

Longbridge at a Glance

Gartov Grenharp. Solliton is home to many merchants, well-to-do commoners, spell-throwers and others of good standing. Prominent merchants maintaining businesses here include the Carbani, Feralnen, Muamman and the Galthrena. The Feralen are pre-eminent in the fine weaponry trade, some of their blades rivaling those of the dwur for strength and keenness of blade. The Galthrena are perhaps the most powerful merchants in the province but accusations of corruption dog the family. Derl Galthrena, the aging patriarch of the family, maintains a well-appointed townhouse in Solliton but spends much of his time in his palatial estate to the east of the town. Of the other family members only Helana is often seen about town.

Solliton is also home to several faiths. The Vault of the Coin adjacent to the Merchant's Wheel is dedicated to Zilchus. Sealed since the fall of the town in 584 CY, it has resisted all attempts to reopen it. The makeshift chapel to the Lord of Coin set up in an adjacent townhouse was gutted during the sack. The Palace of the Lady of the Pearls is sanctified in the name of Osprem (a local belief having pearls being considered to be the tears of Osprem). The Court of the Winds, sacred to the Velaeri, is tended by its aged high-priest Savo Belarii.

Sotillon is an important local deity, worshipped primarily in her aspect as a provider of comforts. A summer festival has been traditionally held in her honour every year. On the first day of Richfest a young maiden is proclaimed as the "Pearl of Longbridge". Week-long celebrations ensue, giving thanks to the Lady of Summer for the bounty and comforts that she has bestowed on the town. The law courts and chapel to Pholtus were desecrated and Raisea, the blind Pholtine high-priestess, has, with grim determination, set about reconsecrating the gutted shrine.

At the centre of Solliton lies the Merchant's Wheel - a great oval space in the midst of which is an ornate fountain dedicated to Sotillon, unfortunately vandalised during the Occupation. Much of the trade that is conducted in Longbridge is carried out here. Rich merchants maintain business around the Wheel, while lesser individuals rent stall to display their wares.

During The Fall

In 584 CY, Longbridge was the victim of subterfuge and betrayal. Here however the defeat was deeper and more profound than elsewhere. Assassins slew Duke Ansend, his wife and their three sons as they slept. Groups of savage warriors neutralised the defences of Longbridge, and in the process slew the Duke's cousin, Duvend Baron of Azurond. His death saw any hope of meaningful resistance in Longbridge crumble. Local Wreckers were also targeted extremely effectively by the Brotherhood. The defeat was so complete that when the Brotherhood flotilla sailed up the Fallnos the next morn, it is said they didn't sustain any casualty.

Oppression here was severe, but resistance was not as effective as throughout the rest of Onnwal. As a result atrocities were not common in Longbridge. Kesh Nojos banned the Salmon Run and ordered nets cast across the river to catch the migrating fish. These nets were often sabotaged and in 585 CY she executed four young men by drowning for attempting to interfere with the nets.

The Brotherhood used the town as a strategic base to supply and provision many of their warships before they made their way into the Gearnat. Because of this many fishermen's crafts were confiscated to assist in this task, which considerably damaged the local economy.

Freedom

Longbridge was freed during the initial Brewfest rebellion. Fighting here was relatively heavy, but was concluded swiftly. Kesh Nojos was slain during the storming of the town, sacrificing herself and her elite guard to ensure the escape of the Brotherhoods naval flotilla.

The town is currently without a naval screen of any kind due to the dire straits in which the once numerous Onnwalish navy finds itself. Longbridge relies on a mixed bag of shore defences and fishing craft to ward off the attacks of Brotherhood and Lordship of the Isles vessels.

