more wars has ever been fought on the peninsula.

Ca 235 - 205 BP? DRUIG WURREND (Druig the Evildoer)

A warmonger, spurring parts of the people of Somery to take arms against Christiana, to regain their 'birthright'. His by-name is given by later historians. The willingness of the people is caused by a period of bad harvests.

Ca 60 - 10 BP? THE GREAT SOWT a.k.a. THE GREAT QUALM (The Great Plague)

Waves of plague, with peaks 59-56BP (First wave) 32-29BP (Second wave) 15-10BP (Third wave) after 10BP no more cases in Somery. The first wave hits the hardest, the other two considerably less. During this era the country is more or less in anarchy.

Ca 5 BP - 2 AP THE GREAT SAUGHT THES ANNESS, a.k.a THE EWSTETH WRIT (The Great Union Agreement)

22nd of July 5 BP an agreement between the thanes of Avillion, Sutherewland, and Northerewland is signed on *Ewsteth Bridge* crossing the river Ewe, confirming a political union between the lathes. This signing is followed by the signing by the thanes of the other lathes one by one. In 2 AP, with the signing by the lathe of Suther Troy, the union covers the whole peninsula.

2 AP THE STATHEL LAW (The First Constitution)

Once all the lathes are unified a constitution is drafted. This constitution still stands with some minor adjustments, mainly when it comes to the power of the monarch.

5 BP - 95 AP THE ELD THES EFTNE-WING (The Age of Restoration)

The lathes are transformed into shires. Recovering from the wars and the plague Somery becomes a monarchy, with an elected *High Thane* as the ruler.

0 - 200 AP THE OTHER ELD THES YONDLIGHTING (The Second Age of Enlightenment)

The New Era of cultural and scientific resurrection. The power of the monarch is gradually diminished as democratic ideas are gaining ground.

195 AP Monarchy is abolished.

7 Aug 287 AP THE EMSET (The Occupation)

The Kingdom of Merité, through King Timothy, backed by Northern Gronk, claims supremacy over Somery south of the 30th parallel. Before the overwhelming power of the Kingdom the Somerish people cannot resist. The occupation in itself does not affect the Somerish society on any larger scale, although the people feels humiliated by the presence of the army of a foreign power, and new taxes imposed upon them.

15 Aug 287 AP The rest of Somery is occupied.

26 Dec 298 AP Collapse of The Kingdom of Merité.

Administration is taken over by the UNVCOCN. The Somerish request of immediate independence is ignored and its administration is gradually transferred to the Kingdom of Christiana.

18 Nov 301 AP ACOVERED SELF-WIELD (Retrieved Independence)

An agreement between the Somerish people and the King of Christiana is finally signed, and Somery is once again a free and independent country.

THE LATHES

During the known history of Somery various parts of the country have dominated over others, and even, during periods of time, fought frequent wars with each other. It is only in the last three centuries that there has really been a movement of Somerish nationality, after the signing of the Ewsteth Writ, although the peninsula itself, in written record practically from the start has been referred to as Somery (OS. *Sumorige*) or The Summer Land. Before the final unification in the early 1st century the peninsula was divided into 12 lathes or small countries which have been rather separate entities over a long period of time, although culture and governmental structures have been fairly similar throughout what gradually has become the Somery of today. The borders have varied through occasional wars and border disputes, but the traditional division originates from the comparatively consistent borders during the decades just before the union.

AVILLION

Upper and Nether Avonshire, Siburyshire, Crownburyshire except Mowe Valley (Hds. Shipton, Moway, & Upper, Mid & Nether Modale).

The name (OS. *Æfillium* < Es. *Afillion*,) means "the land of apples", and has probably been the name of this region long before the Mystgallians arrived. Originally Avillion was the name of the fertile lands between the rivers Avon and Wren, the Avillion Evens, in Upper Avonshire, and this has always been the heartland of the lathe, the centre of apple growing and the production of the Somerish cider, the muist. In Avillion is also, according to legend, where the first Mystgallians, from what is today Christiana, finally settled and the seed, to what is now Somery, was sown. Avillion was the first region referred to as a lathe. Plenty of historic sites can be found all over the lathe, including one of largest stone circles in the country, close to Kirstwall, UA.

DAYLOWE

Cornantshire, Sireset.

The lathe got its name (Es. *Deullew*), sometimes used in its older Somerish variety Tweylowe (OS. *Twegenleo*), from the two lions in its coat of arms, which it took over from the thane family of the same name, which traced their ancestry back to a line of legendary Estron princes. The heartland is the Sire valley and the area around Elfish Bay. Just outside Strawton are the remains of *Tregwellt*, the former seat of the thane, where, according to legend, king Ierll of Deullew welcomed the first settlers of the Summer Clan. The coast to the north and the Cornant valley, also known as *Dwimmerdell* (OS. *Twegenmerdel*, 'the valley of two lakes') was colonized by the Daylwenians and later incorporated into the lathe.

ELVERY

Shire Elvery except Hds. High Elvendale and Lean; Ledgwickshire except Hds. Swindawe, Brunneigh & Highop; Suthershire, except Hds. Sweighmond, Highmond & Craydawe; Hd. Troswy in Lynnestshire.

The name (OS. *Elferig*) simply means "the land by the river Elven". The heartland developed around the Elven estuary and Windross Bay, but later the people of *Sutherfold*, i.e. the land centred around The Ledge, and the valleys of the rivers Blake and Dill, subdued themselves to the thane in Eamouth.

FARNSET

Farnset & Orchid Islands.

The name (OS. *Farnseti*) is of obscure origin. The popular interpretation is "the far settlement", while others say it's the "land of the travellers". Whichever is right, it is the most remote lathe, seen from Avillion, and it could be seen as

"the far side" of the peninsula, for the settlers coming from the west. On occasions the Orchid Islands are counted as a separate lathe, but it has been under the same rule as the Malgary Peninsula for a larger number of years than not. The name is probably a misinterpretation of the Estron name of the islands, The Islands of the Kestrel (E. *Ynysoedd Yr Cudyll*).

LYNNEST

Bramleighshire, Lynnestshire except Hd. Troswy.

Lynnest (OS. Hlynnesæti, 'the settlement on the river Lynne') originally consisted of four parts, True Lynnest, i.e. what is now Lynnesthire, and the three districts or deans that now make up Bramleighshire, Dunne Netherdean (basically the Dunne valley south of Overgreen Wold), Dunne Overdean (the upper Dunne valley), and Whilden (centred in the valley of Whill) (these three districts are represented by the three clovers in the present coat of arms of Bramleighshire).

MAR

Washfordshire, Marthenshire, Campshire.

The name is most likely taken from the river by the same name, whose valley is the heartland of the lathe. The etymology of the name is obscure, but it is probably of Estron origin. The lathe had two main parts: *True Mar*, roughly covering today's Washfordshire and Marthenshire; and *Camden Mar*, centred around the estuaries of the rivers Cam and Dewre. The thane had his court in Marthen, while Camden Mar was ruled on his behalf by a stead thane seated in Campton.

NORTHEREWLAND

Melstershire, Erset, Ewst north of the Ewe.

The name (OS. *Norðerewnland*), which can often be heard pronounced as if written Noyland, obviously means "the land north of the river Ewe". Consequently the lathe covers - apart from modern Melstershire and Erset - the part of Ewst that lies north of the Ewe. Prydwirth, the old capital of the lathe, is a beautiful town, with several historical buildings, representing virtually all styles and ages. The wellpreserved ancient thane hall is well worth a visit.

NORTHER TROY

Dellswyshire

The name (OS. Norðer Troie < Es. Troed (Leth)) means "the northern foot (of the mountain)". The lathe has always been a bit isolated from the rest of Somery, although thanes of Avillion have claimed supremacy over it from time to time in the course of history.

SHIRDOVER

Ombridgeshire, Emmerset.

The name (OS. *Scirdofre* < Classic Estron *Tirdufr*; Modern Es. *Diéuthúl*) means "waterland" and would refer to the lakeland to the far west, which was once the heartland of the lathe. This was soon moved eastward to the confluence of the Omma and Emmer rivers. In Lathe Shirdover, as well as in Lathe Shirleith and Lathe Farnset, is where the Estron language stayed alive the longest. Wister was its first capital, then known as Annith (Mod. Es. *Anié*), until the thane moved his court to Ombridge, Cl. Es. *Pont Arwith* (Mod. Es. *Bons Aluie*).

The tradition of Estron woodcarving lives on in the lathe, and "lovekeys" are popular souvenirs.

SHIRLEITH

Morentwyshire, Willset.

The name (OS. *Scirleop* < Es. *Tir Leth*) means "the north country", and the lathe was together with Shirdover and Farnset the last stronghold of the Estron language. Its former capital was Morentwy.

SUTHEREWLAND

Winstershire, Willowburyshire, Mowe Valley (Hds. Shipton, Moway, & Upper, Mid & Nether Modale) in Crownburyshire, Ewst south of the Ewe.

The name (OS. *Suðerewnland*), which can often be heard pronounced as if written Syland, simply means "the land south of the river Ewe". This river has for a long time been an important border, and its valley was once one of the most fortified in the country. Rows of forts at regular intervals can still be seen on both banks of the river. The heartland of the lathe is the Wednesbury Emnet and the Weden/Ush Valleys. Its largest cities include, apart from Winsters, its former capital, also Willowbury, which boasts with the largest number of half-timbered houses in the country. The Old Town, situated on a peninsula created by the two rivers meeting in the city, has a very old atmosphere. Also Willowbury was from time to time the home of the thane's court, and the castle is very well preserved.

SUTHER TROY

Hds. High Elvendale and Lean in Shire Elvery; Hds. Swindawe, Brunneigh & Highop in Ledgwickshire; Hds. Sweighmond, Highmond & Craydawe in Suthershire.

The name (OS. *Suðer Troie* < Es. *Troed (Dogleth)*) means "the southern foot (of the mountain)", stating its position to the south of the extending western range of the Angel Mts., as opposed to Norther Troy, to the north of it. This part of Somery was for a long time divided into more or less independant mountain earldoms, roughly corresponding to the present hundreds: *Ishilder* (Highmond), *Bren Awyre* (Sweighmond), *Creidól* (Craydawe), *Bryniog* (Brunneigh), *Aeres-Leonfolde* (High Elvendale/Lean), *Swyndól* (Swindawe) and *Eaghlyn* (Highop). *Tywold* (covering the hundred by the same name) is sometimes also counted among them. As time passed the area took on a federative appearance, looking more like the other lathes of the peninsula, until it was, as the last signing lathe, united with the others to form the Reevery of Somery. Swindawe has always had some authority over the other earldoms, being the see of the local hierophant. Of the *Swyndól Holy House of Worship* now only ruins remain. Near Highmond are the Edrannashan caves, where cave paintings up to 8,000 years old were found in the 240s. Nowadays only scientists are allowed to see the actual paintings, but a museum has been built, as an exact copy of the main cave, showing the most famous series of paintings, including the winged hammer.



LANGUAGE

SOMERISH

Somerish is the official language of the Shires of Somery, and spoken by very few people outside its borders. At a quick glance the Somerish language may resemble Ingallish, with which it is related, but its grammar is rather different, and its vocabulary and spelling is quite archaic in comparison. Most Somerish people have quite a good knowledge of Ingallish, though.

VOCABULARY

The main reason for the difference in vocabulary between Somerish and Ingallish is that more than half of the Ingallish words are loanwords, mainly from Liliani, while Somerish has kept most of its original words, e.g. lore for science, tilth for agriculture, kingly for royal, chirtness for beauty etc., and the incorporation of several Classical Estron words, e.g. kirth for music, and pridworth for beautiful, alongside with Ingallish ones. You can also find more archaic spellings, like the kept 'l' in which, Ing. which, and sulch, Ing. such, and that some words have developed differently in comparison which Ingallish, e.g. altheigh, Ing. although, swote, Ing. sweat (noun), yieve, Ing. give.

PRONUNCIATION

It is possible that a person with a normal knowledge of Ingallish could read and understand much of a Somerish text, but when it comes to understanding the spoken word, it is more doubtful. Generally the Somerish pronunciation is more orthographic than the Ingallish. E.g. 'gh' after 'i' at the end of words and between 'i' and 't' in words like 'night' and 'right' is clearly audible as a palatal fricative, 'wh' is a voiceless equivalent to the voiced 'w', the 'k' is audible as a light 'd' sound in words like 'knight' and 'know', and the 'w' in e.g. 'write' can be heard as a 'v'-sound.

DIALECTS

Dialectwise there are few variations, alt-

hough people in the larger cities tend to speak more clearly than in the rural areas. A slightly rolling 'r' is more common in the northern shires, where also diphthongs are less marked. Ingallish spoken in Christiana is jokingly referred to, by the Somerish, as brawdish or troat.

GRAMMAR

Somerish grammar is not quite as polished as that of Ingallish. The most noticeable differences are probably the case inflections of the pronouns and the definite article, the more complicated verb inflections with a larger number of strong verbs, and the somewhat wider use of the plural ending -en in words like brother-brethren. Other irregular plurals are also more common.

KEEPING THE SPEECH

is an organization working for the banning of new loanwords and for the invention of purely Somerish words in their place, e.g. fernmeller for telephone, and wireless for radio, although some of these inventions may seem impractical and confusing in the increasingly global society we see developing today

PLACE NAMES

Like the words of a language, place names change over the centuries, as if they were polished through usage. A place name like e.g. Dawvellis was once known as Dawfeglwyys. Through the study of early records you may find explanations to the meaning of a name where the original meaning is no longer obvious, or has even been distorted, or misunderstood. Sometimes this research still does not clarify the meaning, maybe because the name had already been "polished" before it was written down for the first time.

Many of the Somerish place names have Estron origin, a language no longer commonly spoken but whose presence is noticeable through the rich inheritance of names of towns and regions.

USEFUL PHRASES

Even if most people in Somery understand and speak Ingallish a certain knowledge of Somerish can be useful, and the natives are generally flattered by foreigners who show enough interest to learn a few phrases in their language. Such phrases can certainly become a way of breaking the ice when making new friends in this country.

THE PHRASES

Hello. **Wessall. Rom** (informal).
Good morning. **Good morwen.**
Good evening. **Good eaven.**
Goodbye. **Swithee.**
Yes. **Yea.**
No. **Na.**
Why? **For why?**
Maybe **Ewain.**
Please **Bid thee** (to one person), **Bid ye** (to more than one)
You're welcome **For naught.**
Excuse me **Foryiv thou me.**
I don't understand you **Igh ne understand thee.**
I don't speak much Somerish **Igh ne speake mickle somerish.**
Do you speak English? **Spekestou ingallish?**
Do you understand me **Understent-stou me?**
Could you speak slower? **Coudstou speake less swift?**
What does ... mean? **What meaneth ...?**
Please write it down. **Write thou it, bid thee.**
I must go. **Igh mote wende.**
Are you ready, finished? **Artou yare?**
As soon as possible. **Soonest. Rathest.**
Not so fast. **Ne so rathe.**
What is your name? **What artou hight?**
My name is ... **Igh am hight ...**
How are you? **How artou?**
I'm fine, thanks. **Igh am sound, thanks.**
Where are you from? **Whennan artou?**
I'm from ... **Igh am fram ...**

I want to go to ... **Me list to fare to ...**
What time does the ... leave/arrive?

How sith outfareth/tocummeth the ...?

boat **boat**

bus **bus**

train **towcrat, railcrat**

tram **spoorcrat, streetcrat**

How do I get to the railway station?

Whither wende igh to them railway haldstow?

Where is the nearest bus stop? **Where is the neighmoste bushaldstow?**

ticket office **tokenshop**

one-way ticket **anfold token**

return ticket **eftrunetoken**

timetable **timebred**

I'd like to hire ... **Me list to hire ...**

a bicycle **anen farewheel**

a motorcycle **anen breydwheel**

a car **anen breydwayn**

Where is ...? **Where is ...?**

How do I get to ...? **Whither wend igh to ... ?**

Is it far from here? **Is it fer hennan?**

Could you show me on the map?

Coudstou me swettle on them chart?

street **street, woarth, lane**

suburb **underburgh**

in front of **afore**

opposite **forne**

straight ahead **right forthward**

(to the) left **winster(ward)**

(to the) right **swither(ward)**

at the traffic lights **at thome farelight**

at the next corner **at them neighste**

herne

I'm looking for ... **Igh seeche**

... a bank **anen bank**

... the city centre **thone midtown**

... the ... embassy **thone ... erndwick**

... my hotel **minen inn**

... the market **thone chepstow**

... the museum **thone mathomhouse**

... the post office **thone mailwick**

... a public toilet **anen openly covinkle**

... a hospital **anen leechhouse**

... the police **thone wardwick**

... the tourist office **thone wilferrend-wick**

I want to change some money/traveller's cheques. **Me list to wrixle somen fee/ some wilferrendes checks.**

What time does ... open/close? **How sith openeth/cleest ... ?**

I'd like to make a phone call. **Me list to make anen fermmathel.**

beach **strand, warroth**

castle/palace **chester/seld**

coast **searim**

forest **weald, shaw**

island **eyland**

lake **mere**

mountain **down, hill, mont**

river **ea, stream**

I'm looking for ... **Igh seech ...**

a hotel **anen inn**

a youth hostel **anen youthinn**

a campground **anen teldstow**

Where is a cheap hotel? **Where is an undeare inn?**

Please write the address **Write thou thone andfengstow, bid thee.**

Do you have a room available **Hastou anen bower free?**

How much is it per night/person? **Howfele for calchem night/wight?**

May I see it? **May igh shew it?**

Where is the bathroom? **Where is the stove?**

It is very noisy/dirty/expensive. **It is swithe loud/droof/ deare.**

I'd like to book a ... **Me list to book anen**

bed **bed**

cheap room **undeare bower**

single room **anfold bower**

double room **dupple bower**

room with two beds **twifold bower**

room with shower and toilet **bower**

mid shower and covinkle

dormitory bed **sleepernbed**

for one night **for anem night**

for two nights **for twem nights**

I'm/We're leaving now. **Igh leave/we**

leavon now.

breakfast **undern**

lunch **daymeat**

dinner **eavenmeat**

I'd like something to drink, please. **Bid thee, me list aught to drinke.**

It was very tasty. **It smaughte swithe good.**

The bill, please. **Shet, bid thee. (Me list to) yielde, bid thee.**

Please keep the change. **Bid thee, hiel-tou thone wrixle.**

I'd like to buy ... **Me list to budge ...**

How much is that? **Howfele for yaught?**

Do you accept credit cards? **Nimmeth (ye) yieldcarts?**

department store **cheaphouse**

laundry **washern**

I need a doctor. **Igh tharve anen leech.**

Where is the hospital? **Where is thet leechhouse?**

I'm ill. **Igh am cothy.**

It hurts here. **It soreth here.**

What time is it? **How sith is it?**

It's 10 o'clock. **It is the 10th stound.**

It's half past 9. **It is the 10th half.**

It's a quarter past 9. **It is the 10th fither.**

It's a quarter to 10. **It is the 10th three fithers.**

in the morning **on them morwen**

in the afternoon **on them overnoon**

in the evening **on them eaven**

at night **on them night**

when? **whan?**

today **today**

tomorrow **tomorne**

Saturday **Suneaven**

one/first **an/forme**

two/second **tweyne/other**

three/third **three/thridde**

four/fourth **fower/ferthe**

five/fifth **five/fifte**

six/sixth **six/sixte**

seven/seventh **seven/sevethe**

eight/eighth **eighte/eightethe**

nine/ninth **neyne/neythe**

ten/tenth **teene/teithe**



SOMERISH GRAMMAR

NOUNS

The modern Somerish language knows only two genders, the common gender (a merge of the former masculine and feminine genders), and the neuter. The only differences are the definite article in nom. sing., and that most neuter words have the same forms in the singular and the plural. The various forms of the definite article are as follows:

	Nom.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.
Sing.	the <i>common</i> thet <i>neuter</i>	thone	thes	them
Plur	the	tho	thore	thome

Most common nouns form their plurals by adding an -s, using the same rules as Ingallish. There are quite a few exceptions, though, usually nouns ending in -e using the plural ending -n. e.g.

wrighte	wrighten	<i>worker, producer</i>
knave	knaven	<i>young man, boy</i>
herte	herten	<i>heart</i>
frowe	frowen	<i>wife</i>
mewle	mewlen	<i>young woman, girl</i>
nome	nomen	<i>name</i>
shoe	shoen	<i>shoe</i>

One neuter word follows this rule:

care	earen	<i>ear</i>
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Most neuter words, though, have no ending in the plural, e.g.

house	house	<i>house</i>
sheep	sheep	<i>sheep</i>
horse	horse	<i>horse</i>
bearn	bearn	<i>child</i>

Some nouns have developed irregular plural forms, e.g.

mother	medren	<i>mother</i>
brother	brethren	<i>brother</i>
doughter	dightren	<i>daughter</i>
eye	eyne	<i>eye</i>
cow	kine	<i>cow</i>
year	yere	<i>year</i>

Some nouns have a vowel change in the plural without an ending, e.g.

book	beech	<i>book</i>
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mouse	meese	<i>mouse</i>
noot	neet	<i>nut</i>
man	men	<i>man</i>
goose	yeese	<i>goose</i>

Nouns ending in -end, based on the present participle, are usually unchanged in the plural.

