

# To the men & women of Ravens Troup, Greetings.

## Hastings

This year we hired a mini bus for Andy, Danny, William and us, we arrived about teatime, there to greet us was Steve with his obligatory bottle of RUM. Leaving Dan and Andy to unpack we cleared off to our b/b (we are not silly)

A rainy start to Sat but the skies cleared to what turned out to be a really nice day.....

On arriving Sat morning we discovered that we had lost Dan apparently he had too much alcohol the night before and had ended up in somebody else tent!!! by himself, he looked a tad green at this point but he soldiered on!

Anyway on to the battle, there was some confusion leading up to the skirmish, we were told to be confused locals (not hard to do) actually we were so good at being confused that we missed the battle completely. Luckily the next battle was better with Hravenslid being on the Saxon left, Dan by this time was not holding up well at all after coming off the field he announced that he wanted to throw up but didn't want to embarrass himself, how authentic would that have looked, next time eh Dan. Simon and Lloyd had fun with Lloyd being standard bearer, at the end of the day Simon, Lloyd me and the girls went for a pizza and to watch a fab firework display.

Sunday started dry, but the gods were not kind that day and boy did it rain(all day) we hung out in Manaraefan tent, William tried to set fire to his shoes on the camp fire whilst Ella crashed amidst the blankets and furs. The Kiddi Vike went ahead Sun with us being the main bulk of warriors Dan was feeling a lot better and had a cunning plan.....slide under the little monsters and attack from behind.

Simon and Lloyd had left early on Sunday and missed this display, although Roger was worried about a repeat of last years accident, but all was well. For the main battle I decided to go without mail so I could fight along side Dan and Andy... Merlin we were MAGNIFICENT one final thing to do at the end of a brilliant weekend and that was to promote Andy and Dan to for there hard work and commitment to the group.

See you all soon.  
Tony.