

# The Brighthelm Babblers

21/03/1313 – Nice big headlines for the illiterate.

## Undead Hordes Vanquished!

Brighthelm is once again relatively safe from the unliving armies of Vivamort, thanks to the tireless vigilance and stalwartness of the respectable temples. Elidad Swordsworn (cousin of His Royal Highness Samuel Sworsworn, defender of the realm and honoured patron of the printing industry) lead his own personal army along with many willing volunteers to bear the brunt of the attack, proving that heart and courage will always prevail over the tireless machinations of undeath. However they were supported by agents from other temples, notably the temples of Aten and Azrael, who also did much good work preparing the city defences to protect the citizens should the initial attack fail.

Rumour also abounds of a small unit which sneaked through holes in the enemy defences to eliminate the source of the corruption, the necromancer Sidric Steele himself. According to gossip, a team involving two humans, an orc, and a tomten brought the head of the necromancer to the Temple of Mallan, whereupon it disappeared and one of the humans was struck to the floor dead. Whether this is just hearsay, it seems to have left a convenient lack of evidence in its wake.

This is, of course, the second supernatural army to be banished from our fair city in the past month, with demon-levels fast approaching January levels, according to the Temple of the Balance. We feel a hearty congratulations is owed to all the righteously active temples, the Scouts' guild, and the City Watch, as well as those individual citizens who helped protect the sanctity of our city from the corruption of the supernatural. (Maybe take this bit out, we don't want to be seen to promote vigilantism – Ed.)

*Do you have further information on this story? Did you encounter any undead, or did you see anything interesting from the walls? We want to hear from you!*

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*Elidad and the horde – an artists impression*

## Homunculus Spotted

The underground system of pipes that criss cross beneath the streets of Brighthelm are some of the finest examples of Dwarven Engineering skill in the entire south of Albion. Primarily used for the removal of waste this reporter has leant that it seems they are now home to some foul creations of 'science'.

For those not upto speed on the Monsters Guide collection, he is what the Encyclopedia Albion has to to say on the matter of 'Homunculus':

*'Homunculus: A large creature of no definable shape or characteristic. Odten created as a by-product of illegal Alchemical Transmogrification experimentation on living beings.'*

In the past attempts at organic transmogrification by the Transmutation section of the Alchemists Guild had been a favourite of scholars of Transmutational Theory who believed that it held the secrets to immortality and Increased potential of an individual. In theory however it became apparent that the results were hugely varied and whilst many of the test subjects were indeed faster, stronger and sturdier they were also all horribly warped and many were mere lumps of pained flesh waiting for the release of death.

In the last 10 years Transmutation on living beings of any description, even no sentient has been considered illegal and enforced strictly by the Alchemists Guild. It appears that that inforcement is no longer being maintained as steadily as at least one Homunculus appears to have made its home in the warren of tunnels beneath the city.

Let there be no doubt that a large creature of no defineable shape or characteristics was clearly seen by our reputable sewer-frequenting sources. If you have seen any mysterious shapes recently or often find yourself wandering the sewers you might just have what it takes to be a reporter for the Babblers. Now hiring.

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## Obituaries

Orlain Philpott, killed by undead.

Jenna Ericson, killed by undead.

Billy Wacken, died in an  
unfortunate plumbing accident.

Tathar Linwēlin, Warlock, killed  
in action at the Sussex Arms last  
fortnight.

Journeyman Smokestack,  
perpetual student, died age 623.

Countless farmers from the  
surrounding villages who died in  
the undead attacks and are now  
laid to their final rest.

## Kender Kolouring Korner!



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