ADJECTIVES

Adjectives have two forms, weak and strong. The weak is used when the adjective is preceded by the definite article or a demonstrative or possessive adjective of some form, and is formed by adding an -e unless the adjective already ends with that letter. The strong form, using the -e only in the plural, is used in all other contexts. Adjectives ending with an -y replace this with -iye.

an ald man	<i>an old man</i>
the alde man	<i>the old man</i>
alde men	<i>old men</i>
the alde men	<i>the old men</i>
an new house	<i>a new house</i>
thet newe house	<i>the new house</i>
newe house	<i>new houses</i>
the newe house	<i>the new houses</i>
thet newe house	thes alde man

	<i>the new house of the old man</i>
the newe house	thore alde men
	<i>the new houses of the old men</i>
an seely mewle	<i>a happy girl</i>
the seeliye mewle	<i>the happy girl</i>
seeliye mewlen	<i>happy girls</i>
the seeliye mewlen	<i>the happy girls</i>
the seeliye mewle	on them alde house

	<i>the happy girl in the old house</i>
the seeliye mewlen	on thome alde house
	<i>the happy girls in the old houses</i>

Comparison is formed by adding -er, and -est. Some adjectives mutate in comparative and superlative, e.g.

ald	elder	eldest	<i>old</i>
yong	yinger	yingest	<i>young</i>
long	lenger	lengest	<i>long</i>
strong	strenger	strengest	<i>strong</i>
heigh	hier	heighst	<i>high</i>
neigh	near	neighst	<i>near, close</i>

Some adjectives have irregular comparison, e.g.

michel	more	meast	<i>big</i>
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littel	less	least	<i>little</i>
good	better	seelest	<i>good</i>
	seeler	best	
uvel, wersly	werse	werst	<i>bad, evil</i>

An unstressed -e- in the last syllable of a disyllabic adjective is generally dropped when the word is inflected.

an coren king	<i>a chosen king</i>
the corne king	<i>the chosen king</i>
an weden house	<i>a blue house</i>
thet wedne house	<i>the blue house</i>
an michel town	<i>a big city</i>
the mich(e)le town	<i>the big city</i>

Note that if an adjective is used as a noun it keeps its uninflected form in the singular, while the inflected one is used in the plural.

an coren	<i>a chosen one</i>
the coren	<i>the chosen one</i>
corne	<i>chosen ones</i>
the corne	<i>the chosen ones</i>

ADVERBS

Adverbs are usually formed by adding -lish, or, if an adjective ends in -ly, by changing it to -lish. In some cases it is formed by simply adding an -e. Comparison is formed in the same way as adjectives, some also have irregular forms, e.g.

mickle	mo	most	<i>much</i>
litte	less	least	<i>little</i>
well	bet	best	<i>well</i>
	seel	seelest	
uvele	wierse	wierst	<i>badly</i>

NUMERALS

	Cardinal	Ordinal
1	an	forme
2	tweyne	other
3	three	thridde
4	fower	ferthe
5	five	fifte
6	six	sixte
7	seven	sevethe
8	eighte	eightethe
9	neyne	neythe
10	teene	teithe
11	endleven	endlefte
12	twelf	twelfte
13	therteene	therteithe
14	fowerteene	fowerteithe
15	fifteene	fifteithe
16	sixteene	sixteithe
17	seventeene	seventeithe
18	eighteene	eighteithe
19	neynteene	neynteithe

20	twenty	twentiyethe
21	an and twenty	an and twentiyethe
30	therty	thertiyethe
40	fowerty	fowertiyethe
50	half hund, fifty	fiftiyethe
60	hund sixty	hund sixtiyethe
70	hund seventy	hund seventiyethe
80	hund eighty	hund eightiyethe
90	hund neynty	hund neyntiyethe
100	hund teenty	hund teentiyethe

110	hund endleventy	hund endleventiyethe
120	hund twelfty	hund twelftiyethe
130	other hund therty	other hund thertiyethe
131	other hund an and therty	

	other hund an and thertiyethe
150	other half hund
200	other hund teenty
220	other hund twelfty
	other hund an and thertiyethe
	other hund fiftiyethe
	other hund teentiyethe
	other hund twelftiyethe

350	ferthe half hund	ferthe hund fiftiyethe
1000	thousand	thousandethe
1500	other half thousand	thousand fifte hund teentiyethe

A few of the numerals have different forms according to the cases. They are

Nom.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.	
an	an/en/	anes	anem	<i>one</i>
tweyne	tweyne	tweyre	twem	<i>two</i>
three	three	threire	thrim	<i>three</i>
beyne	beyne	beyre	bem	<i>both</i>

PERSONAL PRONOUNS

Nom.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.	
igh	me	min	me	<i>I</i>
thou	thee	thin	thee	<i>you sing.</i>
he	hin	his	him	<i>he</i>
it	it	his	him	<i>it</i>
ho	hey	her	her	<i>she</i>
we	us	our	us	<i>we</i>
ye	you	your	you	<i>you pl.</i>
hey	hem	heir	hem	<i>they</i>

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

There are no special reflexive pronouns but the ordinary personal pronouns are used, with self used emphatically, e.g. igh minde me, I remember, igh minde me self, I myself remember.

RELATIVE PRONOUNS

In formal written language whilch and who are normally used as relative pronouns, but in the spoken language and less formal prose whit is very common, basically a corruption of whilch, often preceded by the definite article in a suitably inclined form.

The street, the whit leat tohavenward, is small.
The street that leads towards the harbour is narrow.

Thet house, on them whit we wonon, is weden.
The house in which we live is blue.

The house, tho whit we sawon andlong thes haven, weron wedne.
The houses, that we saw along the harbour, were blue.

The men, mid thome whit we spakon, been alde.
The men, with whom we spoke, are old.

The breydwayn, thone whit igh saugh, fore overswift.
The car that I saw was going too fast.

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Sing.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.
min	minen	mines	minem
thin	thinen	thines	thinem
his	hissen	hisses	hissem
her	hern	hers	herem
our	our/e/n	ours	ourem
your	your/e/n	yours	yourem
heir	heir/e/n	heirs	heirem

Pl.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.
mine	mine	miner	minem
thine	thine	thiner	thinem
his	his	hisser	hissem
her	her	herrer	herem
oure	oure	ourer	ourem
youre	youre	yourer	yourem
heire	heir	heirer	heirem

The accusative is used as an absolute form, e.g. this house is our/e/n, these house been ourne.

When a possessive adjective in the third person is used reflexively sin (inflected like min) is often used, e.g. he loveth sinen frowe, he loves his wife.

DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES

Sing.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.
this	thissen	thisses	thissem
yon	yon/en/	yones	yonem

Pl.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.
these	these	thisser	thissem
yone	yone	yoner	yonem

Like yon is som.

INTERROGATIVE PRONOUNS & ADJECTIVES

Nom.	Acc.	Gen.	Dat.
who	whon	whose	whom
what	what	whose	whom
whilch	<i>sing</i> whilchen	whilches	whilchem
whilche	<i>plur</i> whilche	whilcher	whilchem

Like whilch are swilch, such; thilch, the like, similar; ealch, each, every; som, some; and eller, other.

VERBS

Somerish verbs can be divided into 4 groups; Weak regular, weak irregular, strong, and auxilliary. Regular verbs follow simple rules, keeping the root unchanged in all forms. Irregular verbs usually have a mutated vowel in the 2nd and 3rd pers. in the present tense, and changes vowel and sometimes also a consonant in the past tense and past participle. The verbs were no doubt regular once but have developed into their present state over time. Strong verbs change vowels both in the past tense and in the past participle, which always ends in -(e)n. Lastly, the auxilliary verb can be either weak or strong.

REGULAR SAMPLES

	to live	to deeme	to love	to shewe
	<i>to live</i>	<i>to judge</i>	<i>to love</i>	<i>to watch</i>
Pr.s.1.	igh live	deeme	love	shewe
Pr.s.2.	thou livest	deem/e/st	lovest	shewest
Pr.s.3.	he liveth	deemeth	loveth	sheweth
Pr.pl.1.	we livon	deemon	lovon	shewon
Pr.pl.2.	ye liveth	deemeth	loveth	sheweth
Pr.pl.3.	hey livon	deemon	lovon	shewon

Pt.s.1.	igh livde	deemde	lovede	shewde
Pt.s.2.	thou livd/e/st	deemd/e/st	lovede/st	shewd/e/st
Pt.s.3.	he livde	deemde	lovede	shewde
Pt.pl.1.	we livdon	deemdon	lovedon	shewdon
Pt.pl.2.	ye livdeth	deemdeth	lovedeth	shewdeth
Pt.pl.3.	hey livdon	deemdon	lovedon	shewdon

Pt.part.	(ye)lived	(ye)deemed	(e)loved	(e)shewed
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Imp.	live thou!	deem thou!	love thou	shew thou!
	live ye!	deeme ye!	love ye!	shewe ye!
	live we!	deeme we!	love we!	shewe we!

IRREGULAR SAMPLES

	to thenche	to make	to like	to fridge
	<i>to think</i>	<i>to make</i>	<i>to please</i>	<i>to investigate</i>
Pr.s.1.	igh thenche	make	like	fridge
Pr.s.2.	thou thenchest	makest	likest	fryest
Pr.s.3.	he thencheth	maketh	liketh	fryeth

Pr.pl.1.	we thenchon	makon	likon	fridgon
Pr.pl.2.	ye thencheth	maketh	liketh	fridgeh
Pr.pl.3.	hey thenchon	makon	likon	fridgon

Pt.s.1.	igh thoughte	maughte	lighte	freyde
Pt.s.2.	thou thought/e/st	maught/e/st	light/e/st	freyd/e/st
Pt.s.3.	he thoughte	maughte	lighte	freyde
Pt.pl.1.	we thoughton	maughton	lighton	freydon
Pt.pl.2.	ye thoughteth	maughteth	lighteth	freydeth
Pt.pl.3.	hey thoughton	maughton	lighton	freydon

Pt.part.	(e)thought	(e)maught	(e)light	(e)freyd
				to have
				<i>to have</i>
				to be
				<i>to be</i>
				to werthe
				<i>to become</i>

Imp.	thench thou!	make thou!	like thou!	frye thou!
	thenche ye!	make ye!	like we!	fridge ye!
	thenche we!	make we	like we!	fridge we!

STRONG SAMPLES

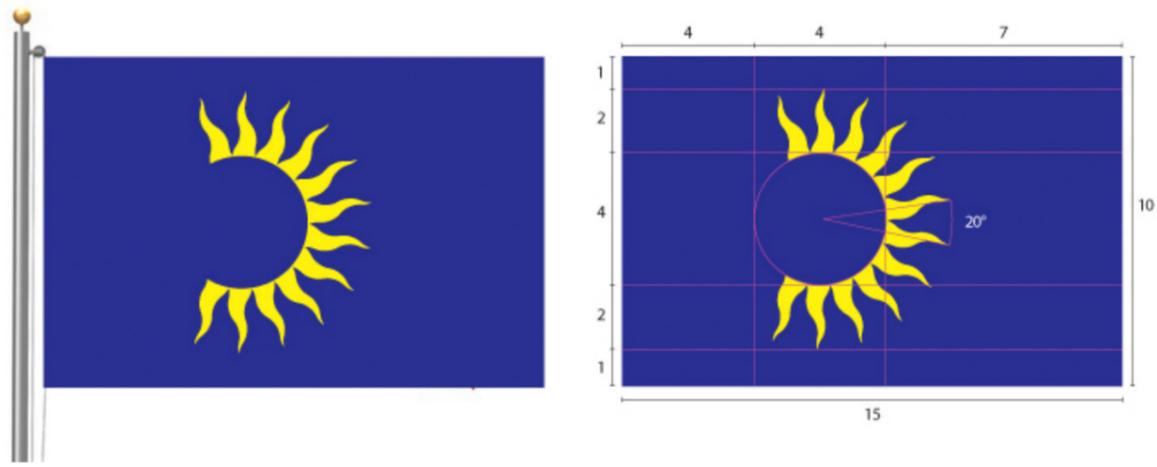
	to quethe	to yieve	to freyne	to derve
	<i>to say</i>	<i>to give</i>	<i>to ask</i>	<i>to labour</i>
Pr.s.1.	igh quethe	yieve	freyne	derve
Pr.s.2.	thou quist	yiv/e/st	frin/e/st	durv/e/st
Pr.s.3.	he quith	yiveth	frineth	durveth
Pr.pl.1.	we quethon	yievon	freynon	dervon
Pr.pl.2.	ye quetheth	yieveth	freyneth	derveth
Pr.pl.3.	hey quethon	yievon	freynon	dervon

Pt.s.1.	igh quoth	yave	frayn	darf
Pt.s.2.	thou quost	yavest	fraynst	darfst
Pt.s.3.	he quoth	yave	frayn	darf
Pt.pl.1.	we quothon	yavon	frewnon	durvon
Pt.pl.2.	ye quoth(eth)	yaveth	frewneth	durveth

The pt. part. has sometimes kept the prefix e-/ye-. Ye- is usually used when the vowel of the following syllable is an long e or a short i (e.g. yewrit, yedealed), otherwise e- is used (e.g. ecomen, eclept). Certain exceptions are made, like when the verb starts with a cluster of consonants, e.g. ecleest.



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National flag



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NETHER AVONSHIRE



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MELSTERSHIRE



SIRESET



SUTHERSHIRE (THE FOLD)



MORENTWYSHIRE



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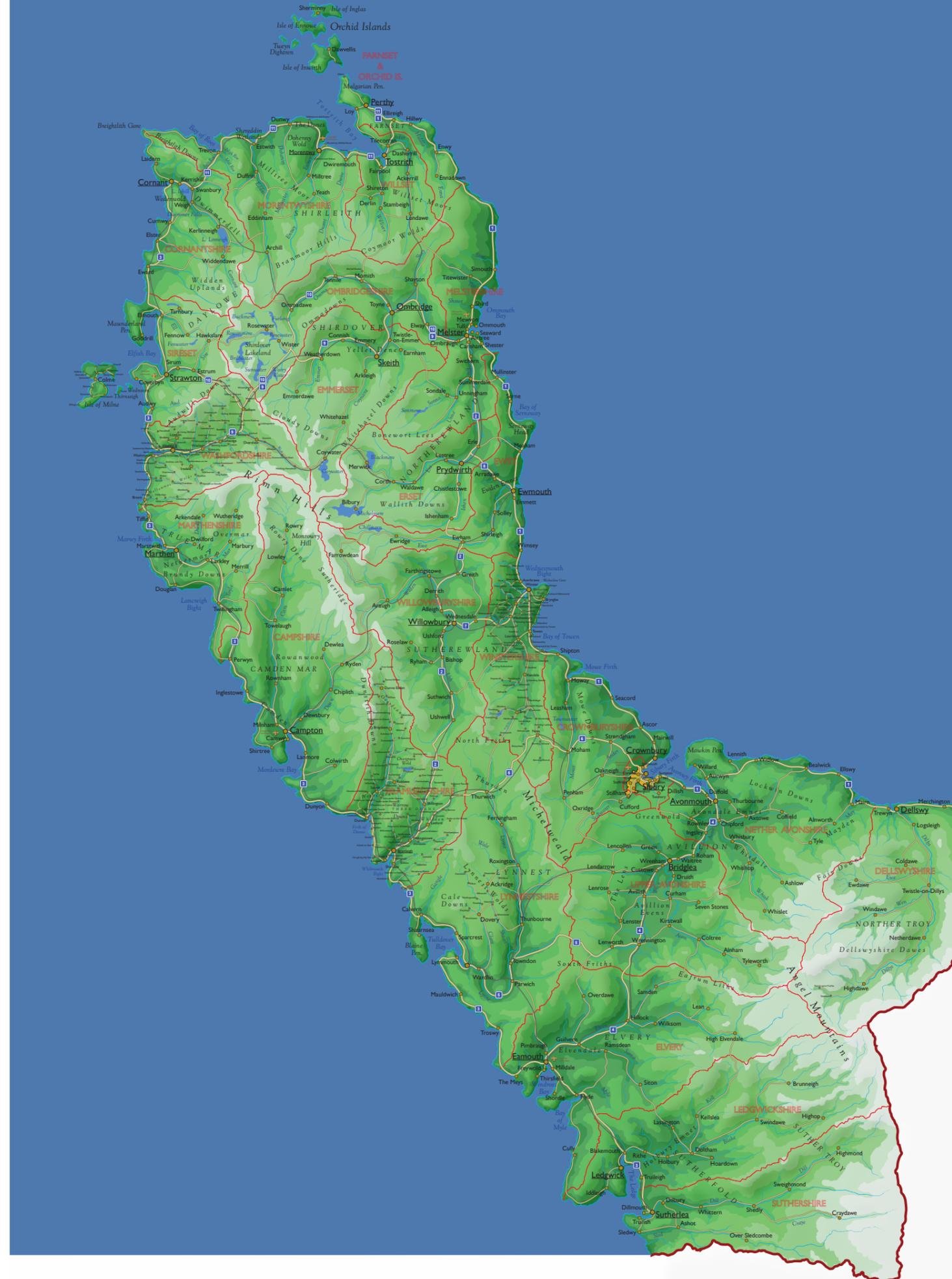
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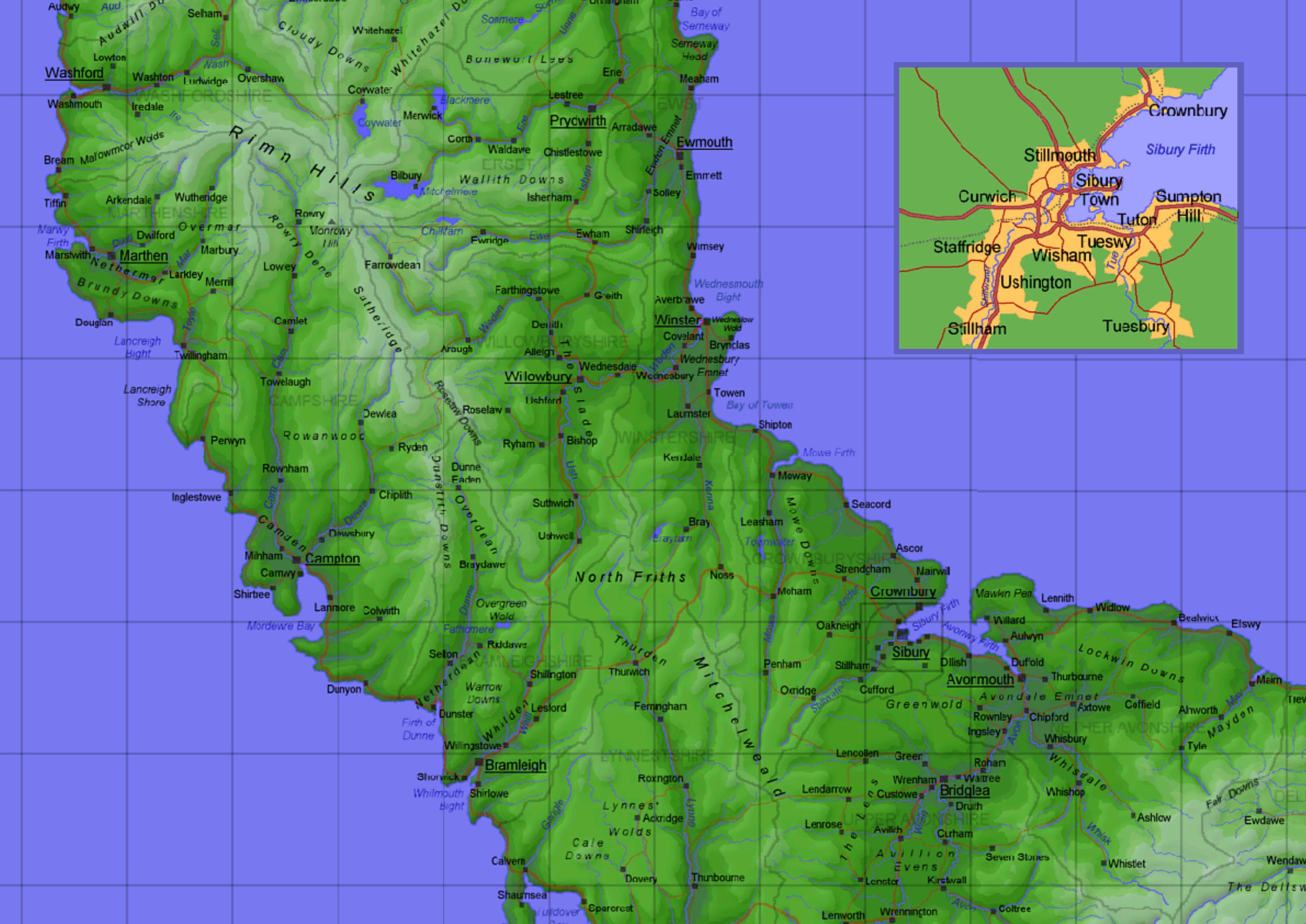
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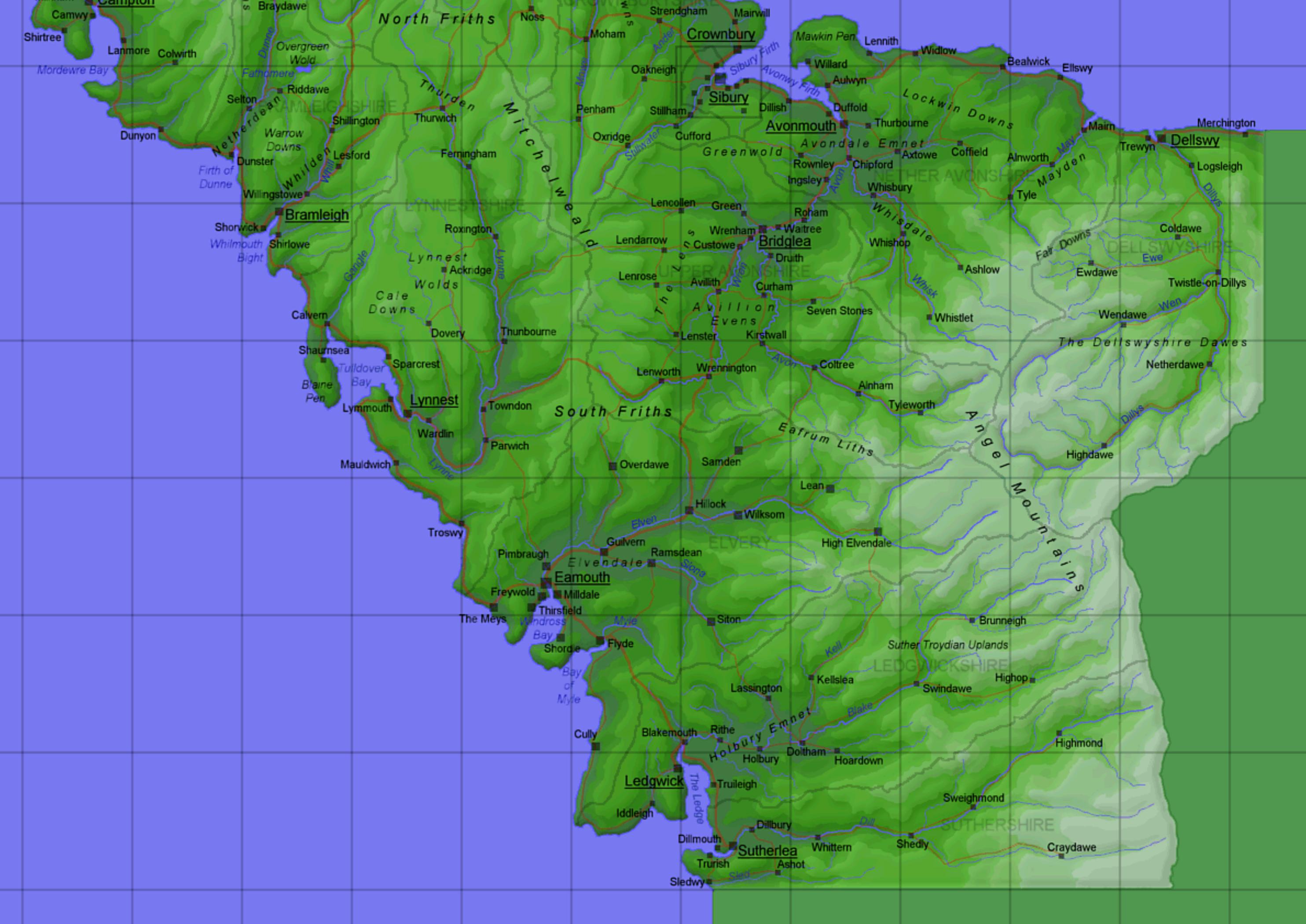
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N. Lynnest Wolds LY	Noss WI	Oakneigh CR	Overmar MA	Overshaw WA	Oxridge CR
Parwich LY	Perwyn CA	Pimbrough EL	Ramsdean EL	Riddawe BR	Rithe LE
Roham UA	Roselaw WB	Rownham CA	Rowry CA	Roxington LY	Ryden CA
Ryham WB	Seacord CR	Selham WA	Selton BR	Serneway EW	Seven Stones UA
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Sparcrest LY	Stambeigh WS	Stilldale CR	Strendgham CR	Swanbury CO	Swindawe LE
Swithern ME	Tarnbury SI	Tennile OM	The Meys EL	The Roes MO	Thurwich LY
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Tywold SU	Upper Shirdover OM	Ushford WB	Ushwell WB	Washmouth WA	Washton WA
Weatherdown EM	Weigh CO	Wendawe DE	Whitehazel EM	Whittern SU	Widdendawe CO
Willingstowe BR	Windross West EL	Wutheridge MA			









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A

ACKERRILL, *abbr. ACL*, a town and hundred in Willset.

ACKLETON, a soke in Hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

ACKRIDGE, a town and seat in Hundred North Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

AIRTREE, *abbr. AE*, a borough in Melstershire.

ALDEREIGH, ISLE OF, an island in the archipelago of Melynion in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. A. is a part of the soke of Shipsall.

