

To the men & women of Ravens Troup, Greetings.

As another season finishes with the Battle of Hastings we look back over Hravnsliids first year.....and what a year. Since May we had LHE at 2 events(Dorchester & Luccombe) our LHE has grown at great pace since we bought our first tent at Kirby Hall. We now have Greg's tent as well, so with all the little extra's like furs, skins & baskets etc. it all makes for quite an impressive encampment for our first year & it can only get bigger & better. We also have our own battle pennant which for those of you that have seen it have given it the thumbs up, this was a gift from Meriel, the lady who has made some of our kit.

Next up is a group called the Wessex Dark Age Society based in Dorchester, they have made contact with us at Slaughter bridge, this society is into banquets of which we as a group have been invited to (invites enclosed) please get in touch if you wish to go ASAP.

Films.....Reports in our local paper is that Mr. Spielberg himself is on his way over to scout about for locations for the making of his new film about King Arthur, it is probable that he will look at Maiden Castle as well as Cadbury hill fort. I will let you know if there are any developments.

Training.....Merlin, Greg & I will get some training dates sorted soon, hopefully we will be able to use the same venues as last year. I will be holding a training day in Weymouth with a training officer from Maneraefan probably the 2/3 week in November, so for any of you new guys a good chance to learn skills with a new weapon or take test if you wish. No pressure. The training sessions that we have had were put to good use at Hastings & we were able to hold our own which was great.

This winter apart from repairing kit etc. we will try to get together even if its just for a drink & a gossip.

Next year is already in the planning. Simon tells me that Lostwithall is on again next year, about the same time. A fantastic setting & event. Another event in the planing is at Abbotsbury barn dates being talked about is July 19-20, details to follow.

Lastly, if you have no dates in your diary for Wednesday Nov 13 Greg & I are taking the LHE to Exeter Cathedral for the St. Britis day massacre (sorry for spelling) phone Greg/me for details.

Well that is it for now Claire is insisting I do some decorating otherwise I'm not allowed to play anymore! Look after yourselves.

Thurstan.
(Tony)