

Torstan Castle

Torstan Castle is the king's residence when he comes to stay at Torstan (which is not often – he loves hunting and wenching). In the meantime, it is served by his Seneschal, Sir Daffyd Manawwydan, a serious and conscientious man, but somewhat of a martinet. He is not particularly loved by the populace or Town Council.

INNER BAILEY

- Keep:** This is the main building, a tall, though slender, tower of five stories.
- Knights:** This 2 storey building houses three Knights Banneret that are given charge of the Castle's defences. Sir Ifor Parry, Sir Edwyn Cadwalader and Sir Alwyn Davies
- Armoury:** This two storey building stores a wide range of weapons and armour. On top is a flat roof used to mount catapults.
- Stables:** These house five noble steeds, for the use of the Knights and the Seneschal. The Head Ostler, Aneurin Maddex and 5 stable boys live in the second storey.

MIDDLE BAILEY

- Supplies:** This two storey building houses all sorts of supplies, from candles, to cheeses, dry biscuit, smoked meat (with a smokehouse attached), kegs of wine, spare bedding, sheets, clothes, boots. And the second storey is housing for the spinsters, the leather-workers, the vintners, the victuallers and other folk required to manufacture and keep the Keep stockpiles against any siege. The Quartermaster, Sergeant Ceridwin Nist is in charge of all activities here.

OUTER BAILEY

- Smith:** Anyon Wendsir is the Head Smith, and with three apprentices, he supplies the garrison with armour and weapons, the horses with shoes, the Lord and Lady with utensils, cookware and ornate filigree work.
- Artisans:** Here live several craftsmen, on the storey above their shop – ropemaker, baker, and catapult-maker.
- Armoury:** This is another armoury, mainly for the defence of the walls, with barrels of oil for boiling, many shafts of arrows, and ballistas and catapults with their missiles, some in the process of repair. On its roof is another catapult platform protecting the small harbour below.
- Barracks:** Here are housed thirty men-at-arms, who use the roof on this two storey building for military practice. In a siege, it is another platform for catapults, protecting any approach from the bay to the west.
- Stables:** This house various fast messenger horse, as well as a few sheep and milking cows.
- Lady Tower:** This tower is now used as a prison and inquisitor's 'workplace'. It gets its name from the wife of the third Seneschal who took to gazing west from where she had come for a forced arranged, and unhappy marriage. Her evening room is still untouched on the fourth floor. At the tower's base is an underground chamber for enemies of the State. It is presently unoccupied.

CHAPEL TOWER: This large four storey tower has the castle's chapel of St Gwenifer, presided over by Venerable Malwin Einog, a celibate, dour and judgmental cleric holding to firm strictures of the Faith. He and the Seneschal are about the only two people who like each other. Unlike the Seneschal, few respect the priest. The tower also houses a guardroom, quarters for Malwin, and his three elderly handmaidens, and the main kitchen for the Outer Bailey

SENESCHAL'S TOWER: This is where the Seneschal lives when the King is in residence – which rarely occurs. Otherwise, it is the family quarters for his son, newly appointed Bailiff, Sir Maelon Manawwydan, and his wife and three daughters – all very pretty, eligible for marriage and very, very coy and manipulative.

Between these two towers is the well fortified Gatehouse, with murder holes, drawbridge workings and boiling oil paraphernalia.

On the top of both towers are huge catapults.

ROYAL DOCKS: These docks are used by the Castle for conveying important guests (such as the King) directly to the Castle. It also picks up supplies and its vessels are used as Royal Couriers. Its entry and exit is via the Middle Bailey.

AMERGIN'S CAVE: This cave extends for a fair way below the castle foundations. The full extent is a State secret. It is rumoured to be the dwelling place of a selkie woman who worked magic for a seneschal long ago. There is no evidence as to whether this is true or false.