ALLEIGH, *abbr. ALL*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

ALLEN, PARSON, a music producer, considered one the best of his trade. Among his best work is the album *Ever Seen* by the group Derwent Dunyon.

ALLERBARROW, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

ALLERBEA, a soke in Hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

ALLOY, a heavy rock group. This is probably the heaviest act you'll see and hear at any music festival in Somery. Although basically playing heavy rock, Alloy has shown themselves open to new fields, among other things performing and recording a concert with the Melster Philharmonic Orchestra.

ALLSOMERISH WHIT KIRTH FAIR, a music festival held annually in Sibury in early June. Of all the music festivals in Somery, or *kirthfairs* as the Somerish call them, this is the most prestigious one, and also a springboard from relative anonymity to nationwide fame. Several of the most popular artists in Somery, like Annideigh Carra and The Mirth have made their breakthrough during this festival. The styles of music performed during the week range from classical over traditional folk to contemporary pop music.

ALNHAM, *abbr. ALN*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

ALNORTH, a town and seat in Hundred Mid Mayden in Nether Avonshire.

ALWITH, SEAL, an ice hockey player (defender) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

AMLOCK, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

AMLOUGH, BRAWN, a rower (coxed eights w Shorill Waither, Mellyn Lymne, Shimmy Calmus, Shon Farrow, Holme Niffith, Neal Shuith, and Raeve Laughmus) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

ANDER, a river in Crownburyshire.

ANDRIDEN, the region around the valley of the river Ander in Crownburyshire.

ANGEL MOUNTAINS, a mountain range in southeastern Somery which forms the border between Somery and Wesmerité, and also between Dellswyshire and its bordering shires.

ANNARD AITHS, a groups of islands in the archipelago of Melynion in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. A. are situated to the southwest of the Isle of Milne.

ANNARD FLOW, a body of water between the Isle of Milne and the Annard Aiths in Sireset.

APPLEDEANE, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ARAUGH, *abbr. AGH*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

ARCHILL, *abbr. ARC*, a town and hundred in Morentwyshire.

ARDISH, NEWELL, a yachtsman (Laser) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

ARKENDALE, *abbr. ARK*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

ARKOWE, a hamlet in the soke of Colme town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ARRADAWE, *abbr. ARR*, a town and hundred in Ewst.

ARTHOUGH. EWAN, a baseball player (pitcher/reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

ASCOR, *abbr. ASC*, a town and hundred in Crownburyshire.

ASHCOT, a hamlet in the soke of Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ASHERITH, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

ASHLOW, *abbr. ALW*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

ASHOLT ON SEA, a soke in hundred Shorwick in Bramleighshire.

ASHOT, *abbr. ASH*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

ATHERMITH, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

ATHEROE, CAITILYN, diver (3m springboard) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 4th place.

ATHERS, LEAN, the Minister of Education, Som. *Mayster thes Wit & Lore*) 301-.

ATHERSTOWE, a soke in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

AUD, a river in Sireset.

AUDWILL DOWNS, a range of hills on the border between Sireset and Washfordshire.

AUDWY, *abbr. AUD*, a town and hundred in Sireset.

AULWIN, SHEVREIGH, an ice hockey player (18, forward line B) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

AULWYN, *abbr. AUL*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

AVERBRAWE, *abbr. AVB*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

AVILLION, a lathe in southwestern Somery. Its area includes Upper and Nether Avonshire, Siburyshire and Crownburyshire except Mowe Valley (Hds. Shipton, Moway, & Upper, Mid & Nether Modale).

The name (OS. *Æfillium* < Es. *Afillion*) means "the land of apples", and has probably been the name of this region long before the Mystgallians arrived. Originally Avillion was the name of the fertile lands between the rivers Avon and Wren, the Avillion Evens, in Upper Avonshire, and this has always been the heartland of the lathe, the centre of apple growing and

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the production of the Somerish cider, the *muist*.

In Avillion is also, according to legend, where the first Mystgallians, from what is today Christiana, finally settled and the seed, to what is now Somery, was sown. Avillion was the first region referred to as a *lathe*. Plenty of historic sites can be found all over the lathe, including one of largest stone circles in the country, close to Kirstwall in Upper Avonshire, the site of the most famous battle in the history of Somery.

Adjective: Avillish. Its inhabitants are called Avillians.

AVILLION EVENS, a basin and flatland around the upper valleys of the rivers Avon and Wren in Upper Avonshire. A. is best know for its apple orchards.

AVILLITH, a town and seat in Hundred West Avillion in Upper Avonshire.

AVON, a river running through Upper and Nether Avonshire. Its major tributaries are the rivers Wren and Whisk. 381 kms.

AVONDALE EMNET, a basin and flatland around the confluence of the rivers Avon and Whisk.

AVONMOUTH, *abbr. A*, a borough and shire seat in Nether Avonshire.

AVONWY FIRTH, a bay at the mouth of the river Avon in Nether Avonshire.

AVRITH, PEAN, an athlete (800m) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

AXTOWE, *abbr. AXT*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

B

BANNOCK, the smallest coin in the Somerish currency. A bannock equals 1/160 of a Rose.

BANKS UPON WASH, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

BARLITH ON DUNNE, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

BARSUM, a town i Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. While most towns on the island has a weekly market, none of them is as famous as that of Barsum. During the Michelfair week in late September it grows to be by far the most popular on the island and the Turrow Market, a gem in itself surrounded by old merchant houses, is crowded with people from all around. Contrary to most markets the greater part of the goods offered is not a lot of junk, and it's not unlikely to make a find or two, particularly at the flea market in the Town Hall annex.

BART, a river in Washfordshire.

BARTING OVERDEAN, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

BARTINGSTOKE, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

BARTMOUTH, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

BARTRILL, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

BAY OF MYLE, a bay at the mouth of the river Myle.

BAY OF ROES, a bay in western Morentwyshire, watered by the rivers Nigh Roe, Mid Roe, and Fair Roe.

BAY OF SERNEWAY, a bay north of Serneway Head in Ewst.

BAY OF TOWEN, a bay in Winstershire, off the town of Townen.

BEALWICK, *abbr. BWK*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

BEARYSANDS, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

BEARYSHAWE, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

BEIROM, a soke in hundred Eaden in Bramleighshire.

BEITH, CANNARD, a curling player for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

BERTHLEIGH, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

BIGHT OF SANDS, a bay on the west side of the Isle of Milne. To the west it is bordered by the Withersands National Park.

BIGHTREE, a hamlet in the soke of Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

BILBURY, a town and seat in Hundred Mitchelmere in Erset.

BIRCHOVE, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

BISHOP, *abbr. BSH*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

BLACKMERE, a lake i Erset. 161 sq kms.

BLAINE, *abbr. BLA*, a hundred in Lynnestshire. The seat is in Shaurnsea.

BLAINE, a peninsula in Lynnestshire.

BLAKE, a river in Ledgwickshire. It flows into the Ledge and

its main tributary is the river Kell.

BLAKEMOUTH, *abbr. BLM*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

BLEACAMBE, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

BLEDBERY, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

BONEWORT LEES, an upland on the border between Erset and Melstershire.

BOROUGH, a town administered as a hundred. There are 44 boroughs in Somery. Each borough is divided into wards.

BRADGER, WEILL, coach for the national football side.

BRAMLEIGH, *abbr. BR*, a borough and shire seat in Bramleighshire.

BRAMLEIGHSHIRE, *abbr. BA*, a shire in western Somery, bordered by Campshire, Willowburyshire, and Lynnestshire. Area 18,251 sq.km (15th in size), appr. pop. 735,000 (18th), pop.density: 40/sq.km (15th). The shire seat is in Bramleigh. Motto: *Cyfoethog pob dedwydd* (Wealthy are the happy).

B. lies in the northern part of lathe Lynnest and covers the two valleys of the rivers Dunne and Whill, separated by the gently rolling uplands of the Warrow Downs. Part of Michelweald covers the eastern part. The Dunstith Downs, to the west, form part of the boundary against Campshire.

Three old districts called *ridings* or *deans* make up the present shire, Dunne Netherdean (basically the Dunne valley south of Overgreen Wold), Dunne Overdean (the upper Dunne valley), and Whilden (centred in the valley of the river Whill). These deans were over the years in varying degrees connected to lathe Lynnest but when the great shire reform came to be they were permanently separated and formed a shire of their own. The shire is famous for the *Three Deans Quire Frels*, an annual choir festival, with Bramleigh, Dunster, and Dunne Eaden taking turns as host.

BRANMOOR, *abbr. YTH*, a hundred in Morentwyshire. The seat is in Yeath.

BRAMPTON ON LITH, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

BRANMOOR HILLS, a range of hills on the border between Morentwyshire and Ombridgeshire.

BRAY, *abbr. BRA*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

BRAYDAWE, *abbr. BRD*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

BRAYTARN, a lake in Winstershire.

BRAYWATER, a river in Winstershire. B. is a tributary to the river Kenna.

BREAM, *abbr. BRM*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

BREIGHTLITH DOWNS, a range of hills in northern Cornantshire and the far west of Morentwyshire forming part of the border between the shires. The north end of the range forms the cape of Breighlith Gore.

BREIGHTLITH GORE, a range of high sea cliffs in north Cornantshire, being the north end of the Breightlith Downs.

BRERDWICK, a soke in Hundred Brynglas in Winstershire.

BRIDDEN, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

BRIDGLEA, *abbr. B*, a borough and shire seat in Upper Avon-

B

shire.

BRILLWATER, a lake in the Shirdover Lakeland.

BRIMWORTHY, a soke in Hundred Townen in Winstershire.

BROCKFILLITH, a soke in Hundred Covelant in Winstershire.

BROCKHAM, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

BROCKLEES, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

BROD, a river in Winstershire. It flows into the Wednesmouth Bight.

BRODMOUTH, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

BRONWITH, MILGRAY, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

BROXHIELD, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

BROXLEVE, a hamlet in the soke of Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

BRUFTON, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

BRUNDY DOWNS, a range of hills south of the river Mar in Marthenshire.

BRUNNEIGH, *abbr. BGH*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

BRYNGLAS, *abbr. BRY*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

BUCKMERE, a lake in the Shirdover Lakeland.

BUIGAN, SHON, a musician and actor. B. is a member of the pop duo Crith & Buigan.

C

CADNOWE THETHER, a hamlet in the soke of Wolmster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

CALE DOWNS, a highland in western Lynnestshire.

CALMUS, SHIMMY, a rower (coxed eights with Shorill Waiter, Mellyn Lymne, , Shon Farrow, Brawn Amlough, Holme Niffith, Neal Shuith, Raeve Laughmus) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

CALVERN, *abbr. CAL*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

CAM, river in Campshire. It flows into the Mordewre Bay. Its main length is 286 kms.

CAMDEN, a region around the lower valley of the river Cam.

CAMDEN MAR, the southern part of lathe Mar. The thane of Mar had his court in Marthen, which is in today's Marthenshire, while Camden Mar was ruled on his behalf by a stead thane seated in Campton.

CAMLET, *abbr. CML*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

CAMPSHIRE, *abbr. CA*, a shire in western Somery, bordered by Marthenshire, Washfordshire, Emmerset, Erset, Willowburyshire, and Bramleighsire. Area 38,821 sq.km (3rd in size), appr. pop. 1,200,000 (9th), pop.density: 31/sq.km (21st). The shire seat is in Campton. Motto: *Amare non bellum inferre* (To make love, not war).

C. covers the part of lathe Mar called Camden Mar, i.e. the valleys of the rivers Cam and Dewre, both flowing into the Mordewre Bay.

The eastern and northern boundaries of C. are formed by the ridges of the Rimn Hills, which boast with some of the highest hills north of the Angel Mts, crowned by Monrowry Hill in Hundred Rowry. Being the highest peak of the Rimn Hills it contributes to the northern part of the shire being a mountainous inland. For those interested in skiing the Rimn Hills may be a cheaper alternative to the sometimes overcrowded Dellswyshire Dawes, although snowfall can be fickle.

CAMPTON, *abbr. CN*, a borough and shire seat in Campshire.

CAMWY, *abbr. CAM*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

CANATHER, LOWRY, a field hockey player (reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

CANDROUGH, PADRAIGH, a musician (electric bass, double bass) and member of the rock group the Mirth.

CARNHAM, *abbr. CM*, a borough in Melstershire.

CARRA, ANNIDEIGH, a singer and songwriter born in Milltree, Morentwyshire, who had her big breakthrough at the Whit Kirthfair in Sibury 300. With an soft, quite intimate voice, backed by her own guitar, double bass and light drums, maybe a string quartet or a piano, her songs have a personal touch that apparently appeals to a lot of people in Somery.

CARRA, WIDLEY, an ice hockey player (21, forward line C) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

CARROUGH, ALBRIGHT, football player (9, defender) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/

Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. C. normally plays for Lynnest Wings.

CARROUGH, DUFFREIGH, an athlete (4x100m relay with Ronnill Trith, Wayden Pershaugh, and Redgleigh Wirther) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

CATHEROUGH, MARTHYS, an archer for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

CATHERY, MUCHEL, a musician (cello) and member of the rock group the Mirth.

CAURTNER, ENNAN, a classical composer (141 - 204). His principal works include the *Avillion Suite* and the *Overseas Symphony*.

CHARBERY ON DUNNE, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

CHEALD, a river in Washfordshire.

CHEALDING CHIPSTOWE, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

CHERREL, GWIM, a guitarist and songwriter with the rock group Derwent Dunyon. Most of his songs are co-written with Larran Wisacre.

CHILBRIDGE, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

CHILDEN, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

CHILLITARN, a lake in western Ewst.

CHILLOP, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

CHIPFORD, *abbr. CHF*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

CHIPLITH, *abbr. CHL*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

CHISTLESTOWE, *abbr. CHS*, a town and hundred in Erset.

CITHERN, a lute-like sting instrument (not to be confused with the zither) common in Somerish folk music.

CLACKWITH, SHOREIGH, a baseball player (catcher, starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

CLAITHE, ANNIDEIGH, a fencer (sabre) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

CLARE, a river running through the Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire. C. is a tributary to Lynne.

CLAREWATH, a soke in Hundred North Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

CLOUDY DOWNS, a range of hills on the border between Emmerset and Washfordshire.

COFFIELD, *abbr. COF*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

COLDAWE, *abbr. COL*, a town and hundred in Dellswyshire.

COLLEN, river in the region of the Lens in Upper Avonshire. C. is a tributary to the river Wren.

COLME, a town and seat in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. C. is without competition the largest town on the island, with a population of 20,000, and is consequently its commercial and administrative centre. Here is where most tourists arrive, by ferry or by air. The town is quite old and has an almost intact

C

town wall, and a noticeably regular street pattern which some would like to date back to before the arrival of the Summer clan.

The name is popularly believed to mean ‘stone circle’ (Es. *‘cylch mean’*), referring to the ancient stone circle in Culmean Green to the north of the town centre. Not far outside the town, to the northwest, is Craxholme Goar NPA.

COLME FIRTH, a bay to the west of the town of Colme in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

COLTREE, *abbr. CTR*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

COLWORTH, *abbr. CWH*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

CONNISH, *abbr. CSH*, a town and hundred in Emmerset.

COREN, pl. *Corne*, Som. for *crown*, a coin in the Somerish currency. A C. is 1/2 of a Rose.

¹**CORNANT**, *abbr. CO*, a borough and shire seat in Cornantshire.

²**CORNANT**, a river in Cornantshire.

CORNANTSHIRE, *abbr. CO*, a shire in northwestern Somery, bordered by Morentwyshire, Ombridgeshire, and Sireset. Area 15,814 sq.km (18th in size), appr. pop. 600,000 (23rd), pop. density: 38/sq.km (16th). The shire seat is in Cornant. Motto: *Cornu Copiae*.

C., being the northern part of lathe Daylowe is dominated by Dwimmerdell, i.e. the valley of the river Cornant. In the valley there are two big lakes, Ishill, and Linneigh, and about halfway between them lie the Dwimmer Falls, Somery’s biggest, if not highest, waterfall. Brightlith Downs, forming the shire’s northern border, have a rather dramatic end in the cape of Brightlith Gore. In the south lies the rather sparsely populated Widden Uplands.

The town of Swanbury is famous for the Dwimmerdell Dream Frels in July. This is one of the most famous pop and rock festivals in Somery.

CORNCROFT, a hamlet in the soke of Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

CORTH, *abbr. CTH*, a town and hundred in Erset.

COVELANT, *abbr. COV*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

COVERBYN, *abbr. CBN*, a town and hundred in Sireset.

COVERWY, FERNILL, a baseball player (3rd baseman, reserve) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

COWERDEAN, DENNAIGH, a rower (single sculls, double sculls with Dander Creaghyn) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

COYGLEAGH, SHON, a swimmer (200 m individual medley) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

COYNANT, a river in Emmerset. C. is a tributary to the river Emmer.

¹**COYWATER**, *abbr. COY*, a town and hundred in Emmerset.

²**COYWATER**, a lake in southern Emmerset.

CRAXHOLME GOAR, a national park just outside Colme in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. C. is a popular place to go for the Colmers in their free time. The peninsula of C. is a combination of grasslands and cliffs ending in wetlands to the west, with plenty of birdwatching opportunities. Certain areas are further restricted during breeding season, late spring - early

summer.

CRAYDAWE, *abbr. CRA*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

CRAYE, a river in Suthershire, and a tributary to Dill.

CRITH & BUIGAN, a pop duo, consisting of the music producer Shon Crith and the musician/actor Shon Buigan. They were reunited at the Sunmirch festival in 303 after having been working on other projects for about ten years. They were acked by some of Somery’s finest musicians, and in spite of being occasionally accused of being boring on stage, their top quality music is performed with brilliance rather than energy and volume.

CRITH, SHON, musician and music producer and member of the pop duo Crith & Buigan.

CREAGHYN, DANDER, a rower (single sculls, double sculls with Dennaigh Cowerdean) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

CROFT, THE, a pop duo, consisting of singer Ninnys Pershaugh (voice) and Perwy Simmers (guitar). C. was formed in Winster in 293 and has had great success, featuring Ninnys Pershaugh’s smooth vocals and Perwy Simmers’ clever and original songwriting. After a near breakup following intensive touring, solo projects and a battle of strong will powers the group experienced in 303 an injection of newfound joy in making music together which peaked at a celebrated performance at the Sunmirch Festival that year.

CROUGHT, RONNILL, a Nordic Combination skier (30kF, 50kC, 4x10kR) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Gold medallist in 4x10kR together with Perwy Elish, Gowen Sheanough and Seill Pershaugh.

CROWALL, EAN, a swimmer (4x200 freestyle relay with Shoreigh Tewlaugh, Merrill Witherly, and Marsden Duskill) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. The team ended up in 6th place.

CROWNBURY, *abbr. C*, a borough and shire seat in Crownburyshire.

CROWNBURYSHIRE, *abbr. CR*, a shire in central eastern Somery, bordered by Winstershire, Lynnestshire, Upper Avonshire, and Siburyshire. Area 18,782 sq.km (13th in size), appr. pop. 1,600,000 (6th), pop.density: 85/sq.km (4th). The shire seat is in Crownbury. Motto: *Crowned art thou mongst shires*.

C. occupies the northwestern part of lathe Avillion and the Mowe Valley in Sutherewland. The Mowe Downs mark the old boundary between the lathes. Crownbury was the capital of Somery for a few years after the union in 2 AP, before it was moved to Sibury. Much of the population is concentrated to the Crownbury and Stillham areas, being the outskirts of the Sibury Metropolitan Area.

CRUIT, *see fithel*.

CUDGHAM, a hamlet in the soke of Lewnster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

CULLAMELLIN CUP, a sailing competition circling the Isle of Milne. C. is among the most prestigious sailing competitions in the country, claimed to be the oldest still held. Start and finish is in the town of Goswolme.

CULLY, *abbr. CUL*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

CULMARD NITHERWOLD, a soke in Hundred Brynglas in Winstershire.

CURHAM, a town and seat in Hundred East Avillion in Upper Avonshire.

CURNWY, *abbr. CWY*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

C

CURRAGH, SHON, a field hockey player (starter) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

CURTHER, PARRISH, a baseball player (right fielder, starter) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

CURWICH, *abbr. CW*, a borough in Siburyshire.

CUSHE, AWDRA, a Nordic Combination skier (1.5kF, 4x5kR) for the women’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Silver medallist in 4x5kR together with Marleigh Cutheryn, Shirla Gossish and Midgla Wether.

CUSTOWE, *abbr. CUS*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

CUTHERY, LONYS, a yachswoman (Star with Farleigh Winnowe) for the national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

CUTHERYN, MARLEIGH, a Nordic Combination skier (15kF, 10kC, 30kCforward, 4x5kR) for the women’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Silver medallist in 4x5kR together with Awdra Cushe, Shirla Gossish and Midgla Wether.

D

DAILY ELVERISH, THE, a newspaper published in Eamouth, Elvery, covering much of the southwest of Somery.

DANDROUGH, CRITHYS, a diver (10 m platform) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

DARROW, a river in the region of the Lens in western Upper Avonshire. D. is a tributary to Wren.

DASHERRILL, *abbr. DRL*, a town and hundred in Willset.

DAUFIN, BREAM, a rock poet and lyricist, best known for writing lyrics for the musician Tod Lowry.

DAWVELLIS, a town and seat in Hundred Inwirth in Farnset & Orchid Is..

¹**DAYLOWE**, a lathe in northern Somery. Its area includes Cornantshire and Sireset.

The lathe got its name (Es. *Deullew*), sometimes used in its older Somerish variety Tweylowe (OS. *Twegenleo*), from the two lions in its coat of arms, which it took over from the thane family of the same name, which traced their ancestry back to a line of legendary Estron princes.

The heartland is the Sire valley and the area around Elfish Bay. Just outside Strawton are the remains of Tregwellt, the former seat of the thane, where, according to legend, king Ierll of Deullew welcomed the first settlers of the Summer Clan.

The coast to the north and the Cornant valley, also known as Dwimmerdell (OS. *Twegnerdel*, 'the valley of two lakes') was colonized by the Daylwenians and later incorporated into the lathe. Adjective: Daylwenian. The inhabitants are called Daylwenians.

²**DAYLOWE**, *abbr. DLW*, a hundred in Sireset. The seat is in Sirum.

DEAN, a historical administrative unit in the northern part of Lathe Lynnest known as Three Deans (today's Bramleighshire). The area was divided into three deans or ridings, Dunne Overdean, Dunne Netherdean, and Whilden.

DELLHAMPTON, a soke in Hundred Laurnster in Winster-shire.

DELLSWY, *abbr. DY*, a borough and shire seat in Dellsyshire.

DELLSWYSHIRE, *abbr. DE*, a shire in southeastern Somery, bordering on Nether Avonshire, Upper Avonshire, Elvery and Ledgwickshire. Area: 32,644 sq.km (7th in size), appr. pop. 730,000 (19th), pop.density: 22/sq.km (25th). Th shire seat is in Dellswy. Motto: *Ken the Hills*.

D., geographically identical to lathe Norther Troy, is to the greater part covered and enclosed by the Angel Mountains, and thus featuring the most mountainous region in the country, known as the Dellsyshire Dawes.

The most famous winter resort is the Silver Tree Winter Spa in Highdawe. Also in summer the shire offers plenty of recreation, including walking and mountaineering. The larger part of the population is found in the northern half of the shire, around Dellswy, and to some extent along the rivers Dillys and Wen.

DELLSWYSHIRE DAWES, a region in Dellsyshire, surrounded by two ranges of the Angel Mountains. This is the winter sport centre of Somery and also the home of the best

Somerish skiers. Ternham, Hd. Highdawe has bred both Sanx 301 Vex Games bronze medallist Oshean Willern, and gold medallist Cannard Sedgwaugh, and Perwy Elish, bronze medallist in Nordic skiing has his origin in the neighbouring town of Ewich-upon-Frothe. All the members of the VexGames female ski jump team are from Hd. Wendawe.

