

The Shopkeepers of Fieldon

Below is a brief description of the shopkeepers that make Fieldon their home.

Alon Yemmith - The tailor, Alon Yemmith, is a frail man of 65 years, who lost his wife to wasting sickness a decade ago. After ten years he has finally decided his grieving period is over, and to everyone in Fieldon's surprise, the man is now pursuing women like a teenage boy. In particular, he has made his intention to bed Reena Dobran known to several customers, and if the woman is put off by the notion, she has yet to express it. All of this behavior causes Alon's two youngest daughters, Vanalis and Urma (who have recently assumed the responsibility of managing the shop) much embarrassment.

Bax Hadlerm - Constable Bax Hadlerm is a handsome and charming blond-haired man who, by all appearances, is somewhat of a dandy. Consequently, many believe him incapable of his job. In reality, his persona is adopted, as opposed to innate. Those that truly know the man realize that he is as cunning and graceful as a hunting cat. Moreover, those that have seen the antithesis of his normally disarming smile have a tendency to tread lightly around him.

Bernan Ultar - Fieldon's tanner, Bernan Ultar, is an individual of few redeeming qualities. Strong and solid, yet dim and slow, the man has a reputation as a liar and a bully. If not for his skill in leatherworking, the Council of the Groves would have chased him from the region years ago. As it is, however, the farmers and hunters of the Lower Groves rely on Bernan for everything from armor to boots to pouches.

Unmarried (for no woman would want him), Bernan spends most of his days in his shop and most of his evenings at the tavern—where he likes to boast and pick fights with those smaller than himself.

Cairas "Pound" Swifthammer - Cairas "Pound" Swifthammer claims to have moved to the Lower Groves from Malvern "because the apple ale and brandy are just that damn good!" Residents of Fieldon can't be certain of the truth of the statement, but none would ever challenge the stout dwarf's word. Pound is a 50 year resident of the Groves, and the dwarf is a well-liked member of the community. He spends his days shaping metal and evenings drinking ale.

Over the years, Pound has apprenticed a handful of young lads who have gone on to become blacksmiths in the surrounding villages and thorps. Every five years, the dwarf closes his forge in the fall and travels to Kilgirn to visit with family and reconnect with his roots. He typically returns the following spring.

Clevis Glebenroot - Clevis Glebenroot is considerably smaller than most of the animals he kills, but residents of the Lower Groves consider him and his family to be the "Masters of Meat", and those who have seen the portly, dual-cleaver-wielding, meat-carving gnome in action can attest to the title. In addition to supplying choice butts of meat, the Glebenroots make all manner of fresh, smoked, dried, and cured sausages using exotic salts and spices that are purchased from afar.

Over the years, Clevis and his wife, Varen, have brought 6 children to the Groves, most of which are now grown and have moved away. Recently, however, Clevis' oldest son, Qualt, and his new bride have returned to begin working at the family business. This event, coupled with the announcement that he would soon be a grandfather, has put a youthful spring in the old gnome's step.

Gayla Tallfor - The Suckling Pup is run by Gayla Tallfor and is the only public drinking establishment in Fieldon. Like her husband, Gayla is a plump individual. Unlike Wilt, however,

she brooks a non-nonsense attitude and has no tolerance of fools. She runs a clean and strait establishment where fighting is not allowed under any circumstances—a rule she adamantly enforces with a pair of handheld crossbows she keeps loaded and ready under her bar.

Reena Dobran - Fieldon's temple of Terran Tal is tended by human herbalist named, Reena Dobran. In her 70th year, Reena has tended the ills of the people of the Lower Groves for nearly her entire life. Once a prominent figure in the area, the need for her services has slipped considerably since the founding of the church of St. Cantis in Teem's Pond. In spite of this, she does not begrudge Father Giden his success and has only the best interest of the people at heart. Her daily regiment of herbs and minerals has left Reena vibrant and in excellent health for her age, and she is quick to point out that exercise and nutrition are the keys to longevity, something not even clerical healing can accomplish.

Ston and Roam Tackinrack - Fieldon's general store is run by, Ston and Roam Tackinrack a pair of twin halfling brothers. Former river traders on the Lakeroad, the brothers are a relatively new addition to Fieldon and purchased the store after its previous owner moved to Uln to open a new shop.

Sythis Cutbow - The story of the fletcher, Sythis Cutbow, is hardly his own. Sythis' father, Jarthin Cutbow, was an elven ranger from the nation of Aramar who, while traveling in Larchland, met and fell in love with a beautiful, fair-haired girl from the Lower Groves. The girl's name was, A'nine Valmer, the wealthy daughter of the then-owner of the Cordun Springs distillery, who had been studying abroad at one of the many colleges in Cadwell.

When A'nine chose to return to the Lower Groves, Jarthin came with her, and after winning the respect of her mother, Maleece, the two were wed. Following the marriage, Jarthin built a cabin in the woods west of Nason's Grove. He served the Lower Groves as scout and protector for many years, holding back the creatures of the Shorewood and becoming a local hero of sorts. He and A'nine tried unsuccessfully for nearly a decade to conceive a child, until finally, one winter's evening thirty-two years ago, Sythis was born.

The delivery, performed by Reena Dobran, was difficult, and in the process A'nine perished. With a kind hand and a gentle kiss, Jarthin named his son. As he stood over the corpse of his beloved wife, the ranger's features harden to stone. Retrieving his staff, his cloak, and his bow, he left the cabin and was never heard from again.

Sythis was raised by his grandmother, Maleece Valmer, until he came of age. As a youth, he was a troubled child who grew up listening to the stories of his father's great exploits—the same father that abandoned him. In spite of having no formal training with a bow and arrow. The boy developed into a natural marksman as he grew. He also developed a taste for drink—perhaps as a way of dealing with the anger and shame of being abandoned. When sober, he is moody and standoffish. When intoxicated (which is nearly always), he is marginally better. In spite of his wobbling gait and perpetually glassy eyes, Sythis manages to take first place in the Fieldon's Bloomtide festival archery competition each spring. This triumph alone would be enough to earn him business, but the craftsmanship of his arrows and bows are what keeps his customer coming back to endure his dour moods.

Wilt Tallfor - Wilt Tallfor runs the Center Grove Inn, named for its location off the town square. Wilt is a rotund and jovial man who is quick to please. He enjoys seeing his customers happy, which makes him the finest (and only) innkeeper in Fieldon. His inn is always immaculate, and his accommodations are first-rate for a village the size of Fieldon. Although his personality is far different from that of his wife's, his love for her is true, and he carries her honor on high. While normally levelheaded, rumors persist that, using a cudgel, he once beat a man to within an inch of his life for referring to wife as "that drink-pouring-pig across the street".