DENTON OVER DUNNE, a soke in hundred Eaden in Bramleighshire.

DENWICK, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

DERLIN, *abbr. DER*, formerly spelt *Derrellin*, a town and hundred in Willset.

DERRELLIN, *see Derlin*.

DERRITH, *abbr. DTH*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

DERWENT DUNYON, a rock group from Strawton in Sireset formed around the two guitarists and songwriters Larran Wisacre and Gwim Cherrel. Their third album *Ever Seen* is considered their best work and this classic album is the one with which all the group's other albums are compared. It signifies a peak in their career and contains all the things that are said to characterise their music: the twin lead guitars, the singing in parts, the production (by Parson Allen), and the songwriting.

Another peak is the more recent album *Trees and Leaves*, the release of which coincided with the Sunmirsch Festival in 303. Having done a few style changes over the past few years the group has on this album found their way back to what made them popular in the early years. Although present on a few tracks the keyboards stand back for the guitars, both acoustic and electric, and the Dunyon trade mark, twin harmony leads, is ever present. Among critic this is generally considered to be the best they have done since *Ever Seen*.

DEWLEA, *abbr. DEA*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

DEWRE, a river in Campshire.

DEWSBURY, *abbr. DEW*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

DILL, a river in Suthershire. Its main tributary is the river Craye.

DILLBURY, *abbr. DLB*, official full name *Tinker Dillbury*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

DILLISH, *abbr. DSH*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

DILLMOUTH, *abbr. DMH*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

DILLYS, the main river in Dellsyshire. Its main tributaries are ther rivers Ewe and Wen.

DIRWILL, REETHE, a curling player for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

DOHENNY, a river in Morentwyshire.

DOHENNY WOLD, an upland in eastern Morentwyshire.

DOLTHAM, *abbr. DHM*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

DOUGLAN, *abbr. DGL*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

DOVERY, a town and seat in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

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DWILL, a river in Marthenshire.

DWIMMER FALLS, a waterfall in the river Cornant in Cornantshire.

DWIMMERDELL, the valley of the river Cornant in Cornantshire.

DWIMMERDELL DREAM FRELS, *kirthfair* (music festival) held annually in Swanbury, Cornantshire, in July. D. is one of the most famous pop and rock festivals in Somery, and this year it features, among others, Derwent Dunyon, Men in Plaid, and Annideigh Carra. The festival area is situated not far from the banks of Lake Ishill. The festival is widely considered a perfect opportunity to get a broad selection of what Somerish pop and rock music of today has to offer.

DWIRE, a river in eastern Morentwyshire.

DWIREDALE, *abbr. DWR*, a town and hundred in Morentwyshire.

DWIRWY, a town in Hundred Dwiredale in Morentwyshire.

DWYLEIGH, a soke in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

DOWNCOTLIFF ON WASH, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

DOWNFARETH, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset D. is best known for being near the Stanclaves Caves but holds a quaint small town charm of its own that is well worth discovering. Across the firth with a great view of the town lies Erlscather, a hill that is a well known landmark. Tales are told about the Erlqueen who, sitting on the hilltop, tries to lure sailors to run aground with her sweet song.

The annual *Erlscather Kirthfair* music festival is held in D.

DRUITH, *abbr. DRU*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

DRYNE, MINDYS, a curling player for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

DRYNE, TOSH, a baseball player (2nd baseman, starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

DUFFOLD, *abbr. D*, a borough in Nether Avonshire.

DUFFRIN, *abbr. DUF*, a town and hundred in Morentwyshire.

DUMMOUTH, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

DUNES DOHENNY, *abbr. DDH*, a hundred in Morentwyshire. The seat is in Dunwy.

DUNNE, a river in Bramleighshire.

DUNNE EADEN, a soke in hundred Eaden in Bramleighshire.

DUNNE NETHERDEAN, one of the three *deans* in Bramleighshire, basically covering the valley of the river Dunne south of Overgreen Wold.

DUNNE OVERDEAN, one of the three *deans* in Bramleighshire, covering the the upper valley of the river Dunne.

DUNNE WILBEA, a soke in hundred Eaden in Bramleighshire.

DUNSTER, *abbr. DUN*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

DUNSTITH, a soke in hundred Eaden in Bramleighshire.

DUNSTITH DOWNS, a range of hills on the border between Campshire and Bramleighshire.

DUNWADE, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

DUNWARTH, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

DUNWORTHY, a soke in hundred Shorwick in Bramleighshire.

DUNWY, a town and seat in Hundred Dunes Dohenny in Morentwyshire.

DUNYON, *abbr. DYN*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

DUSKILL, DUFF, an ice hockey player (12, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

DUSKILL, MARSDEN, a swimmer (4x200 freestyle relay with Ean Crowall, Shoreigh Tewlaugh, and Merrill Witherly) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 6th place.

DWAUGH, CAITILYN, a tennis player (single, mixed double with Tewell Waithe) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

DWAUGH, DEAGHYS, a cyclist (road race) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

DWENT, a river in Morentwyshire. D. is a tributary to Entw.

DWILFORD, *abbr. DWF*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

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EAFRUM LITHS, a range of hills on the border between Elvery and Upper Avonshire.

EALEIGH, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

EAMOTE ON HULME, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

EAMOUTH, *abbr. E*, a borough and shire seat in Elvery.

EARNHAM, *abbr. EHM*, a town and hundred in Emmerset.

EAST AVILLION, *abbr. EAV*, a hundred in Upper Avonshire, The seat is in Curham.

EDDINDALE, *abbr. EDD*, a hundred in Morentwyshire. The seat is in Eddinham.

EDDINHAM, a town and seat in Hundred Eddindale in Morentwyshire.

EDORWICH ON WASH, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

EITHERBRERD, a soke in Hundred Towen in Winstershire.

ELCOT, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

ELEVENTEEN RECORDS, a record company, best known for being the first to sign a deal with the rock group *the Mirth*.

ELFISH BAY, a bay in Sireset.

ELFTON IN WHILDEN, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

¹ELL, a river in Sireset.

²ELL, a river in Winstershire. E. flows into the Wednesfirth.

ELLIREIGH, *abbr. ELH*, a town and hundred in Farnset & Orchid Is.

ELLISH, PERWY, a Nordic Combination skier (10kC, 10kFP, 1.5kF, 4x10kR) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Gold medallist in 4x10kF together with Ronnill Crought, Gowen Sheahough and Seill Pershaugh. Silver medallist in 1.5kF.

ELLWSY, *abbr. ELY*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

ELMOUTH, *abbr. ELM*, a town and hundred in Sireset.

ELROWE, SHEVIN, a curling player for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

ELSTER, *abbr. ELS*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

ELSWITH, MERWYN, a baseball player (pitcher, reserve) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

ELVEN, a river in Elvery. Its main tributaries are the rivers Siona and Sam.

ELVER, a river in Bramleighshire. E. is a tributary to the river Whill.

ELVERHAMPTON, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

ELVETFORD, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

¹ELVERY, *abbr. EL*, a shire in southwestern Somery, bordered by Lynnestshire, Upper Avonshire, Dellsywyshire, and Ledgwickshire. Area 41,847 sq.km (1st in size), appr.pop. 2,000,000 (5th), pop.density: 48/sq.km (13th). The shire seat is in Eamouth. Motto: *Naye deem by bare onseen* (Do not judge just by appearance).

The shire basically covers the valleys of the river Elven and its tributary Siona, i.e. the northern parts of lathes Elvery and

Suther Troy, and the valley of Myle. The metropolitan area of Eamouth, including the boroughs of Freywold and Milldale, is the third in size of population in the country.

Elvery now is, together with the shires of lathe Avillion, the centre of Somerish agriculture, but also has successful industries, like Morlett Automotive in Thirsfield. Eamouth is also Somery’s most important harbour on the west coast.

²ELVERY, a lathe in southern Somery. Its area includes Shire Elvery except Hds. High Elvendale and Lean; Ledgwickshire except Hds. Swindawe, Brunneigh & Highop; Suthershire, except Hds. Sweighmond, Highmond & Craydawe; Hd. Troswy in Lynnestshire.

The name (OS. *Elferige*) simply means “the land by the river Elven”. The heartland developed around the Elven estuary and Windross Bay, but later the people of Sutherfold, i.e. the land centred around The Ledge, and the valleys of the rivers Blake and Dill, subdued themselves to the thane in Eamouth.

Adjective: Elverish. The inhabitants are called Elvers.

ELWAY, *abbr. ELW*, a town and hundred in Ombridgeshire.

ELWISH, a soke in hundred Shorwick in Bramleighshire.

EM, a river in Bramleighshire. E. is a tributary to the river Dunne.

EMMER, a river in Emmerset. E. is a tributary to the river Omma.

EMMERDAWE, a town and seat in Hundred High Emmerdale in Emmerset.

EMMERSET, *abbr. EM*, a shire in central northern Somery, bordered by Washfordshire, Ombridgeshire, Melstershire, Erset, and Campshire. Area 21,771 sq.km (11th in size), appr. pop. 765,000 (16th), pop.density: 35/sq.km (18th). Th shire seat is in Skeith. Motto: *Share the burthen*.

The shire covers the southern part of lathe Shirdover. The north features the valley of river Emmer, while the south is dominated by the outskirts of the Rimn Hills. Much of the population is concentrated around the shire seat of Skeith along the broadening of the Emmer valley, Yellet Dene.

Yellet Dene Kirth & Leith Fair which is held every year in Skeith, in late July, is one of the most popular music events of the summer season. It is dedicated to Somerish folk music and poetry, featuring published poets as well as amateurs.

EMMERY, *abbr. EMY*, a town and hundred i Emmerset.

EMMETT, *abbr. EMM*, a town and hundred in Ewst.

EMMING LEES, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

EMNACRE, a hamlet in the soke of Goswolme town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

EMNING MILLACRE, a soke in Hundred Covelant in Winstershire.

EMNOLT, a hamlet in soke Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

EMNWORTH, a soke in Hundred Covelant in Winstershire.

EMPTON, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

ENDALE, *abbr. END*, a hundred in Farnset & Orchid Is. The seat is in Ennadown.

ENNA, a river in Farnset.

ENNADOWN, a town and seat in Hundred Endale in Farnset & Orchid Is.

ENNOWE, ISLE OF, an island in the Orchid Islands. 394 sq.kms.

ENTWY, a river in Morentwyshire. Its main tributaries are the rivers Millwater and Dwent.

ENWY, *abbr. ENW*, a town and hundred in Farnset & Orchid Is.

EPSWICK, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

ERCOTT, CATHERY, a fencer (épée) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

ERE, a river running through Erset and Melstershire. E. flows into Ommouth Bay.

ERIE, *abbr. ERI*, a town and hundred in Erset.

ERLSCATHER, a hill in soke Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ERLSCATHER KIRTHFAIR, a music festival held annually in Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ERN, a river in Washfordshire. E. is a tributary to the river Wash.

ERNDALE, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

ERNE DOWN, a hill in the Thorse Downs on the border between the sokes of Wolmster and Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ERNEWICK NEIGHM SEA, a hamlet in near the town of Thirstowe in the Hundred of Isle of Milne in Sireset. E. is the natural centre of the *Bight of Sands* area, which boasts some of the best beaches on the island. All along the seaside there is a great number of guesthouses to meet the invasion of guests in the summer. You can also find apartments to rent, with great views of the sea. If you are tired of basking in the sun and splashing in the waves you can always make a trip to *Withersands NPA* and enjoy the birdlife.

ERNEWICK POM DOWNS, a hamlet in the soke of Thirstowe town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ERNINGDALE, a town in Hundred Camlet in Campshire.

ERNWARROTH, a hamlet in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

ERSET, *abbr. ER*, a shire in central northern Somery, bordered by Emmerset, Melstershire, Ewst, and Campshire. Area 16,551 sq kms (16th in size), appr. pop. 620,000 (22nd), pop. density: 37/sq.km (17th). The shire seat is in Prydwirth. Motto: *Penderfyniad arthes* (The determination of a she-bear).

The shire covers the central part of lathe Northerewland. Prydwirth, the old capital of the lathe, is a beautiful town, with several historical buildings, representing virtually all styles and ages. The wellpreserved ancient thane hall is well worth a visit.

The river Ere, from which the shire has its name, runs through it, being the outlet of Mitchelmere, the largest lake in Somery. Another of the country’s largest lakes, Blackmere, also lies within the shire.

ERSHAM ON DUNNE, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

ERSHLOW OVER IRE, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

ERVERN ON DUNNE, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

ESTRUM, a town and seat in Hundred Mid Siredale in Sireset.

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ESTWITH, *abbr. EST*, a town and hundred in Morentwyshire.

EVORLEA, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

EVORLOW, a soke in Hundred Laurnster in Winstershire.

EWARD, *abbr. EWD*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

EWDAWE, *abbr. EDW*, a town and hundred in Dellsywyshire.

EWDEN EMNET, a lowland around the lower valley of the river Ewe.

EWDRE, REDGLEY, a baseball player (centre fielder, starter) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

¹EWE, river in Ewst. E. was for a long time been an important border between the lathes of Northerewland and Sutherewland, and its valley was once one of the most fortified in the country. Rows of forts at regular intervals can still be seen on both banks of the river.

²EWE, a river in Dellsywyshire. E. is a tributary to the river Dillys.

EWEIGH, TERRILL, a football player (19, forward) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. E. normally plays for Skeith Lions.

EWEN, ELLOW, an ice hockey player (6, defence) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

EWHAM, a town and seat in Hundred Mid Ewdale in Ewst.

EWICH OVER ENTWY, a town in Hundred Milltree in Morentwyshire.

EWMER, MILWARD, a bowler (single, team with Brightwin Shennough, Rawls Dirwill, and Craig Flawyter) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cover 301.

EWMOUTH, *abbr. EW*, a borough and shire seat in Ewst.

EWRIDGE, a town and seat in Hundred Upper Ewdale in Ewst.

EWST, *abbr. EW*, a shire in northeastern Somery, borderd by Melstershire, Erset, Wilburyshire, and Winstershire. Area 12,547 sq.km (21st in shire), appr. pop. 1,000,000 (11th), pop. density: 80/sq.km (7th). The shire seat is in Ewmouth. Motto: *Naye mo atweyn* (Never again apart).

E. is situated along the old boundary between the lathes of Northerewland and Sutherewland, following river Ewe, covering basically its valley, and the coastal area around the Bay of Serneway. E.’s long beaches are big tourist attractions, with several seaside resorts, mainly between Meaham and Ewmouth.

River Ewe has for a long time been an important border, and its valley was once one of the most fortified in the country. Rows of forts at regular intervals can still be seen on both banks of the river.

EWSTETH, a soke in Hundred Nether Ewdale in Ewst, see *Ewsteth Bridge; Ewsteth Eftnewing Frels*.

EWSTETH BRIDGE, a bridge in the soke of Ewsteth a few miles north of Solley in Ewst. This is the place where *the Ewsteth Writ* was signed in 5 BP by the first three lathes, and also where the final *Fullock Writ* was signed seven years later, in 2 AP, when all twelve lathes had signed the treaty, and a united Somery was a fact.

EWSTETH EFTNEWING FRELS, Som. *Ewsteth Renaissance Festival*, a festival dedicated to the historical heritage of the unification of Somery celebrated annually around July 22 in the soke of Ewsteth in Ewst. People, locals and many tourists

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alike, dress up in characteristic clothes of the historical period, and music of the time can be heard all around the soke during the festival.

EWSTETH WRIT, THE, a document signed in 5 BP by the lathes of Northrewland, Sutherewland, and Avillion in order to unite them in a confederacy. This led to the signing of the *Fullock Writ* in 2 AP by which all the twelve lathes of Somery were united.

EWVER, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

EWVILL, EMBRIGHT, a ski jumper (90m, team event) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

F

FAIR DOWNS, a range of hills being the northern outskirts of the Angel Mountains.

FAIRPOOL, *abbr. FPL*, a town and hundred in Willset.

FAIR ROE, a river in western Morentwyshire.

FAMBRIDGE, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

FARNSET, a lathe in the far north of Somery. Its area includes Farnset & Orchid Islands.

The name (OS. *Færnsæti*) is of obscure origin. The popular interpretation is "the far settlement", while others say it's the "land of the travellers". Whichever is right, it is the most remote lathe, seen from Avillion, and it could be seen as "the far side" of the peninsula, for the settlers coming from the west.

On occasions the Orchid Islands are counted as a separate lathe, but it has been under the same rule as the Malgary Peninsula for a larger number of years than not.

The name is probably a misinterpretation of the Estron name of the islands, The Islands of the Kestrel (E. *Ynysoedd Yr Cuddyll*).

Adjective: Farn. The inhabitants are called Farns.

FARNSET & ORCHID ISLANDS, *abbr. FO*, a shire in the far north of Somery, bordered by Melstershire and Willset. Area 6,253 sq.km (24th in size) (Isle of Inglas 325 sq kms, Isle of Ennowe 394 sq kms, Isle of Inwirth 753 sq kms), appr. pop. 450,000 (25th), pop.density: 72/sq.km (9th). The shire seat is in Perthy. Motto: *Navigare necesse est*.

The shire covers the old lathe of Farnset, i.e. basically the Malgarian Peninsula, down to, and including, the Hiddle and Enna valleys, and the Orchid Islands. The archipelago around the five larger islands, Orcadion, consists of hundreds of islands of various sizes and is popular for sailing. Seals are common both in the waters around the islands and around the Malgarian peninsula.

FARROW, SHON, a rower (coxed eights with Shorill Waither, Mellyn Lymne, Shimmy Calmus, Brawn Amlough, Holme Niffith, Neal Shuith, and Raeve Laughmus) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

FARROWDEAN, *abbr. FDN*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

FARTHER ISLES, *abbr. FTH*, a hundred in Farnset & Orchid Is. The seat is in Sherminny.

FARTHINGSTOWE, *abbr. FAR*, a town and hundred in Willburyshire.

¹**FATHOM**, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

²**FATHOM**, a river in Bramleighshire. F. is a tributary to the river Rid.

FATHOMERE, a lake in Bramleighshire.

FAULKE, REETHER, a baseball player (left fielder, starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

FAURBREN, NELLYS, a curling player for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

FAWKE, SHELLEAGH, a bowler (single, team with Rowys Herthen, Shonideigh Graizer, Shirlyn Kinthurris) for the na-

tional women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. Gold medallist (single).

FAWRBRYN, TEWELL, a football player (18, forward) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. F. normally plays for Strawton Boaters.

FENNOW, *abbr. FEN*, a town and hundred in Sireset.

FERNINGHAM, *abbr. FER*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

FERNWATER, a lake in Sireset.

FERRY, REAGHILYN, a long jumper for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

FERTHING, Som. *quarter*, a coin in the Somerish currency. A F. is 1/4 of a Rose.

FIDDLER, SELWIN, a football player (20, forward) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. F. normally plays for Washford Roebucks.

FIELDS, EWAN, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

FILLITH ON CHEALD, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

FINNAN, SKERRILL, a canoeist (single, double with Nu-ill Kinlenneigh, double mixed with Shewys Pegwyn) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. Gold medallist (single).

FIRTH OF DUNNE, the mouth of the river Dunne in Bramleighshire.

FITHEL, *cruit*, a violin-like instrument popular in folk music.

FIXEN HOWE, a national park on the border between the sokes of Peffirth and Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. While the *Penglewyn Overland* mostly descends slowly northwards, Fixen Howe is a dramatic exception. It is like part of the slope has forgotten to continue downwards and then suddenly remebered. To the south the hill is gently rising to its summit while to the north it drops dramatically which offers a splendid view of the lower lands surrounding Foxtton Hield to the north and the sea in the distance.

F. has probably got its name from the fact that foxes (*fixen* is the Somerish word for female fox) are quite common in the area.

FRAWYTER, CRAIG, a bowler (team with Brightwin Shenough, Milward Ewmer, and Rawls Dirwill) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

FLORISH RIDDING, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

FLOYTER, SHIRLA, a swimmer (50 m freestyle, 100 m freestyle, 4x200 m freestyle relay with Terrys Lummer, Mawyre Pendrough, Maddys Pew) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 5th place (100 m freestyle).

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FLYDE, a town and seat in Hundred Mylesdale in Elvery.

FOLKWEAL, THE, *abbr. (fw)*, a political party. (fw) could be described as a more radical version of Wrights, with more governmental influence, and a development towards complete removal of social classes, through redistribution of wealth and income between classes and between sexes. The initially revolutionary aspect of the changing of the social structure has in the course of time been replaced by one of gradual development. Current leader is Ronys Clowther.

FORTHE, ROSHEAN, a rider (show jumping with Weill Tewlaugh, Shoreigh Shonaugh, and Caetlys Tenwilt) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

FOXCOT, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

FOXTON HIELD, a hamlet in soke Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

FREESTERS, THE, *abbr. (f)*, a political party. A free economy with responsibility for the weak and poor, equality between the sexes, and the importance of freedom and equal rights for all are central ideas for F. Political solutions should be flexible in accordance with the problems involved. Current leader is Loryn Cairlowe.

FREWDE, SHON, a classical composer (15 BC - 50 AP). His principal works include *The Cairveryn Concertos*.

FREWYTH, BRAS, an ski jumper (90m, 120m, team event) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

FREYWOLD, *abbr. F*, a borough in Elvery.

FRUITH, SHAWRA, a ski jumper (90m, team event) for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Silver medallist in the team event with Lorideigh Sheveraugh and Mish Pobith.

¹FULLOCK WRIT, THE, a document signed in 2 BP by all twelve shires of Somery, confirming the Ewsteth Writ signed in 5 AP, officially uniting the country.

²FULLOCK WRIT, a folk trio where three guitars and three voices make up the core. F. has taken its name from the document that united Somery in the early 1st century AP. Their music is deeply rooted in Somerish folk music, with lyrics containing many historical references as well as descriptions of the life and scenery of the Somerish countryside in centuries past.

FURLONG, a lake in the Shirdover Lakeland.

G

GAIWYN, SHON, the Minister of internal affairs Som. *Master thore Things thore Shires* 301-.

GAMMONWOOD, a musical instrument, reminiscent of a harp, that is popular in folk music.

GANGLE, a river in Lynnestshire.

GATHER, a hamlet in the soke of Thirstowe town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

GLASWILT, ELLOW, a swimmer (100 m breaststroke, 200 m backstroke) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

GLASWILT, PERWY, an athlete (110 m hurdles) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

GLOVEWORT RIDDING, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

GOODRILL, a town and seat in Hundred Maunderland in Sireset.

GOSSISH, SHIRLA, a Nordic Combination skier (5kC, 5kF, 4x5kR) for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Silver medallist in 4x5kR together with Awdra Cushe, Marleigh Cutheryn, and Midgla Wether.

GOSWOLME, a town and soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. G. is the island's second town in size. Its most famous sight is the stationary tall ship Eithmarow in the harbour which serves as a hotel and youth hostel.

G. also has a popular marina, and is the start and finish of the Cullamellin Cup, which is among the most prestigious of sailing competitions in the country, claimed to be the oldest still held.

GRAIZER, SHONIDEAGH, a bowler (single, team with Shel-leagh Fawke, Rowys Herthen, and Shirlyn Kinthurris), for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

GREEN, *abbr. GRN*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

GREENSHEYL, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

GREENWARTH BY TOWEN, a soke in Hundred Towen in Winstershire.

GREENWOLD, an upland in northern Upper Avonshire.

GREITH, *abbr. GRH*, a town and hundred in Willburyshire.

GUILVERN, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Elvendale in Elvery.

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HALSWORT PARROCK, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

HARROTH ON RENDLE, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

HARTHIN, DAWV, a ski jumper (120m, team event) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

HAWKSLARE, *abbr. HLR*, a town and hundred in Sireset.

HAWYER, FARLEIGH, a football player (1, goalkeeper) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. H. normally plays with Bramleigh Stingers.

HEAPCOT IN WHILDEN, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

HEATHER DOWN, a hill in the Thorse Downs on the border between the sokes of Downfareth, Barsum town, and Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset..

HEATHLOW UNDER WARROW, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

HEAVOCK DOWN, a hill in the Thorse Downs in soke Wolmster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

HERTHEN, ROWYS, a bowler (single, team with with Shel-leagh Fawke, Shonideigh Graizer, and Shirlyn Kinthurris) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 5th place (single).

HERTHEN, WINFIELD, a football player (14, midfielder) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. H. normally plays for Tueswy Spears.

HIDDLE, a river in Farnset.

HIELDWORTHEN, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

HIGH ELVENDALE, *abbr. HEL*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

HIGH EMMERDALE, *abbr. HEM*, a hundred in Emmerset. The seat is in Emmerdawe.

HIGH MAYDEN, *abbr. HMD*, a hundred in Nether Avonshire. The seat is in Tyle.

HIGH SIONDALE, *abbr. HSD*, a hundred in Elvery. The seat is in Siton.

HIGH TORDALE, *abbr. HTD*, a hundred in Willset. The seat is in Lundawe.

HIGH WHISDALE, *abbr. HWH*, a hundred in Nether Avonshire. The seat is in Whistlet.

HIGHDAWE, *abbr. HDW*, a town and hundred in Dellswyshire.

HIGHMOND, *abbr. HGH*, a town and hundred in Suther-shire.

HIGHOP, *abbr. HGP*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

HINDBURY BLIGH, a rock group. H. plays heavy blues rock mixed with acoustic passages and mellotron. Shimmy Swaine's heavy blues-based riffs accompanying Hobbie Potwort's characteristic voice and lyrics make up the characteristic sound and groove of the band.. Their album *King Meybren's Last Stand* is considered a classic.

HILLOCK, *abbr. HCK*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

HILLWY, *abbr. HWY*, a town and hundred in Farnset&Orchid

Is.

HOARDOWN, *abbr. HOA*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

HODEWINK, ERRYL, a fencer (sabre) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

HOLBURY, *abbr. HOL*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

HOLBURY EMNET, a lowland around the river Blake in Ledgwickshire.

HOLMSALL, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

HOPWORTH, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

HORNBLOWER, THE, a nationwide newspaper, one of the most respectable in the country.

HORSHIELD, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

HOUGH BY THE SEA, a soke in hundred Shorwick in Bramleighshire.

HOUSE OF ELDERS, THE, Som. *Thet House thore Elders*, the parliament of the Shires of Somery.

HOWTON, a hamlet in soke Thirme in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

HULMBOWE, a hamlet in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

HULMDEN, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

HULME, a river in Bramleighshire.

HULMOUTH, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

HUNDRED, an administrative unit at the level between shire and soke. There are 265 hundreds in Somery. Each hundred is divided into sokes.

HUTHERSHIELD, a hamlet in soke Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

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IDDLAIGH, *abbr. IDD*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

ILLISH, JAYWARD, a baseball player (3rd baseman, starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

IMMITH WEYLET, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

INGLAS, ISLE OF, an island in the Orchid Islands. 325 sq.kms.

INGLESTOWE, *abbr. ING*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

INGLSEY, *abbr. ISY*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

INWIRTH, *abbr. INW*, a hundred in Farnset & Orchid Is. The seat is in Dawvellis.

INWIRTH, ISLE OF, an island in the Orchid Islands. 753 sq.kms.

IRE, a river in Washfordshire. I. is a tributary to the river Wash.

IREDALE, *abbr. IRE*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

IRING EADEN, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

ISHEN, a river in Erset. I. is a tributary to the river Ere.

ISHENHAM, *abbr. ISH*, a town and hundred in Erset.

ISHILL, LAKE, a lake in Cornantshire. 152 sq.kms.

ISHILL THETHER, a hamlet in soke Wolmster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

IVY BARROW, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

J

JIRDOUGH, FREAN, a diver (3 m springboard) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

K

KEART, PARRISH, a football player (17, forward) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. K. normally plays for Pimbraugh Pipers.

KEART, RAEVE, the Minister of Justice, Som. *Mayster thes Right* 301-.

KEEPSTERS, THE, *abbr. (k)*, a political party. Freedom is an important concept for K., as well as individuality. The family is the institution on which society is built. Free enterprise should exist with as little governmental influence as possible, including healthcare, communications and social security, and taxes should be lowered to a minimum. K. is also for a common market in an economic union with neighbouring countries, especially those of the former Albion-Merité. Current leader is Shorill Maisher.

KELL, a river in Ledgwickshire. K. is a tributary to the river Blake.

KELLSLEA, *abbr. KEL*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

KEMBRIDGE, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

KENATHER, SHON, musician (singer). K. is a member of the rock group Much.

KENDALE, *abbr. KEN*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

KENFORD, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

KENISHICK, LORYN, a baseball player (outfielder, reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KENNA, a river in Winstershire. K. is a tributary to the river Weden.

KENNING ASHAW, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

KENNING BICHOP, a soke in Hundred Lurnster in Winstershire.

KENNING LACHTON, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

KENNING LITTLEWORTH, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

KENNING MORCOT, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

KENNING STOUCHE, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

KENNING YARSTON, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

KENSTER, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

KERLINNEIGH, *abbr. KGH*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire

KERRISHILL, *abbr. KSH*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

KIDGMER, ERREN, an ice hockey player (11, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

KIGH, TERRILL, an ice hockey player (14, forward line A) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

KINDEWRE, GLINNY, a canoeist (single, double with Shewys Pegwyn) for the national women's team in the Sum-

mer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. Gold medallist (single).

KINDOWRY, SHULAN, a swimmer (1500 m freestyle) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINDUFFREY, DAWV, a baseball player (catcher, reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINDUIR, LORIDEA, a yachtswoman (470 with Cadwil Newyth) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINE HOWE, a hill in the Pengelewyn Overland on the border between the sokes of Lewnster and Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

KINELLYN, OSHEAN, a baseball player (2nd baseman, reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINELLYN, RAEVE, a cyclist (road race) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINLENNEIGH, NUILL, a canoeist (single, double with Skerrill Finnan) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINLENNEIGH, ROTHER, a baseball player (1st baseman, starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KINOYER, DREWELLYS, a yachtswoman (470 with Ellery Livith) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. Silver medallist.

KINTHURRIS, SHIRLYN, a bowler (team with Shelleagh Fawke, Rowys Herthen, and Shonideigh Graizer) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

KIRSTWALL, *abbr. KWL*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

KIRTH & LOVERY, a chain of music shops with branches in Sibury, Melster, Winster, Strawton, Eamouth, Marthen, and Bridglea.

KIRTHEY, SEDGWY, a football player (21, forward) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. Widely regarded as Somery's top player. K. normally plays with Tueswy Spears.

KIRTHFAIR, Som. for *music festival*, a common and extremely popular gathering of musicians of various kinds to celebrate the spirit of music, which is a very important part of the Somerish society. Kirthfair dates are scattered all through the year, and some of those worth mentioning are the *Allsomerish Whit Kirth Fair* in Sibury; the *Dwimmerdell Dream Frels* in Swanbury, Cornantshire; *Sunmirch* in Kirstwall, Upper Avonshire; *Yellet Dene Kirth & Leith Fair* in Skeith, Emmerset; *Three Deans Quire Frels* alternating between Bramleigh, Dunster and Dunne Eaden in Bramleighshire; *Tullwith Tig Kirthfair* in Tull, Melstershire; *Erlscather Kirthfair* in Downfareth on the Isle of Milne in Sireset.

KNEITH, a soke in Hundred Lurnster in Winstershire.

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KYNOWE, a hamlet in soke Lewnster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

KYRE, AWDRA, an athlete (decathlon) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LADDERWORT RIDDING, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

LAIDERN, *abbr: LAI*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

LAMKEN, SELWIN, a baseball player (pitcher) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LAMPKEN, ELFRY, a football player (2, goalkeeper, reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. L. normally plays for Perthy Shuilers.

LANCREIGH BIGHT, a body of water off the coast of Marthenshire.

LANGWILT, TERRYS, an athlete (4x100 m relay with Rowys Pont Dene, Enys Luthier, and Druillys Stairk) for the national women's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LANMORE, *abbr: LAN*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

LARKLEY, *abbr: LAR*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

LARR, SHON, a javelin thrower for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LARRIER, AUBREY, the Minister of Industry, Som. *Mayster thes Work & Derf* 301-.

LASHER, REIVE, a field hockey player (reserve) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LASSINGTON, *abbr: LAS*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

LATHE, a historical administrative division of Somery. During recorded history various parts of Somery have dominated over others, and have even, during periods of time, fought frequent wars with each other. It is only in the last three centuries that there has really been a movement of Somerish nationality, after the signing of the *Ewsteth Writ*, although the peninsula itself, in written record practically from the start has been referred to as *Somery* (OS. *Sumorige*) or *The Summer Land*. Before the final unification in the early 1st century the peninsula was divided into 12 lathes or small countries which have been rather separate entities over a long period of time, although culture and governmental structures have been fairly similar throughout what gradually has become the Somery of today. The borders have varied through occasional wars and border disputes, but the traditional division originates from the comparatively consistent borders during the decades just before the union.

LAUGHMUS, RAEVE, a rower (coxed eights with Shorill Waither, Mellyn Lymne, Shimmy Calmus, Shon Farrow, Brawn Amlough, Holme Niffith, and Neal Shuith) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LAURNSTER, *abbr: LAU*, a town and hundred in Winster-shire.

LAVEROCK DEANE, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LAVEROCK DOWN, a hill in the South Thorse Downs National Park in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sire-

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set.

LEAM, a river in Washfordshire. L. is a tributary to the river Wash.

LEAMBOURNE, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

LEAMING THILSTOW, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

LEAN, *abbr: LEA*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

LEAR, RONAL, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Som. *Mayster thore Outlendishe Thing* 301-.

LEASHAM, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Modale in Crownburyshire.

LEDGE, THE, the bay into which flows the river Blake in Ledgwickshire.

LEDGLY, MAEVE, the Minister of Music and Art, Som. *Mayster thes Kirth & Sarrowcraft* 301-.

LEDGWICK, *abbr: LE*, a borough and shire seat in Ledgwickshire.

LEDGWICKSHIRE, *abbr: LE*, a shire in southern Somery, bordered by Elvery, Dellsyshire, and Suthershire. Area 36,676 sq.km (5th in size), appr. pop. 950,000 (14th), pop.density: 26/sq.km (22nd). The shire seat is in Ledgwick. Motto: *Sutherfold thou sunderly stow*.

The shire, covering the middle parts of lathes Elvery and Suther Troy, features three regions: the fertile lowlands of the Holbury Emnet to the west, where also the majority of the population is found, going eastward followed by the Suther Troydian Uplands which to the east meet the Angel Mountains.

LEDWIRTH, THURLEIGH, a baseball player (short stop, starter) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

LEEWEATHER, a hamlet in soke Wolmster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LEES UNDER WARROW, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

LEN, a Somerish word derived from the classic Estron word *gleinn*, valley. Originally the word could signify any valley but in nowadays it invariably refers to the riftlike valleys of the aptly named region of the Lens in western Upper Avonshire.

LENCOLLEN, *abbr: LCO*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

LENDARROW, *abbr: LDA*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

LENNITH, *abbr: LEN*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

LENROSE, *abbr: LRO*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

LENS, THE, a region of valleys west of the river Wren in Upper Avonshire. Its main rivers include the rivers Collen, Darrow, Rose, and Worth.

LENSTER, *abbr: LST*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

LENWORTH, *abbr: LWO*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

LERWIST, WEAGHILYN, boardsailer (mistral) for the na-

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tional women’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

LES, a river in Bramleighshire. L. is a tributary to the river Whill.

LESFORD, *abbr. LFD*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

LESSING MICHELCROFT, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

LESTREE, *abbr. LES*, a town and hundred in Erset.

LESWYN, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LESWYN FLOW, a body of water between the Isle of Milne and the Wynnest Aiths off the east coast of the island.

LEWNSTER, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LIMFORD, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

LINACRE, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

LINCOMBE, a soke in Hundred Laurnster in Winstershshire.

LINDSEY, HOLME, the Minister of health, Som. *Mayster thes Weal* 301-.

LINKINGWORTH, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

LINNEIGH, LAKE, a lake in Cornantshire. 165 sq.kms.

LITH, a river in Washfordshire. L. is a tributary to the river Wash.

LITHING BRENTSTOWE, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

LITHINGTON, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

LITTLE CUDGWORTHY, a hamlet in soke Murrioth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LITTLE DOUGHTER, an island in the Orchid Islands.

LIVIER, PENDRAIGH, an athlete (marathon) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

LIVIER, WRIGHT, a football player (13, midfielder) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. L. normally plays for Marthen Wyverns.

LIVITH, ELLERY, a yachtsman (470 with Drewellys Kinoyer) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

LIX, a river in Washfordshire. L. is a tributary to the river Wash.

LIXING DUNCOT, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

LIXING WICHARD, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

LIXTOWE, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

LIXWORTH, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

LOCKWIN DOWNS, a range of hills in the northern part of Nether Avonshire.

LOGSLEIGH, *abbr. LOG*, a town and hundred in Dellswyshire.

LOMUS, BRIGHTWIN, manager of the rock group The Mirth.

LONGBOTHAM, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershshire.

LONGMINNITH, a hamlet in soke Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LORNE, a river in Winstershshire. L. is a tributary to the river of Kenna.

LORNING ROTHERSHAWE, a soke in Hundred Laurnster in Winstershshire.

LOWBRERD, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

LOWLEY, *abbr. LOW*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

LOWNE, a soke in Hundred Covelant in Winstershshire.

LOWRITH, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

LOWRY, TOD, the stage name for *Elston Shonaugh*, pianist and singer, and lyricist *Bream Daufin* who have written a great number of songs that have reached high on the Somerish music charts over the years. Apart from a considerable amount of music released on vinyl and CD they have also written several songs directly for the screen, like the #1 hit *Life gives life* from the computer animated film *The Antlered King*.

LOWTON, *abbr. LTN*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

LOWYN, TEAGUE, an ice hockey player (17, forward line B)for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

LOY, a town and seat in Hundred Malgary in Farnset & Orchid Is.

LUD, a river in Washfordshire. L. is a tributary to the river Wash.

LUDDING BICHOP, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

LUDWIDGE, *abbr. LUD*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

LUMBRIDGE, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershshire.

LUMME, a river in Winstershshire. L. is a tributary to the river Kenna.

LUMMER, TERRYS, a swimmer (100 m freestyle, 4x200 m freestyle realy with Shirla Floyter, Mawyre Pendrough, and Maddys Pew) for the national women’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

LUMMITH, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershshire.

LUNDAWE, a town and seat in Hundred Mitchelmere in Erset.

LUNEWATER FLOW, a bay on the east side of the Isle Milne, almost diving the island in two.

LUSH EADEN, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

LUTHIER, BREAM, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

LUTHIERS, THE, a guitar-based pop group, playing light, immediately likable music. L. are sometimes accused of being overly commercial and lightweight, but their music is evidently intelligent enough to survive daily airplay on commercial radio.

LUTTON, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

LYDEN, WINNIDEIGH, a curling player for the women’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

LYMMOUTH, *abbr. LYM*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

LYMNE, ELLIDEIGH, a skier (Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom, Combination) for the women’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

LYMNE, MELLYN, a rower (coxed eights Shorill Waither, Shimmy Calmus, Shon Farrow, Brawn Amlough, Holme Nif-fith, Neal Shuith, and Raeve Laughmus) with for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

¹**LYNNE**, a river in Lynnestshire.

²**LYNNE, ANNIDEIGH**, the party leader of the Wrights and High Reeve of the Shires 304-.

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¹**LYNNEST**, *abbr. L*, a borough and shire seat in Lynnestshire.

²**LYNNEST**, a lathe in southwestern Somery. Its area includes Bramleighshire and Lynnestshire except Hd. Troswy.

Lynnest (OS. *Hlynnesaeti*, ‘the settlement on the river Lynne’) originally consisted of four parts, True Lynnest, i.e. what is now Lynnestshire, and the three districts called *ridings* or *deans* that now make up Bramleighshire, Dunne Netherdean, Dunne Overdean, and Whilden. Adjectvie: Lynnish. Its inhabitants are called Lynnians.

LYNNEST WOLDS, an upland in western Lynnestshire.

LYNNESTSHIRE, *abbr. LY*, a shire in southwestern Somery, bordered by Bramleighshire, Willowburyshire, Winstershshire, Crownburyshire, Upper Avonshire, and Elvery. Area 39,682 sq.kms (2nd in size), appr. pop. 1,000,000 (12th), pop.density: 25/sq.kms (23rd). The shire seat is in Lynnest. Motto: *E multis arboribus silva* (Out of many trees a forest).

The shire, occupying the southern two thirds of lathe Lynnest, a region known as True Lynnest, plus Hundred Troswy in lathe Elvery is dominated by the Lynne valley and Tulldover Bay. To the west lies one of the quaintest parts of the Somerish countryside, the Lynnest Wolds, an area of rolling hills and small villages. Even the comparatively large towns of Ackridge and Doverly still retain their small town character, and the gently rolling hills and the valleys in between are scattered with towns and hamlets that on the outside look very much the same as they have for centuries.

Where the hills rise on the east side of the river Lynne lies Michelweald, the largest woodland area in the country, covering most of northern and eastern parts of the shire, extending into the bordering shires. A large part of the woodlands are set aside as the Michelweald National Woodland Park. It contains botanically interesting areas of primeval forest.

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MADREIGH, ATHER, an ice hockey player (3, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

MAIRN, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Mayden in Nether Avonshire.

MAIRWILL, *abbr. MAW*, a town and hundred in Crownburyshire.

MALGARY, *abbr. MAL*, a hundred in Farnset & Orchid Is. The seat is in Loy.

MALLOWMEAD, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

MALLOWMOOR WOLDS, an upland in southern Washfordshire.

MAR, a lathe in western Somery. Its area includes Washfordshire, Marthenshire and Campshire.

The name is most likely taken from the river by the same name, whose valley is the heartland of the lathe. The etymology of the name is obscure, but it is probably of Estron origin. The lathe had two main parts: True Mar, roughly covering today's Washfordshire and Marthenshire; and Camden Mar, centred around the estuaries of the rivers Cam and Dewre. The thane had his court in Marthen, while Camden Mar was ruled on his behalf by a stead thane seated in Campton.

Adjective: Marrish. The inhabitants are called Marrians.

MARBURY, a town and seat in Hundred Overmar in Marthenshire.

MARCHOGION LLWYD, a rock band playing art rock of a kind that is quite popular in Somery, with lyrics teeming with hints at fairytales and early Somerish/Estron legends and myths. The name is Classical Estron, meaning The Grey Riders, and the most loyal fans - one of the most devoted groups of followers of any band in Somery - usually show up all dressed in various shades of grey, and many make their own outfits with beautiful decorations, mostly referring to horses.

MARD, ARBRIGHT, an archer for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

MARD, ROWALL, a football player (12, midfielder) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. M. normally plays for Thirstfield Milners.

MARN, CRAIG, a curling player for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

MARSTWITH, a town and seat in Hundred Nethermar in Marthenshire.

MARTHEN, *abbr. MA*, a borough and shire seat in Marthenshire.

MARTHEN SUNDRIES, a newspaper covering news from Marthenshire and Washfordshire.

MARTHENSHIRE, *abbr. MA*, a shire in western Somery, bordered by Washfordshire and Campshire. Area 15,035 sq.km (19th in size), appr. pop. 1,200,000 (8th), pop.density: 80/sq.km (5th). The shire seat is in Marthen. Motto: Tueor salutem meam.

The shire is made up of the heartland of lathe Mar. Most of the population can be found in the Mar and Dwill valleys. The

area is quite hilly, especially in the east where the Rimn Hills dominate. The shire has one of the most dramatic shorelines in the country, and the Lancreigh Shoreline National Park Trail between Twillingham and Perwyn, in Campshire, offers a walk with unforgettable and breathtaking sights.

MARWY FIRTH, the mouth of the river Mar in Marthenshire.

MAUGHN, EWAN, a football player (12, midfielder) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. M. normally plays for Staffridge Shepherds.

MAULDWICH, *abbr. MAU*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

MAUNDERLAND, a peninsula in the northern part of Nether Avonshire.

MAUNDERLAND, *abbr. MAD*, a hundred in Sireset. The seat is in Goodrill.

MAWKIN, a peninsula in the northern part of Nether Avonshire.

MAY, a river in eastern Nether Avonshire.

MAYDEN, the region around the valley of the river May.

MAYNARD, SHON, a musician (guitar), widely considered the best Somerish rock guitarist of all time. He generally fronts his group *Shon Maynard Sparrow*.

MAYSTERSHIP, THE, the government head officials appointed to the various departments by the High Reeve. Its current members (312) include Wf. Annideigh Lynne (High Reeve), Sq. Ronal Lear (Foreign affairs), Sq. Shon Gaiwyn (Internal affairs), Sq. Arian Nye (Finance), Sq. Raeve Keart (Justice), Sq. Holme Lindsey (Health), Sq. Edmund Wight (Agriculture), Sq. Aubrey Larrier (Industry), Sq. Mark Sedger (Defence), Sq. Iain Titch (Transport & Communication), Sq. Lean Athers (Education), Wf. Maeve Ledgly (Music & Art), and Sq. Alan Whistler (Trade).

MEADWILT, ATHER, an athlete (1500 m) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

MEAHAM, *abbr. MHM*, a town and hundred in Ewst.

MEARS, ELBRIGHT, a diver (10 m platform) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

MELNITH, SHUILAN, an ice hockey player (20, forward line C) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

MELRAINE, CURRILL, a skier (Downhill, Giant Slalom, Slalom) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

MELREIGHN, WIDLEY, a football player (10, defender) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. M. normally plays for Tostrith Hooters.

MELSTER, *abbr. M*, a borough and shire seat in Melster-shire.

MELSTER WHEEL, THE, a daily newspaper covering the news of the north-east of Somery.

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MELSTERSHIRE, *abbr. ME*, a shire in northeastern Somery, bordered by Farnset & Orchid Is., Willset, Ombridgeshire, Emmer, Erset, and Ewst. Area 18,487 sq.kms (14th), appr. pop. 2,200,000 (4th), pop.density: 119/sq.km (2nd). The shire seat is in Melster. Motto: *Omnia in grano* (Everything in the seed).

The shire covers the northern part of lathe Northerewland. The natural centre is Melster, the second largest metropolitan district in the country. The larger part of the population is concentrated to this area, and also to some extent to the Ere valley in the south. In contrast to this northern Melstershire is rather sparsely populated.

MEN IN PLAID, a pop band. With lots of humour and great musicianship M. usually turn their performances into hilarious experiences, without missing the main target, to give the audience musical value and high quality entertainment.

MERCHINGTON, *abbr. MER*, a town and hundred in Dells-wyshire.

MEREBOLD, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

MERLOUGH, DENNAIGH, a cyclist (road race) for the national men's team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

MERNE, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MERRILL, *abbr. MEL*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

MERRY DREAM, a record company based in Tull in Melster-shire. It was started by the rock group The Mirth with th purpose to take care of the potential of new young musicians. M. is also the sponsor for the various activities of the Tull House of Kirthlore.

MERRY TULLSTERS, a folk music duo formed by guitarist Milward Sutherlish, and siger Tholmew Weatherill. The members went on to form the rock group The Mirth.

MERWICK, *abbr. MEK*, a town and hundred in Erset.

MERYOT AITHS, a group of islands off Meryot Sheat in soke Thirne in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MERYOT SHEAT, a hamlet in soke Thirne in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

METHERS, CADWIL, a musician (violin, viola). M. is a member of the rock group The Mirth.

MEWBRERD, a hamlet in the soke of Thirstowe town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MEWE DEANE, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. M. is situated inside the South Thorse Downs National Park.

MEWE DOWN, a hill in the South Thorse Downs National Park in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MEWME, a town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. M. is among those little towns whose population take pride in making their town centre green and blooming. As you walk along the streets you will find garden upon well tended garden, and late July people gather in the *Town Eddish* (town park) for the annual floral festival to enjoy each others efforts and maybe find something to add to their own green spot. The festival usually attracts a lot of people.

MEWVON, *abbr. MVN*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

MEYS, THE, *abbr. MEY*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

MEYTHALL, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleigh-shire.

MEYWYN, a hamlet in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset

MEWRE, LAWRYs, an archer for the national women's team

in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

MICHEL CUDGWORTHY, a hamlet in soke Murrioth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MICHEL DOUGHTER, an island in the Orchid Islands.

MICHEL MODEN, a town in Ombridgeshire, a few miles north of Momith. Known for it annual *Blossom Frels* (flower festival) and for being the residence of Frithall Kimbethery, the last native speaker of the Estron language.

MICHEL MODEN BLOSSOM FRELS, Som. *Michel Moden Flower Festival*, a flower festival held annually in Michel Moden, Ombridgeshire in early August. Flower festivals are not uncommon in Somery, but few are celebrated with such enthusiasm as that of Michel Moden. Florists from all over the Ombridgeshire, and recently also from the bordering shires, participate in the flower parades, and the festivities are concluded with impressive fireworks.

MICHELMERE, Somery's largest lake, situated in Erset, 302 sq. kms.

MICHELWEALD, the largest forest in Somery, situated on the border between Lynnestshire and Crownburyshire.

MID DILLYSDALE, *abbr. MDL*, a hundred in Dellswyshire. The seat is in Twistle on Dillys.

MID EWDAL, *abbr. MEW*, a hundred in Ewst. The seat is in Ewham.

MID MAYDEN, *abbr. MMA*, a hundred in Nether Avonshire. The seat is in Alnworth.

MID MODALE, *abbr. MMD*, a hundred in Crownburyshire. The seat is in Moham.

MID ROE, a river in western Morentwyshire.

MID SIREDALE, *abbr. MSI*, a hundred in Sireset. The seat is in Estrum.

MID WHISDALE, *abbr. MWH*, a hundred in Nether Avonshire. The seat is in Whishop.

MIDDLE ERNEWICK, a hamlet in the soke of Thirstowe town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MILLDALE, *abbr. MD*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

MILLTREE, *abbr. MLT*, a town and hundred in Morentwyshire.

MILLWATER, a river in Morentwyshire. M. is a tributary to the river Entwy.

MILNE, THE ISLE OF, the biggest island in Somery. M. is situated off the northwest coast of Somery, in the shire of Sireset. Together with the isle of Thirnseigh and a great number of other small islands it forms the hundred of the Isle of Milne, its seat being Colme, its largest town. The main island covers ca 1,027 sq. kms, stretching ca 44 kms from east to west, and ca 53 kms from north to south. The island is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Somery, but in spite of the invasion of visitors during the summer season the island seems to be able to swallow them all, and it's not unheard of to find plenty of spots unspoilt by tourists, and maybe even a small beach all to oneself.

The island is almost divided in two with only an isthmus, covered by the town of Colme, connecting them. The southern part, *Thorse*, has some lowlands, *Barsum Deane*, to the west but is mostly dominated by the hilly area of Thorse Downs to the south and southwest. Thorse also has the island's largest woodland area, *Rownop Wode*. The northern part, *Penglewyn*, is considerably lower with a few hills, *The Overland*, to the west and an open plain, *The Emnet*, to the east. The north is

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more densely populated and most of the area is cultivated, while the south has quite a few moors and woods which may appeal to outdoor people.

There are nine national parks, with protective restrictions for visitors) worth attention on the island, among them the caves of *Stancleves*, the forest of *Rownop Wode* and *Thorse Peaks*.

²MILNE, THE ISLE OF, *abbr. MNE*, a hundred in Sireset. The seat is in Colme.

MILNGOR, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. M. is almost as far west as you can get in Somery, and, according to legend, this is where the Summer clan first went ashore. There is a monument in stone in the harbour commemorating this event. The plaque on the monument is engraved with the phrase “Into the Summer lands” in both Somerish (“*In to tho someres land*”) and Classic Estron (“*I mewn i’n tiroedd hafaiidd*”).

MILNHAM, *abbr. MLN*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

MILNOM UNDER WARROW, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

MILNWOLD, a soke in Hundred North Lynnest Wolds in Lynnesthire.

MIRKRITHY, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

MIRTH, THE, a rock group based in Tull in Melstershire. Its current members are Milward Sutherlish (Electric & Acoustic Guitars, Mandolin, Backing Voice), Tholmew Weatherrill (Voice, Flute, Oboe), Brawn Weatherrill (Piano, Mellotron, Synthesizers, Accordeon, Organ, Backing Voice), Rother Muchlough (Violin), Cadwil Methers (Violin, Viola), Muchel Cathery (Cello), Lennan Tywilt (Cello), Pdraigh Candrough (Electric Bass Guitar, Double Bass), and Shon Stuith (Drums & Percussion). The story of the Mirth starts in the late 270s at the Tull House of Kirthlore, a music college of good repute in the borough of Tull, near Melster, in Somery. Two young men, Milward Sutherlish, a promising guitarist, and Tholmew Weatherrill, studying the flute and the oboe, but who also had a personal singing voice, both local Tullsters, found each other and started playing and singing together. To improve their economy during their studies they followed the example of many other music students and played regularly as street musicians. They started out singing and playing traditional folk songs under the name of *The Merry Tullsters*, and they soon showed themselves being among the very top players in town. Later joined by Tholmew’s younger brother Brawn Weatherrill on accordeon they got an offer as a regular feature at the locally well known *Mirth&Kirth*, a music restaurant whose owner, Blae Withall, had spotted them during their street performances and seen their potential.

Naturally they were not the only band playing at the Mirth&Kirth and the performing groups represented several different styles. One night a string quartet gave a performance of folk songs with a tinge of blues in the arrangements. This made a great impression on Sutherlish, who talked with his fellow musicians in the band and asked for their permission to suggest a co-operation. He got it and got in touch with the violinist, Rother Muchlough who, as it turned out, also was the arranger of the pieces they had performed. He was very keen on the idea, and after discussion with his fellow musicians they agreed to give it a try. Sutherlish, inspired by the idea, and who by now had started writing his own songs to which T. Weatherill wrote lyrics teeming with mythology and a fairytale atmosphere, wrote a song which he presented to Muchlough and asked him to write a fitting string arrangement. Once they all

tried it out together they felt they had something special going. After having had the song presented to him Withall agreed to let them perform it at the Mirth&Kirth, and seeing the positive response from the audience he suggested a continued co-operation. He also suggested the name The Mirth for the new constellation, thus giving them a special blessing, and also offered to manage them if they wanted to try their luck elsewhere, or with a record company. He further suggested that they should put out an ad for a drummer and bass player, to add some depth to the sound. Said and done. Two months later, after a great number of auditions, Shon Stuith on drums, and Pdraigh Candrough on bass joined the band, and the set was complete.

After having performed regularly for about a year at the Mirth&Kirth, they got a chance to perform on the major stage at the Allsomerish Whit Kirthfair in Sibury in 277 by sheer luck. One of the booked acts had to cancel because of illness, and through intense negotiations and mere persistence on Withall’s part the Mirth got to replace them. This turned out a strike of good fortune, and the day after their performance their name was on everybody’s lips. Soon after they signed a contract with *Eleventeen Records*. Their first record for this company, *Yon Itheblond of Blee* (“Those swelling waves of colour”), went straight to number one on the sales list, and the first years to follow they had more number one singles than any other group or artist, before or since. The following three albums, *Sheas Over Mirk Water* (Clouds over dark water), *Ealch Sithe ‘Yinneth In Anem Footswathe* (Every journey starts with a footstep), and *Into The Summer Lands*, and their live album with the Melster Philharmonic Orchestra, *The Weden Way To Ommouth Bay* (The blue way to Ommouth Bay) are still today among the best selling albums, continuously rediscovered by new groups of listeners and lovers of pop music.

The group later started their own record company, Merry Dream which they use to take care of the potential of new young musicians, and which is also a sponsor for the various activities of the Tull House of Kirthlore.

The group’s discography includes *Yon Itheblond of Blee*; *Sheas over Mirk Water*; *Ealch Sithe ‘Yinneth In Anem Footswathe*; *Into the Summer Lands*; *Ferrend thes Life in Feething*; *The Weden Way to Ommouth Bay* (Live with the Melster Philharmonic Orchestra); *Wierth a Wlitedful Day*; *Tull*; *Ere Them Homesithe*; *Wish*; *Whirvepool, Kings and Merrymakers*; *Trendlewide* (Live from the World Tour); *Underburghland*.

MIRTH & KIRTH, a music restaurant in Tull in Melstershire, made famous for being the birthplace for the rock group The Mirth.

MITCHELMERE, *abbr. MLM*, a hundred in Erset. The seat is in Bilbury.

MOHAM, a town and seat in Hundred Mid Modale in Crownburyshire.

MOMITH, *abbr. MOM*, a town and hundred in Ombridgeshire.

MONROWRY HILL, a hill in the Rimn Hills in Campshire. M. is the highest point in the Rimn Hills and also in Somery outside the Angel Mountains.

MORDEWRE BAY, a bay in Campshire into which flow the rivers Cam and Dewre.

MORENTWY, *abbr. MO*, a borough and shire seat in Morentwyshire.

MORENTWY NETHERHAVEN, a town within the borough of Morentwy in Morentwyshire.

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Cockerels.

MURRIOTH, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MUSIC, possibly the most essential part of life for the Somerish people. It could easily be said that music is the glue that keeps the Somerish society together. The so called *kirthfairs*, i.e. music festivals, are frequent and big events and during the Whitfair holiday people from all over the country come to Sibury to join in the biggest celebration of the year to music, *The Allsomerish Whit Kirthfair*. In 303 the first international music festival was held at Kirstwall, when Sunmirch for the first time invited international acts to perform at the festival.

FOLK MUSIC is the core of the Somerish music. Virtually every kind of music written and performed in Somery has traces of the ancient musical tradition of the peninsula, going all the way back to before the first Christianan settlers arrived. The most popular instruments in Somerish folk music are flute, cithern (a lute-like instrument not to be confused with ‘zither’), harp (also known as gammonwood), cruit (a kind of violin, also called fithel) and olderd (double bass). The music is mainly pentatonic, often with a sadness woven into the gaiety of the tune and the dance tunes can be very captivating. Both pop and classical music in Somery owe a lot to the music that has its roots deeply buried in the folk tradition.

POP MUSIC of Somerish origin is wellknown and several groups and artists are working towards international breakthrough. Somery’s currently biggest pop/rock act is The Mirth. This group, based in Melster, plays a wellcrafted mix of electrified rock and folk music with classical influences, of which the latter can be clearly seen by the fact that the set includes two celli, a violin, and flute/oboe, beside the traditional guitar, keyboards, bass and drums. A couple of concerts have been given with the Melster Philharmonic.

A more traditional set is represented by Strawtonian group *Derwent Dunyon* whose music is mainly guitarbased, with impressive singing in parts.

Among the solo artists of the singer/songwriter tradition the brightest star right now (301) is *Annideigh Carra*, born in Milltree, Morentwyshire, who had her big breakthrough at the Allsomerish Whit Kirthfair in Sibury 300. With an soft, quite intimate voice, backed by her own guitar, double bass and light drums, maybe a string quartet or a piano, her songs have a personal touch that apparently appeals to a lot of people in this country. *Gray Slawke* from Curwich near Sibury could be considered her male equivalent although his music is more electrified. His lyrics are more down to earth, and more about broken hearts and disappointments in life.

Men in Plaid from Eamouth represent the more humorous side of music, but with lots of talent and musicianship.

The brightest star among the newcomers on the Somerish music scene is probably *Wither So Aye*. With their latest release, *Harvest*, they have shown that their talents reach beyond the first few albums.

Some of the most beautiful CLASSICAL MUSIC in Vexillium originates in Somery. Of the most prominent Somerish composer the following could be worth mentioning: *Ennan Wildale* (25 BC - 41 AP), *Shon Frewde* (15 BC - 50 AP), *Ennan Cairtner* (141 - 204), *Shorill Stanwade* (152 - 224), and *Raeve Waugham* (172 - 258).

There are several symphony orchestras in Somery, but the most respected ones are The Sibury Symphonia, currently led

MORENTWYSHIRE, *abbr. MO*, a shire in northernmost Somery, bordered by Cornantshire, Ombridgeshire, and Willset. Area 24,273 sq.km (10th), appr.pop. 765,000 (17th), pop. density 32 (20th). The shire seat is in Morentwy. Motto: *Nunquam sine clave* (Never out of key).

The shire covers about two thirds of the old lathe Shirleith, of which Morentwy was the capital. A great deal of the population is concentrated to the lower parts of the Eddin and Entwy valleys. The far south is dominated by the wide moors of Branmoor Hills. Shereddin Wetlands National Park is a marshland bird reserve centred at the estuary of the river Eddin. Parts of the wetlands have been drained and cultivated, with a network of canals. The Dunes in the northeast form a coastal lowland with long beaches.

MORLITH, BREAM, an ice hockey player (2, goal keeper) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

MORLOWE, PENLEIGH, a football player (16, midfielder) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. M. normally plays for Bramleigh Stingers.

MORLOWE, WRENNA, a skier from Tillop, Hundred Highop in Ledgwickshire (Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom, Combination) for the women’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. 4th place.

MORTON OVER DUNNE, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

MORTREE, a hamlet in soke Thirne in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

MORWYN, DAWV, a baseball player (pitcher) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

MOUTHERFORD ON WASH, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

MOWAY, *abbr. MOW*, a town and hundred in Crownburyshire.

MOWE, a river in Crownburyshire.

MOWE DOWNS, a range of hills east of the valley of the river Mowe in Crownburyshire.

MOWE FIRTH, the mouth of the river Mowe in Crownburyshire.

MUCH, a rock group. With a comparatively small but dedicated group of followers this group has been around for quite a while, almost as long as the Mirth, with which they sometimes are compared although they have suprisingly little in common. What gives Much its character is the way the group bases its songs on themes, very much like classical composers. All members are very skilled musicians and people who are more into light music will probably find them too boring or too demanding. Shon Kenather’s lyrics and his characteristic tenor adds to the impression of originality.

MUCHLOUGH, ROTHER, a musician (violin). M. is a member of the rock group The Mirth.

MUIDLE, MILLYS, a fencer (épée) for the national women’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. Bronze medallist.

MUIST, pron. *moysht*, is the Somerish equivalent to cider. The main area of production is the Avillion Evens.

MULLINSTER, *abbr. MUL*, a town and hundred in Ewst.

MULVERN, OSBRIGHT, a football player (11, midfielder) for the national men’s team in the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. M. normally plays for Curwich

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by the Hon. *Erryl Osprey*, and The Melster Philharmonic Orchestra, led by the Hon. *Ean Gossish*. Every Spring around the Evenlight Holiday there is a big festival of Classical music, *Ver Musicae*, alternatively taking place in Sibury and Melster.

FREEFORM or **COTSHIRT** probably has nothing to do with cotton shirts, but more likely with the phrase “cut short”, as in syncopate. It probably started developing at the turn of the last century in the late night music clubs in the Sibury region. It’s the most complex music style performed in Somery. Popular instruments used include double bass, drums, guitar, piano, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and flute. There are several variations of the style.

MYLE, a river in Elvery that flows into the Bay of Myle.

MYLESDALE, *abbr. MYL*, a hundred in Elvery. The seat is in Flyde.

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NEALA, EMERILL, a kayaker (single) for the men’s national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. Silver medallist.

NETHER AVONSHIRE, *abbr. NA*, a shire in southeastern Somery. Area 33,020 sq.km (6th), appr. pop. 2,400,000 (2nd), pop.density 73/sq.km (8th). The shire seat is in Avonmouth. Motto: *Hillborn Seabound*.

The shire is situated in eastern Avillion. It has three major regions; Avondale Emnet, i.e. the wide lower Avon valley to the west, which contains much of the population; the rolling Lockwin Downs, with its extension in the Mawkin Peninsula, to the northeast; and the mountainous outskirts of the Angel Mountains to the south.

NETHER DEANHAMPTON, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

NETHER ELVENDALE, *abbr. NEL*, a hundred in Elvery. The seat is in Guilvern.

NETHER EMMERDALE, *abbr. NEM*, a hundred in Emmer-set. The seat is in Twistle-on-Emmer.

NETHER EWDAL, *abbr. NEW*, a hundred in Ewst. The seat is in Solley.

NETHER FROYDEN, a town in Hundred Camlet in Campshire.

NETHER MAYDEN, *abbr. NMD*, a hundred in Nether Avonshire. The seat is in Mairn.

NETHER MODALE, *abbr. NMO*, a hundred in Crownburyshire. The seat is in Leasham.

NETHER SHIRDOVER, *abbr. NSH*, a hundred in Ombridgeshire. The seat is in Wister.

NETHER WHISDALE, *abbr. NWH*, a hundred in Nether Avonshire. The seat is in Whisbury.

NETHERDAWE, *abbr. NDW*, a town and hundred in Dellswyshire.

NETHERDEAN, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

¹**NETHERMAR**, a region around the lower valley of the river Mar in Marhenshire.

²**NETHERMAR**, *abbr. NMA*, a hundred in Marthenshire. The seat is in Marstwith.

NEWYTH, CADWIL, a yachtsman (470 with Loridea Kinduir) for the men’s national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

NIFFITH, HOLME, a rower (coxed eights with Shorill Waither, Mellyn Lymne, Shimmy Calmus, Shon Farrow, Brawn Am-lough, Neal Shuith, Raeve Laughmus) for the men’s national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

NIGH ROE, a river in western Morentwyshire.

NIGHSTERS, *abbr. (n)*, a political party in Somery. It wants less influence from the state, and more autonomy to local government units. Freedom and security in a healthy environment, and a responsibility for coming generations are of importance, as well as equality, solidarity and private ownership. Current leader is Mawdlys Awvish.

NITHERCRYDE, a soke in Hundred Noss in Winstershire.

NITHERLOWE ON DUNNE, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

NITHERWOLD, a soke in Hundred Brynglas in Winstershire.

NORTH FRITHS, the northern outskirts of the forest of Michelweald on the borders between Lynnestshire, Willowburyshire, and Winstershire.

NORTH LYNNEST WOLDS, *abbr. NLW*, a hundred in Lynnestshire. The seat is in Ackridge.

NORTH MELSTERSHIRE, *abbr. NME*, a hundred in Melstershire. The seat is in Simouth.

NORTHER TROY, a lathe in southwestern Somery. Its area includes Dellswyshire.

The name (OS. *Norðer Troie* < Es. *Troed (Leth)*) means “the northern foot (of the mountain)”. The lathe has always been a bit isolated from the rest of Somery, although thanes of Avillion have claimed supremacy over it from time to time in the course of history. An alternative name is Troy-om-Hills.

Adjective: Norther Troydian. The inhabitants are called Norther Troys.

NORTHEREWLAND, a lathe in northeastern Somery. Its area includes Melstershire, Erset, Ewst north of the Ewe.

The name (OS. *Norðerewnland*), which is oftenmost heard pronounced as if written Noyland, obviously means “the land north of the river Ewe”. Consequently the lathe covers - apart from modern Melstershire and Erset - the part of Ewst that lies north of the Ewe. Prydwirth, the old capital of the lathe, is a beautiful town, with several historical buildings, representing virtually all styles and ages. The wellpreserved ancient thane hall is well worth a visit.

Adjective: Northerewish. The inhabitant are called Northerewish (sing. and pl. identical), colloquially also Noys.

NORTHLAND, a newspaper covering news from Cornantshire, Morentwyshire, Willset and Farnset/Orchid Is.

NOSS, *abbr. NOS*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

NYE, ARIAN, the Minister of Finance, Som. *Mayster thes Hord*, 301-.

NYE, MADDEIGH, a cyclist (track 1 km time trial) for the men’s national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. Silver medallist.

NYLOWE, ROTHER, a cyclist (track 1 km time trial) for the men’s national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

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OAKNEIGH, *abbr.* *OGH*, a town and hundred in Crownbury-shire.

OLDERD, musical instrument (double bass) popular in folk music.

OMBRAUGH, *abbr.* *OMB*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

OMBRIDGE, *abbr.* *O*, a borough and shire seat in Ombridgeshire.

OMBRIDGESHIRE, *abbr.* *OM*, a shire in northern Somery, bordered by Cornantshire, Morentwyshire, Willset, Melstershire, Emmerset, Washfordshire, and Sireset. Area 19,503 sq.km (12th in size), appr. pop. 650,000 (21st), pop.density 33/sq.km (19th). The shire seat is in Ombridge. Motto: *Dwfr yw bywyd* (Water is life).

O. covers the northern part of lathe Shirdover, i.e. the upper valley of the river Omma, and the Shirdover Lakeland. The uplands of the Ommadowns in the south form the boundary against Emmerset.

O. is known for being the last outpost of the Estron language. The supposedly last native speaker, Frithall Kimbethery, lived in Michel Moden, a few miles north of Momith, in the late second century. A campaign has been started by his grandson through the Estron League to try to revive the language in its modern form. The interest has been surprisingly big, and has contributed to a number of bilingual signposts on various locations in the old lathe of Shirdover (Ombridgeshire and Emmerset).

OMDALE, *abbr.* *TOY*, a hundred in Ombridgeshire. The seat is in Toyne.

OMMADAWA, *abbr.* *OMD*, a town and hundred in Ombridgeshire.

OMMADOWNS, a range of hills on the border between Emmerset and Ombridgeshire.

OMMOUTH, *abbr.* *OM*, a borough in Melstershire.

OMMOUTH BAY, the mouth of the river Omma.

OUTERITH, a national park on the Isle of Milne in Sireset. O. is a small islet about 500 m wide and 800 m long, situated about 5 km to the east of Sutherholm Aiths, is the breeding ground for thousands of various seabirds, like seagulls, cormorants and puffins.

There is a regular boat service from Meryot Sheat during the summer season, but visiting the island is further restricted during breeding season, late spring - early summer. Getting ashore can be complicated in rough weather since there is no natural harbour.

OVER DEANHAMPTON, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

OVER FROYDEN, a town in Hundred Camlet in Campshire.

OVERBOTHAM, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

OVERBRAY, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

OVERDAWE, *abbr.* *OVD*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

OVERFARETH DOWN, a hill in soke Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

OVERGREEN, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleigh-

shire.

Overgreen Wold, an upland in central Bramleighshire on the border between the *deans* of Overdean and Netherdean.

OVERHARROTH, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

OVERMAR, *abbr.* *MRB*, a hundred in Marthenshire. The seat is in Marbury.

OVERSHAW, *abbr.* *OVS*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

OVERWANG, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

OVERWISH, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

OVERWORTH, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

OWZLEHURST, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

OXRIDGE, *abbr.* *OXR*, a town and hundred in Crownbury-shire.

P

PARWICH, *abbr.* *PAR*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

PATHEW, HOLME, a diver (3 m springboard) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PEARTSEN, ELWIN, a football player (7, defender) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. P. normally plays for Perthly Shuilers.

PEFFIRTH, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PEGWYN, SHEWYS, a canoeist (single, double mixed with Skerrill Finnan) for the women's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PENACRE, a hamlet in soke Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PENDROUGH, DENNAIGH, a field hockey player (starter) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PENDROUGH, MAWYRE, a swimmer (200 m freestyle, 4x200 m freestyle with Shirla Floyter, Terrys Lummer, and Maddys Pew) for the women's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 6th place (200 m freestyle).

PENDROUGH, TEWELL, a cyclist (sprint) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PENGLEWYN, the northern part of the Isle of Milne in Sireset, separated from Thorse (i.e. the southern part of the island) by a narrow isthmus.

PENGLEWYN EMNET, a lowland area on the eastern part of Penglewyn, which is the northern part of the Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PENGLEWYN OVERLAND, an upland area on the western part of Penglewyn, which is the northern part of the Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PENHAM, a town and seat in Hundred Upper Modale in Crownburyshire.

PENNING NETHERTON, a hamlet in soke Peffirth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PENNING TIGHTON, a hamlet in the soke of Mewme town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PENNING WITHEREY, a hamlet in soke Peffirth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PENNY, a coin in the Somerish currency. A P. is 1/40 of a Rose.

PENSTOWE, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

PERSHAUGH, LORILYN, a cyclist (sprint) for the women's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PERSHAUGH, NINNY, a musician (singer). P. is a member of the pop duo The Croft.

PERSHAUGH, WAYDEN, an athlete (4x100 relay with Ronnill Trith, Duffreigh Carrough, and Redgleigh Wirther) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PERTHY, *abbr.* *PY*, a borough and shire seat in Farnset &

Ordchid Is.

PERWYN, *abbr.* *PWY*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

PEW, MADDYS, a swimmer (1500 m freestyle, 4x200 m freestyle relay with Shirla Floyter, Terrys Lummer, and Mawyre Pendrough) for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

PIDGERS, SEILL, a football player (22, forward) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.. P. normally plays for Perthly Shuilers.

PIMBRAUGH, *abbr.* *PIM*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

PIPER, SHIRLYN, a pole-vaulter for the women's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. Silver medallist.

PLOUGHER, PERWY, a baseball player (pitcher) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

POBITH, MISH, a ski jumper (90m, team event) for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. 4th place. Silver medallist in the team event together with Shawra Fruith and Lorideigh Sheveraugh.

PONT DENE, ROWYS, an athlete (100 m, 4x100 m relay with Enys Luthier, Terrys Langwilt, and Druillys Stairk) for the women's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PONT DENE, RUISHYN, a baseball player (pitcher) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

POTTIGER, MAELYN, a swimmer (100 m breaststroke, 200 m breaststroke) for the women's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PRAULEIGH, ROWALL, an ice hockey player (10, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

PRAWLEY, SEIGHDON, a cyclist (road race) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

PRYDWIRTH, *abbr.* *P*, a borough and shire seat in Erset.

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QUICKITH, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

QUEILL, SHORILL, a baseball player (1st baseman, reserve) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

QUIMMITH, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

QUIRN, SHIMMY, an ice hockey player (13, forward, line A) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

QUITHERS, EWAN, a baseball player (short stop, reserve) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

QUOWE, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

R

RAMN DOWN, a hill in Thorse Downs in soke Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

RAMNOUGH, a soke in hundred Shorwick in Bramleighshire.

RAMSDEAN, *abbr. RAM*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

RELLY, DUFF, a field hockey player (reserve) for the men's national team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

RENDLE, a river in Washfordshire. R. is a tributary to the river Ire.

RID, a river in Bramleighshire. R. is a tributary to the river Dunne.

RIDDAWE, *abbr. RID*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

RILCOT, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

RILDEN, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

RILL, a river in Winstershire which joins the river Weden at the town of Covelant.

RILLOW, a soke in Hundred North Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

RILLOWE, a soke in Hundred Covelant in Winstershire.

RIMMITH, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

RIMN HILLS, a mountain ridge which could be said to form the spine of the Somerish Peninsula.

RITHE, *abbr. RTH*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

RITTON, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

ROEFILLITH, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

ROES, THE, *abbr. ROE*, a hundred in Morentwyshire. The seat is in Trevon.

ROHAM, *abbr. ROH*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

RONAGH, SEDGWY, a field hockey player (reserve) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

RONNAUGH, LEAN, an ice hockey player (19, forward, line C) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

ROOKSLADE, a town in Hundred Camlet in Campshire.

¹**ROSE**, a river in the region of the Lens in Upper Avonshire. R. is a tributary to the river Wren.

²**ROSE**, the principal currency of Somery. A Rose is divided into 2 Corne, 4 Ferthings, 10 Teithen, 40 Pennies or 160 Ban-nocks.

ROSELAW, *abbr. ROS*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

ROSEWATER, a town and seat in Hundred Upper Shirdover in Ombridgeshire.

ROSS FLOW, a body of water between the Isle of Milne and Isle of Thirnseigh.

ROTHERBRERD, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

ROTHERDEAN ON IRE, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

ROTHY, ELLGAEVE, a diver (10 m platform) for the national

women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

ROWANBERY, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

ROWANMERE, a lake in the Shirdover Lakeland.

ROWANWOOD, a forest region east of the river Cam in Campshire.

ROWLAGH, SHOREIGH, an athlete (110 m hurdles) for the national women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

ROWNHAM, *abbr. RWH*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

ROWNLEY, *abbr. ROY*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

ROWNOP WODE, a national park on the Isle of Milne in Sireset. R. is an area of partly quite dense deciduous woodlands, put aside to be protected, containing oak, ash, hornbeam, hazel and hawthorn. A group of particularly old oaktrees are worthy of attention.

ROWRY, *abbr. ROW*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

ROWRY DENE, a region around the uppermost valley of the river Cam in Campshire.

ROXINGTON, *abbr. ROX*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

RUSHNAGH, CANNARD, a short putter for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

RYCROFT, a hamlet in soke Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

RYDEN, *abbr. RYD*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

RYHAM, *abbr. RYH*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

RYKER, a hamlet in the soke of Mewme town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

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SALBRIDGE, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

SALL, a river in Bramleighshire. S. is a tributary to ther river Dunne.

SALLOP, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

SAM, a river in Elvery. S. is a tributary to the river Elven.

SAMDEN, *abbr. SAM*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

SAYLE, LOM, a musician (singer/guitar). With his rough voice and eminent slide guitar playing in the midst of an atmospheric laid back sound, Sayle is a master at describing lazy sunny days on the beach, long gone bittersweet summers, and loves that could have been. Having miraculously recovered from an illness that almost claimed his life he was much welcomed back by his supportive fans at the Sunmirch Festival in 303.

SCOWELL, LORYN, a football player (6, defender) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. S. normally plays for Skeith Lions.

SEACORD, *abbr. SEA*, a town and hundred in Crownburyshire.

SEAHAM BY WASHMOUTH, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

SEARTS, WRYAN, a high jumper for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SEAWARD, *abbr. SW*, a borough in Melstershire.

SEDGER, MARK, the Minister of Defence, Som. *Maysther Wardens* 301-.

SEDGWAUGH, CANNARD, a skier from Ternham, Hundred Highdawe in Dellswyshire (Downhill, Super G, Combination) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Gold medallist (Downhill).

SEERE, KETH, a baseball player (outfielder, reserve) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SEILLA, OSHEAN, an ice hockey player (5, defence) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

SEITH, TEWELL, an ice hockey player (7, defence) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

SELHAM, *abbr. SHM*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

SELL, a river in Washfordshire. S. is a tributary to the river Wash.

SELLING GARSTON, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

SELLING MICHELWORTH, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

SELLING WICHARD, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

SELMITHE, a soke in Hundred Overshawe in Washfordshire.

SELTON, *abbr. SEL*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

SERNE, a town and seat in Hundred Serneway in Ewst.

SERNEWAY, *abbr. SER*, a hundred in Ewst. The seat is in Serne.

SERNEWAY HEAD, a headland south of the Bay of Serneway

in Ewst.

SEVEN STONES, *abbr. SEV*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

SHARNWARTH, a soke in hundred Shorwick in Bramleighshire.

SHAURNSEA, a town and seat in Hundred Blaine in Lynnestshire.

SHAWE, a river in Melstershire.

SHAY, a river in Ombridgeshire. S. is a tributary to the river Omma.

SHAYTON, *abbr. SHA*, a town and hundred in Ombridgeshire.

SHEAMA, WENDLE, a rider (show jumping) for the national women’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301. 4th place.

’SHEAN, a river in the Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire. S. is a tributary to the river Lynne.

’SHEAN, OSBRIGHT, a fencer (foil) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SHEANDALE, a soke in Hundred North Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

SHEANOUGH, GOWEN, a Nordic Combination skier (30kF, 15kC, 50kC, 4x10kR) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Gold medallist in 4x10kR together with Perwy Elish, Ronnill Crought, and Seill Pershaugh.

SHEDLY, a town and seat in Hundred Tywold in Sutherlandshire.

SHENNOUGH, BRIGHTWIN, a bowler (single, team with Milward Ewmer, Rawls Dirwill, and Craig Flawyter) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SHEREDDIN WETLANDS, a wetland area at the mouth of the river Eddin.

SHERMINNY, a town and seat in Hundred Farther Isles in Farnset & Orchid Is.

SHESTER, *abbr. SHS*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

SHEVERAUGH, LORIDEA, a ski jumper (90m, team event) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Silver medallist in the team event with Shawra Fruith and Mish Pobith.

SHIFFLES, THE, a popular name for the national football team.

SHILLINGTON, *abbr. SHL*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

SHILLINS, ROWALL, a pole-vaulter for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SHILLITH ON WAPPLE, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

SHIMFORD, a soke in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

SHIPTON, *abbr. SHP*, a town and hundred in Crownburyshire.

SHIPSALL, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

SHIRD, *abbr. SHR*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

SHIRDOVER, a lathe in northern Somery. Its area includes Ombridgeshire and Emmerset.

The name (OS. *Scirdofre* < Classic Estron *Tirdwifr*; Modern Es. *Diéuthúl*) means “waterland” and would refer to the lakeland to the far west, which was once the heartland of the lathe. This was soon moved eastward to the confluence of the Omma and Emmer rivers. In Lathe Shirdover, as well as in Lathe Shirleith and Lathe Farnset, is where the Estron language stayed alive the longest. Wister was its first capital, then known as Annith (Mod. Es. *Anié*), until the thane moved his court to Ombridge, Cl. Es. Pont Arwith (Mod. Es. *Bons Aluie*). The tradition of Estron woodcarving lives on in the lathe, and “lovekeys” are popular souvenirs.

Adjective: Shirdowrian. The inhabitants are called Shirdowrians.

SHIRDOVER LAKELAND, THE, a hilly region in western Ombridgeshire with several lakes, which include Buckmere, Brillwater, Furlong, Rosewater, Rowanmere, Sunwater, and Wairy Water.

SHIRDOWRIAN KITHER, THE, a newspaper based in Ombridge, covering basically the old lathe of Shirdover.

SHIRE, administrative unit at the highest level of local government. There are 25 shires in Somery. Each shire is divided into *hundreds*.

SHIRETON, *abbr. SHT*, a town and hundred in Willset.

SHIRL, a river in Bramleighshire.

SHIRLEIGH, *abbr. SHH*, a town and hundred in Ewst.

SHIRLEITH, a lathe in northern Somery. Its area includes Morentwyshire and Willset.

The name (OS. *Scirleop* < Es. *Tir Leth*) means “the north country”, and the lathe was together with Shirdover and Farnset the last stronghold of the Estron language. Its former capital was Morentwy.

Adjective: Shirleithian. The inhabitants are called Shirleithians.

SHIRLING, a soke in hundred Overton in Bramleighshire.

SHIRLOWE, *abbr. SRL*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

SHIRSTOWE, a soke in Hundred Townen in Winstershire.

SHIRTREE, *abbr. SHE*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

SHON MAYNARD SPARROW, a rock group fronted by guitarist Shon Maynard who is considered one of the most brilliant guitar players Somerish rock has ever seen or heard. He is still going strong and even if you feel you’ve heard the new songs before he is still a musical force to consider. Noteworthy is also the fact that nowadays he tends to replace the quantity of notes played with quality.

SHONAUGH, CADWIL, a baseball player (pitcher, reserve) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SHONAUGH, MEAHAN, a kayaker (single) for the national women’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SHORDLE, a town and seat in Hundred Windross East in Elvery.

SHORKE, LENNAN, an ice hockey player (15, forward, line A) for the men’s national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

SHORLIFF ON LORNE, a soke in Hundred Laurnster in Winstershire.

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SHORLSTOWE, a soke in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

SHORLTON, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

SHORWICK, *abbr. SHW*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

SHUITH, NEAL, a rower (coxed eights with Shorill Waitther, Mellyn Lymne, Shimmy Calmus, Shon Farrow, Brawn Am-lough, Holme Niffith, and Raeve Laughmus) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SHUITH, ROTHER, a field hockey player (goalkeeper) for the national men’s team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb’s Cove 301.

SIBURY TOWN, *abbr. S*, a borough and shire seat in Siburyshire.

SIBURYSHIRE, *abbr. SY*, a shire in southeastern Somery, bordered by Crownburyshire, Upper Avonshire, and Nether Avonshire. Area 2,356 sq.km (25th in size), appr. pop. 3,000,000 (1st), pop. density: 1273/sq.km (1st). The shire seat is in Sibury Town. Motto: *Mind and muse wise thine heart*.

S. lies in central Avillion. The shire consists of the major part of the metropolitan area of Sibury, the capital of Somery, thus its major cultural, economical and political centre. Among it’s suburbs can be mentioned Tuton, where the most prestigious university in the country, Tuton House of Higher Lore, is situated.

SILBEA, a town in Hundred Malgary on the Malgarian Peninsula in Farnset. S. is a berth for the ferry between the mainland and the Isle of Inwirth.

SILCHTON ON THE DUNES, a town in Hundred Dunes Dohenny in Morentwyshire. S. is widely known for its long-stretched sandy beaches and is a prominent holiday destination.

SILLITH, a hamlet in soke Thirnseigh in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

SIM, a river in Bramleighshire. S. is a tributary to the river Whill.

SIMFORD, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

SIMMERS, PERWY, a musician (guitar) and songwriter for the pop group the Croft.

SIMOUTH, a town and seat in Hundred North Melstershire in Melstershire.

SIONA, a river in Elvery. S. is a tributary to the river Elven.

SIRE, a river in Sireset.

SIRESET, *abbr. SI*, a shire in northwestern Somery, bordered by Cornantshire, Ombridgeshire, and Washfordshire. Area 12,230 sq.km (22nd in size), appr. pop. 975,000 (13th), pop. density: 78/sq.km (6th). The shire seat is in Strawton. Motto: *Dyfodol o gorffennol*.

S. is basically the heartland of lathe Daylowe, centred around Elfish Bay. Strawton, once the seat of the thane, forms a natural centre. The archipelago of Melynion, clustered around the Isle of Milne consists of hundreds of islands. To the east the land rises to form the Rimm Hills.

SIRESET DAILY TIMES, a newspaper covering the shire of Sireset and its immediate surroundings.

SITON, a town and seat in Hundred High Siondale in Elvery.

SIUS, a river in Melstershire.

SKEITH, *abbr. SK*, a borough and shire seat in Emmerset.

SLADE, THE, the region around the confluence between the

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rivers Weden and Ush in Willowburyshire.

SLAWKE, GRAY, a musician (guitar/piano). No one can like S. sing a sad song about rejected love and still make you feel that you're better off without it. An unusual combination, but here is a writer of sad songs that actually cheer you up. G. is a master storyteller of brokenheartedness. Notable recordings include the albums *Odd Heart Out* and *Last Call* (containing the songs *You Don't Need Her* and *The Last I Heard From You*), and

SLED, a river in Suthershire

SLEDWY, *abbr. SLE*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

SOKE, an administrative unit at the lowest level of local government in Somery.

SOLLEY, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Ewdale in Ewst.

SOLLISH, FREAN, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

SOLLISH, SHON, an ice hockey player (1, goal keeper) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

SOME, a somewhat archaic term, although still quite popular, for an person living in Somery. It is originally based on a misunderstanding of the name Somery.

SOMERFOWL HOWE, a hill in Pengelewyn Overland in soke Peffirth.

SOMERFOWL MEADE, a hamlet in soke Peffirth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

SOMERISH, the official language of Somery, fairly closely related to Ingallish.

SONDALE, *abbr. SON*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

SONMERE, a lake in Melstershire.

SONNA, a river in Melstershire. S. is a tributary to the river Ere.

SOUTHAVILLION, *abbr. SAV*, a hundred in Upper Avonshire. Its seat is in Wrennington.

SOUTH FRITHS, the southern outskirts of the forest of Michelweald on the borders between Elvery, Lynnestshire, and Upper Avonshire.

SOUTH LYNNEST WOLDS, *abbr. SLW*, a hundred in Lynnestshire. Its seat is in Doverly.

SOUTH THORSE DOWNS, a nationally protected (NPA) area on the Isle of Milne. S. is part of the Thorse Downs, a range of hills along the south coast of the island.

SOUTHMONT, a soke in Hundred Townen in Winstershire.

SPARCREST, *abbr. SPA*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

SPOWE, EMBRIGHT, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

SQ., abbr. of *Squire*, Somerish title corresponding to Ingallish *Mr*.

STAFFRIDGE, *abbr. SF*, a borough in Siburyshire.

STAIRK, DRUILLYS, an athlete (200 m, 4x100 m relay with Rowys Pont Dene, Enys Luthier, and Terrys Langwilt) for the national women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

STAMBEIGH, *abbr. STA*, a town and hundred in Willset. Close to S. stands one of the country's most noteworthy stone circles.

STANCLEVES, a system of caves and a national park near Downfareth on the Isle of Milne in Sireset. S. is one of the few

cave systems in the country that are at least partly accessible to the general public. Myths have it that it's the home of the Erlfolk, and when man appeared and discovered the caves they just moved farther into the caves. If someone by chance would find the secret passage to the inner caves they are, according to legend, certain never to be seen in this world again.

STANWADE, SHORRILL, a classical composer (152 - 224).

His principal works include the *Marrish Symphonies* and the *Summer Rhapsodies*.

STEATHAM, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

STETHOLT ON WASH, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

STILLDALE, *abbr. CUF*, a hundred in Crownburyshire. Its seat is in Cufford.

STILLHAM, *abbr. SH*, a borough in Crownburyshire.

STILLMOUTH, *abbr. SM*, a borough in Siburyshire.

STILLWATER, a river running through Crownburyshire and Siburyshire. It flows into the Sibury Firth.

STOKE ON THE MEADS, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

STOKE UNDER WARROW, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

STOUCHAMPTON, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

STRAUBE, ELWY, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

STRAWTON, *abbr. ST*, a borough and shire seat in Sireset.

STRENDGHAM, *abbr. STR*, a town and hundred in Crownburyshire.

STUITH, SHON, a musician (drums/percussion) with the rock group the Mirth.

SUNMIRCH, an international music festival in Kirstwall in Upper Avonshire, in 303 the first one to invite artists from outside Somery.

SUMMERDALE, *abbr. SUM*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

SUMPTON HILL, *abbr. SPL*, a borough in Siburyshire.

SUNWATER, a lake in the Shirdover Lakeland.

SUTHER TROY, a lathe in southern Somery. Its area includes Hds. High Elvendale and Lean in Shire Elvery; Hds. Swindawe, Brunneigh & Highop in Ledgwickshire; Hds. Sweighmond, Highmond & Craydawe in Suthershire.

The name (OS. *Suðer Troie* < Es. *Troed (Dogleth)*) means "the southern foot (of the mountain)", stating its position to the south of the extending western range of the Angel Mts., as opposed to Norther Troy, to the north of it.

This part of Somery was for a long time divided into more or less independant mountain earldoms, roughly corresponding to the present hundreds: *Ishilder* (Highmond), *Bren Awyre* (Sweighmond), *Creidôl* (Craydawe), *Bryniog* (Brunneigh), *Aeres-Leonfolde* (High Elvendale/Lean), *Swyndôl* (Swindawe) and *Eaghlyn* (Highop). *Tywold* (covering the hundred by the same name) is sometimes also counted among them. As time passed the area took on a federative appearance, looking more like the other lathes of the peninsula, until it was, as the last signing lathe, united with the others to form the Reevery of Somery.

Swindawe has always had some authority over the other earldoms, being the see of the local hierophant. Of the *Swyndôl*

Holy House of Worship now only ruins remain.

Near Highmond are the Edrannashan caves, where cave paintings up to 8,000 years old were found in the 240s. Nowadays only scientists are allowed to see the actual paintings, but a museum has been built, as an exact copy of the main cave, showing the most famous series of paintings, including the winged hammer.

Adjective: Suther Troydian. The inhabitants are called Suther Troyds.

SUTHERBERY ON LUD, a soke in Hundred Ludwidge in Washfordshire.

SUTHEREWLAND, lathe in central Somery. Its area includes Winstershire, Willowburyshire, Mowe Valley (Hds. Shipton, Moway, & Upper, Mid & Nether Modale) in Crownburyshire and Ewst south of the Ewe.

The name (OS. *Suðerewnland*), which can often be heard pronounced as if written Syland, simply means "the land south of the river Ewe". This river has for a long time been an important border, and its valley was once one of the most fortified in the country. Rows of forts at regular intervals can still be seen on both banks of the river.

The heartland of the lathe is the Wednesbury Emnet and the Weden/Ush Valleys. Its largest cities include, apart from Winstar, its former capital, also Willowbury, which boasts with the largest number of half-timbered houses in the country. The Old Town, situated on a peninsula created by the two rivers meeting in the city, has a very old atmosphere. Also Willowbury was from time to time the home of the thane's court, and the castle is very well preserved.

Adjective: Sutherewish. The inhabitants are called Sutherewish (sing. and pl. are identical).

SUTHERHOLM AITHS, a group of islands southeast of the Isle of Milne in Sireset. S. have regular boat services from Downfareth, and also Meryot Sheat.

SUTHERIDGE, the southern range of the Rimn Hills on the border between Campshire and Willowburyshire.

SUTHERLEA, *abbr. SU*, a borough and shire seat in Suthershire.

SUTHERLISH, MILWARD, a musician (electric/acoustic guitar, mandolin, backing voice), co-founder of the rock group the Mirth.

SUTHERSHIRE, *abbr. SU*, a shire in southern Somery, bordered by Ledgwickshire. Area 26,154 sq.km (9th in size), appr. pop. 600,000 (24th), pop. density: 23/sq.km (24th). The shire seat is in Sutherlea. Motto: *Mind thee thy past*.

S. is dominated by the Dill valley, forming the suthernmost parts of lathes Elvery and Suther Troy. The land rises in the east to meet the Angel Mountains. Near Highmond are the Edrannashan caves, with prehistoric paintings, thought to be at least 8,000 years old.

SUTHROP, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

SUTHWICH, *abbr. SUW*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

SWANBURY, *abbr. SWA*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

SWARCOT, a hamlet in soke Quimmith in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

SWARCUDGE HOWE, a hill on the border between the sokes of Murrioth, Quimmith, and Penstowe.

SWARLEES, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

S

SWEIGHMOND, *abbr. SWE*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

SWEYSELD, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

SWINDAWE, *abbr. SWD*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

SWITHERN, *abbr. SWH*, a town and hundred in Melstershire.

SWITHERSIDE, a soke in hundred Selton in Bramleighshire.

SYTHER, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

T

TANWITH, DEAGHYS, a fencer (foil) for the national women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

TARNBURY, *abbr. TAR*, a town and hundred in Sireset.

TARNWATER, a river in Winstershire. T. is a tributary to the river Kenna.

TEITHE, pl. *Teithen*, Som. for *tenth*, a coin in the Somerish currency. A T. is 1/10 of a Rose.

TENNILE, *abbr. TEN*, a town and hundred in Ombridgeshire.

TENWILT, CAETLYS, rider (team show jumping with w Roshean Forthe, Weill Tewlaugh, and Shoreigh Shonaugh) for the national women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

TERNHAM, town in Hundred Highdawe, Dellswyshire. T. is most famous for being the home of skiers Oshean Willern and Cannard Sedgwaugh.

TEWLAUGH, SHOREIGH, swimmer (100 m freestyle, 4x200 m freestyle relay with Ean Crowall, Merrill Witherly, and Marsden Duskill) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 6th place (4x200 m).

TEWLAUGH, WEILL, rider (show jumping, team show jumping with Roshean Forthe, Shoreigh Shonaugh, and Caetlys Tenwilt) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

THIRNE, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. T. consists of the Isle of Thirnseigh and surround islands.

THIRDINGWOLD, a soke in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

THIRSFIELD, a town and seat in Hundred Windross West in Elvery.

THIRSING DEANE, a hamlet in the soke of Thirstowe town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset..

THIRSING DEANHAMPTON, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

THIRSING WITHEREY, a hamlet in the soke of Barsum town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

THIRSTOWE, a town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset. T. is the biggest town of Thorse (the southern half of the island), and the island's third in size.

THIRSTREE, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

THISTERFOLD, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

THISTROP, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

THOLMSTON, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

THOVELTOFT, a soke in Hundred Lowton in Washfordshire.

THREE DEANS, the previous name for what is now Bramleighshire. T., which was often considered a part of lathe Lynnest consisted of the three *ridings* or *deans*: *Dunne Netherdean*, basically the Dunne valley south of Overgreen Wold; *Dunne*

Overdean, the upper Dunne valley; and *Whilden* centred in the valley of Whill. These three districts are represented by the three clovers in the present coat of arms of Bramleighshire.

THREE DEANS QUIRE FRELS, a music festival held annually in Mid August, alternatively in Dunne Eaden, Bramleigh and Dunster in Bramleighshire. It is dedicated to choir music, old and new, a cappella and with orchestra. The region of *the Deans* famous for its choral music and originally only local choirs were allowed to participate, but in the last three decades choirs from all over Somery have been welcome. The invitation of foreign choirs is currently (312) being discussed.

THRIELDS, a soke in Hundred South Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

THUNBOURNE, *abbr. THN*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

THURBOURNE, *abbr. THR*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

THURDEN, the upper region around the valley of the river Lynne.

THURWICH, *abbr. THU*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

TICHEN HOWE, a hill on the border between the sokes of Lewnster, Mewme town and Penstowe in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

TICHWORTHY, a hamlet in soke Shipsall in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

TIDELL, *abbr. TDL*, a hundred in Melstershire. Its seat is in Titewister.

TIFFIN, *abbr. TFN*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

TILECORRAN, *abbr. TCN*, a town and hundred in Willset.

TILLER, LORYN, an archer for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

TILLERS, THE, a rock group. With their musical boots firmly based deep in the muddy blues soil T. is probably one of the best pure blues bands to surface in the Somerish music business. Don't expect songs of sunny skies or romantic love; for T. it is all heartache and hard work. Simple as it may seem in structure this band takes the blues to new heights.

TILLOP, a soke in Hundred Highop in Ledgwickshire. T. is most famous for being the home of skier Wrenna Morlowe.

TITCH, EMMERRILL, an ice hockey player (9, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

TITCH, IAIN, the Minister of Transport and Communication, Som. *Mayster thes Weyfore & Fartale* 301-.

TITE, a river in Melstershire.

TITEWISTER, a town and seat in Hundred Tidell in Melster-shire.

TOR, a river in Willset.

TORWISH, an airport outside Eamouth in Elvery.

TOSTRITH, *abbr. T*, a borough and shire seat in Willset.

TOSTRITH BAY, a bay east of the Malgarian Peninsula.

TOWELAUGH, *abbr. TWH*, a town and hundred in Campshire.

TOWEN, *abbr. TOW*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

TOWNDON, *abbr. TWD*, a town and hundred in Lynnest-

shire.

TOWNWATER, a lake in Crownburyshire.

TOYLE, a river in Marthenshire.

TOYNE, a town and seat in Hundred Omdale in Ombridgeshire.

TRETHWYN, a hamlet in soke Shipsall in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

TREUE, SHOREIGH, a football player (5, defender) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. T. normally plays for Crownbury Kings.

TREWYN, *abbr. TRW*, a town and hundred in Dellswyshire.

TRILLOUGH, SEILL, a baseball player (pitcher, reserve) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

TRITH, RONNILL, an athlete (100 m, 200 m, 4x100 m relay with Duffreigh Carrough, Wayden Pershaugh, and Redgleigh Wirther) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

TROS, a river in Lynnestshire.

TROSWY, *abbr. TRO*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

TROY-OM-HILLS, see *Norther Troy*.

TRUILEIGH, *abbr. TRH*, a town and hundred in Ledgwickshire.

TRURISH, *abbr. TRU*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

TUESBURY, *abbr. TUE*, a borough in Siburyshire.

TUESWY, *abbr. TU*, a borough in Siburyshire.

TULL, *abbr. TL*, a borough in Melstershire.

TULLDOVER BAY, a bay in Lynnestshire watered by the rivers Gangle and Lynne.

TUTON, *abbr. TN*, a borough in Siburyshire.

TUTON HOUSE THES HIER LORE, *Tuton University*, a university based in Tuton in Siburyshire. T. is the oldest university in Somery and is widely recognised as one of the most respected in the country.

TWEYN DIGHTREN, two islands, Michel and Little Dough-ter, in the western Orchid Islands.

TWICKENMEADE, a hamlet in soke Quimmith in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

TWILLINGHAM, *abbr. TWI*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

TWISSET SOUND, a body of water between the Isle of Thirnseigh and the mainland of Sireset.

TWISTLE ON DILLYS, a town and seat in Hundred Mid Dillydales in Dellswyshire.

TWISTLE ON EMMER, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Emmerdale in Emmerset.

TYLE, a town and seat in Hundred High Mayden in Nether Avonshire.

TYLEWORTH, *abbr. TYL*, a town and hundred in Upper Avonshire.

TYSAUGH, an airport outside Morentwy in Morentwyshire.

TYWILT, ATHER, a field hockey player for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

TYWOLD, *abbr. SHY*, a hundred in Suthershire. Its seat is in Shedly.

T

U

UNDALE, *abbr. UND*, a hundred in Melstershire. Its seat is in Unningham.

UNNE, a river in Melstershire. U. is a tributary to the river Ere.

UNNINGHAM, a town and seat in Hundred Undale in Melstershire.

UPPER AVONSHIRE, *abbr. UA*, a shire in southeast central Somery, bordered by Crownburyshire, Lynnestshire, Elvery, Dellswyshire, Nether Avonshire, and Siburyshire. Area 37,979 sq.kms (4th in size), appr. pop. 2,400,000 (3rd), pop. density 63/sq.km (10th). The shire seat is in Bridglea. Motto: *Cottidie unum malum*.

U. occupies the southern part of lathe Avillion, being its old heartland. The centre is made up of the Avillion Evens watered by the rivers Avon and Wren. This region is famous for its *muist*, i.e. apple cider. In the southeast the Avon takes its source in the Angel Mountains. Michelweald covers the hills of the western part of the shire, also known as the Lens.

UPPER EWDALE, *abbr. UEW*, a hundred in Ewst. Its seat is in Ewridge.

UPPER MODALE, *abbr. UMO*, a hundred in Crownburyshire. Its seat is in Penham.

UPPER SHIRDOVER, *abbr. USH*, a hundred in Ombridgeshire. Its seat is in Rosewater.

USH, a river in Willowburyshire. U. is a tributary to the river Weden.

USHFORD, *abbr. UFD*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

USHINGTON, *abbr. U*, a borough in Siburyshire.

USHWELL, *abbr. UWL*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

V

VER MUSICAE, a festival of classical music held annually around the Spring Evenlight Holiday, alternatively taking place in Sibury and Melster.

W

WADE, EAN, a skier (Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom, Combination) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WAIRY WATER, a lake in the Shirdover Lakeland.

WAITHER, SHORILL, a rower (coxed eights with Mellyn Lymne, Shimmy Calmus, Shon Farrow, Brawn Amlough, Holme Niffith, Neal Shuith, and Raeve Laughmus) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WAITHER, TEWELL, a tennis player (single, mixed double with Caitilyn Dwaugh) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WAITREE, *abbr. WE*, a borough in Upper Avonshire.

WALDAWE, *abbr. WAL*, a town and hundred in Erset.

WALE, a river in the Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire. W. is a tributary to the river Lynne.

WALLITH DOWNS, an upland in southern Erset.

WANNAGH, SHEVIN, a field hockey player (reserve) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WAPPLE, a river in Washfordshire.

WAPPLETON, a soke in Hundred Washmouth in Washfordshire.

WARD, administrative unit at the lowest level, the equivalent of the soke in a borough.

WARD HOWE, a hill on the Isle of Thirnseigh in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WARDLIN, *abbr. WAR*, a town and hundred in Lynnestshire.

WARTON, a hamlet in soke of Thirne in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WASH, a river in Washfordshire. Its main tributaries are the rivers Lix, Ire, Widder, Lith, Sell, and Em.

WASHFORD, *abbr. WA*, a borough and shire seat in Washfordshire.

WASHFORDSHIRE, *abbr. WA*, a shire in northwestern Somery, bordered by Sireset, Ombridgeshire, Emmerset, Campshire, and Martheshire. Area 16,218 sq.km (17th in size), appr. pop. 800,000 (15th), pop. density 49/sq.km (12th). The shire seat is in Washford. Motto: *We are for aye soothfast to thee*.

W. covers the northernmost part of Iathe Mar, dominated by the Wash valley. Uplands like Audwill Downs to the north, Cloudy Downs to the east, and the Rimn Hills to the south form parts of its boundaries. This is something of a backwater part of Somery, with lazy little towns, perfect for the weary, away from the major tourist traps. In spite of not being swarmed with visitors W. holds plenty to look at like quaint castles and manors, including Watchister Seld in Washford.

WASHING HARRADEAN, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

WASHING KYDEN, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

WASHING NETHERDALE, a soke in Hundred Iredale in Washfordshire.

WASHING RILCROFT, a soke in Hundred Washton in Wash-

fordshire.

WASHING STOVICH, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

WASHMOUTH, *abbr. WMH*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

WASHTON, *abbr. WSH*, a town and hundred in Washfordshire.

WAUGHAM, RAEVE, a classical composer (172 - 258). His principal works include *Roshyn Wyn* for orchestra and voices and *Meadow Birdsong* for violin & orchestra.

WEATHER HOWE, a hill in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WEATHERDOWN, *abbr. WEA*, a town and hundred in Emmerset.

WEDEN, a river running through Willowburyshire and Winstershire. It flows into the Wednesmouth Bight. Its main tributaries are the rivers Ush, Rill, Ell, and Kenna.

WEDNAUGH, EAN, a baseball player (outfielder, reserver) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WEDNESBURY, *abbr. WDN*, a town and hundred in Winstershire.

WEDNESBURY EMNET, a lowland around the lower valley of the river Weden in Winstershire.

WEDNESBURY QUICK TIVERING FRELS, Som. *Wednesbury Film Festival*, Somery's biggest annual film festival, held in Wednesbury, Winstershire in late August, enjoying nationwide reputation and respect.

WEDNESDALE, *abbr. WDD*, a town and hundred in Willowburyshire.

¹**WEDNESFIRTH**, the mouth of the river Weden in Winstershire.

²**WEDNESFIRTH**, a soke in Hundred Covelant in Winstershire.

WEDNESGAR, a soke in Hundred Brynglas in Winstershire.

WEDNESLEIGH, CANNARD, a football player (4, defender) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. W. is normally playing for Thirsfield Milners.

WEDNESLOW GORE, a cape east of Wednesmouth Bight in Winstershire.

WEDNESLOW WOLD, a headland in Winstershire situated between the towns of Winster and Brynglas.

WEDNESMOUTH BIGHT, a bay in Winstershire into which the river Weden flows.

WEDNESWORTH, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

WEDNINGHAMPTON, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

WEDNOUGH, MERRYS, an athlete (10,000 m) for the national women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WEDNOWE, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WEDNSOM, an island off the coast of Sireset.

W

WEIGH, *abbr. WGH*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

WEILLA, SHOREIGH, a ski jumper (90m, team event) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WEN, a river in Dellswyshire. W. is a tributary to the river Dillys.

WENNOUGH, RAWLS, a football player (8, defender) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. W. normally plays for Melster Wheelers.

WES, a river in Washfordshire. W. is a tributary to the river of Sell.

WESHLEY, SHORILL, a field hockey player (starter) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WESSINGHAM, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

WEST AVILLION, *abbr. WAV*, a hundred in Upper Avonshire. Its seat is in Avillith.

WEST MIDLANDS NEWS WARDEN, a newspaper covering basically Campshire and Lynnestshire.

WESWICK, a soke in Hundred Selham in Washfordshire.

WETHERS, MIDGLA, a Nordic Combination skier (15kF, 30kC, 4x5kR) for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Silver medallist in 4x5kR together with Awdra Cushe, Marleigh Cutheryn, and Shirla Gossish.

WEYNSLIFF, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

WF., *abbr. of Wife*, Somerish title corresponding to the Ingallish *Mrs*.

WHICCOMBE, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

WHICKIDGE, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

WHILBOTHAM, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

WHILBRIDGE, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

WHILDEN, one of the three *deans* in Bramleighshire, covering the valley of the river Whill.

WHILFRUM, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

WHILL, a river in Bramleighshire.

WHILLING EWICH, a soke in hundred Shillington in Bramleighshire.

WHILLOM, a soke in hundred Lesford in Bramleighshire.

WHILMOUTH, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

WHILMOUTH BIGHT, the mouth of the river Whill.

WHIMMETT, LOWREIGH, a football (8, defender) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. W. normally plays for Shaurnsea Sprites.

WHIRFTON, a soke in Hundred Bray in Winstershire.

WHIRLCOT, a soke in hundred Braydawe in Bramleighshire.

WHISBURY, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Whisdale in Nether Avonshire.

WHISDALE, the region around the valley of the river Whisk.

WHISHOP, a town and seat in Hundred Mid Whisdale in Nether Avonshire.

WHISK, a river in Nether Avonshire. W. is a tributary to the river Avon.

WHISTLER, ALAN, the Minister of Trade, Som. *Mayster thes Cheaping* 301-.

WHISTLES, a town and seat in Hundred High Whisdale in Nether Avonshire.

WHITEHAZEL, *abbr. WHH*, a town and hundred in Emmerset.

WHITEHAZEL DOWNS, a range of hills on the borders between Erset, Emmerset, and Melstershire.

WHITMINNITH, a hamlet in soke Milngor in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WHITSANDS, a hamlet in soke Lewnster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WHITTERN, *abbr. WHT*, a town and hundred in Suthershire.

WHIVEN, SHORILL, a baseball player (pitcher, reserve) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WICHCROFT, a hamlet in soke Lewnster in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WICHWADE, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

WIDDEN UPLANDS, an upland in Cornantshire.

WIDDENDAWE, *abbr. WDW*, a town and hundred in Cornantshire.

WIDDER, a river in Washfordshire. W. is a tributary to the river Wash.

WIDDERWICH, a soke in Hundred Washton in Washfordshire.

WIDLOW, *abbr. WLW*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

WIGHT, EDMUND, the Minister of Agriculture, Som. *Mayster thes Earthtilth*, 301-.

WILDALE, ENNAN, a classical composer (25 BC - 41 AP), principal work includes *The Months Suite*.

WILFORD, a soke in Hundred North Lynnest Wolds in Lynnestshire.

WILKSOM, *abbr. WSM*, a town and hundred in Elvery.

WILLARD, *abbr. WLD*, a town and hundred in Nether Avonshire.

WILLERN, OSHEAN, a skier (Downhill, Super G, Giant Slalom, Slalom) ice hockey player (9, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301. Bronze medallist in Slalom.

WILLIER, PENNIDEIGH, an athlete (Marathon) for the national women's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WILLINGSTOWE, *abbr. WST*, a town and hundred in Bramleighshire.

WILLITON, a soke in hundred Eaden in Bramleighshire.

WILLISH, COLERIDGE EARTS, the party leader of the Wrights and High Reeve of the Shires 301-304.

WILLIVER, a river in Willset. W. flows into Tostrith Bay.

WILLOUGH, ELWRA, a skier (Downhill, Giant Slalom, Slalom) for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WILLOWBURY, *abbr. WB*, a borough and shire seat in Willowburyshire. W. was for various periods of time the capital of Iathe Sutherewland. The city's old centre, Eldertown, situated on a peninsula created by rivers Ush and Weden, shows a large number of spectacular half-timbered buildings.

WILLOWBURY FRICK, THE, a newspaper for Willowbury and the Slade area.

W

WILLOWBURYSHIRE, *abbr. WB*, a shire in central Somery, bordered by Campshire, Erset, Ewst, Winstershire, and Lynnestshire. Area 27,312 sq.km (8th in size), appr. pop. 1,120,000 (10th), pop. density 41/sq.km (14th). The shire seat is in Willowbury. Motto: *Caer Helygen*.

W. covers the upper valley of the river Weden, and that of its tributary the Ush. The area is quite hilly, rising in the west to join the Rimm Hills, and to the south lie the forested North Friths uplands, being a part of Michelweald.

WILLSET, *abbr. WS*, a shire in northern Somery, bordered by Morentwyshire, Ombridgeshire, and Farnset and Orchid Is. Area 10,939 sq.km (23rd in size), appr. pop. 650,000 (20th), pop. density 59/sq.km (11th). The shire seat is in Tostrith. Motto: *Volve me in trifolium*.

W. covers about a third of lathe Shirleith. The Williver and Tor valleys dominate the northern part, while the heaths of the Coymoor Wolds cover the south. Most of the population is spread along the valleys and the Tostrith Bay.

Close to Stambeigh stands one of the country's most noteworthy stone circles.

WILLSET MOORS, an upland in eastern Willset.

WILMSTOUCH, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

WILSTEAD, a soke in Hundred Overshaw in Washfordshire.

WIMPISH, an airport outside Melster in Melstershire.

WIMSEY, *abbr. WMS*, a town and hundred in Ewst.

WINDROSS BAY, the mouth of the river Elven.

WINDROSS EAST, *abbr. WRE*, a hundred in Elvery. The seat is in Shordle.

WINDROSS WEST, *abbr. WRW*, a hundred in Elvery. The seat is in Thirsfield.

WINDWEATHER, a hamlet in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WINNOWER, FARLEIGH, a yachtsman (star with Lonys Cutheryn) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WINSTER, *abbr. W*, a borough and shire seat in Winstershire.

WINSTER BEADLE, THE, a newspaper covering the Winstershire and West Midland areas.

WINSTERSHIRE, *abbr. WI*, a shire in eastern central Somery, bordered by Ewst, Willowburyshire, Lynnestshire, and Crownburyshire. Area 14,847 sq.kms (20th in size), appr. pop. 1,500,000 (7th), pop. density 101 (3rd). The shire seat is in Winstershire. Motto: *Weden is thy blee* (Blue is your colour).

W. covers the central part of lathe Sutherewland, i.e. the lower Weden valley, the Wednesbury Emnet, and the Kenna valley. The Emnet dominates the terrain in the north, while the south, bordering on Lynnestshire, meets the hilly, forested North Friths of the Michelweald area.

The coastline consists of long sandy beaches, with the exception of the Wedneslow Wold area which features low cliffs and pebbled shores.

WINSTRITH, a soke in hundred Riddawe in Bramleighshire.

WIRTHER, TOSH, an ice hockey player (16, forward, line B) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WIRTHER, REDGLEIGH, an athlete (4x100 m relay with Ronnill Trith, Duffreigh Carroug, and Wayden Pershaugh) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WISHAM *abbr. WH*, a borough in Siburyshire.

WISHFIELD, a soke in hundred Shirlowe in Bramleighshire.

WISTER, a town and seat in Hundred Nether Shirdover in Ombridgeshire.

WITHALL, MAWYRE, a curling player for the women's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WITHERLY, MERRILL, a swimmer (50 m freestyle, 4x200 m freestyle relay with Ean Crowall, Shoreigh Tewlaugh, and Marsden Duskill) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301. 6th place (4x200 m).

WITHERSANDS, a hamlet in the soke of Thirstowe town in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WITHY, ALBRIGHT, a skier (Downhill) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WOLMWORTHY, a soke in Hundred Bream in Washfordshire.

WOLMSHOT, a soke in Hundred Townen in Winstershire.

WOLMSTER, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WOODROSE DEANE, a soke in hundred Dunster in Bramleighshire.

WORTH, a river in the region of the Lens in Upper Avonshire.

WORTHAM, a soke in Hundred Brynglas in Winstershire.

WRAINE, SHIMMY, an ice hockey player (8, defence) for the men's national team at the Winter Vexgames in Sanx 301.

WREIGHN, NELLYS, a yachtswoman (Laser) for the national men's team at the Summer Vexgames in Lynne/Myo Beach, Lamb's Cove 301.

WREN, a river in Upper Avonshire. W. is a tributary to the river Avon.

WRENHAM, *abbr. WR*, a borough in Upper Avonshire.

WRENNINGTON, a town and seat in South Avillion in Uppen Avonshire.

WRIGHTS, *abbr. (w)*, the biggest political party in Somery. Its leader is also the leader of the Maystership and therefore Reeve of Somery. W. wants a mixed economy of free enterprise as well as governmental influence. Companies and activities vital to society, like nationwide communications, health-care, and social security should be in the hands of the state. Full employment, careful use of natural resources, equally distributed prosperity, economical development and social security are important goals. The current leader, since 304, is Annideigh Lynne.

WUTHERIDGE, *abbr. WUR*, a town and hundred in Marthenshire.

WYCOT, a hamlet in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WYDEN, a hamlet in soke Downfareth in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

WYNNEST AITHS, a national park in soke Leswyn in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset, covering a group of islands off the east coast of the Isle of Milne.

Y

YAMPTON, a soke in Hundred Lournster in Winstershire.

YAY IN WHILDEN, a soke in hundred Willingstowe in Bramleighshire.

YEAPWARTH BY TOWEN, a soke in Hundred Townen in Winstershire.

YEARSLEA, a soke in Hundred Averbrawe in Winstershire.

YEATH, a town and seat in Hundred Branmoor in Morentwyshire.

YEAWICH, a soke in Hundred Wednesbury in Winstershire.

YELLET DENE, a wide fertile valley at the confluence of the rivers Coynant and Emmer in Emmerset.

YELLET DENE KIRTH & LEITH FAIR, Som. *Yellet Dene Folk Music and Poetry Festival*, a festival held annually in Skeith, Emmerset, in late July. Y. is one of the most popular music events of the summer season. It is dedicated to Somerish folk music and poetry, featuring published poets as well as amateurs. Apart from the official performances you will find dozens of amateur musicians playing together, enjoying and communicating the language of the music deeply rooted in old Somerish tradition, still in constant development.

YERSALL, a soke in Hundred Isle of Milne in Sireset.

YERSFIELD, a soke in Hundred Kendale in Winstershire.

YERSIE DOWNS, a range of hills along the border between Crownburyshire and Winstershire, its northernmost outskirts reaching between the river Kenna and the sea in Winstershire.

YILLITH, a town on the Isle of Inwirth. Y. is a berth for the ferry between the Isle of Inwirth and the mainland.