



Hello everyone.

Please be aware that Jim will be checking the length of your spear and the condition of your weapons and equipment to see if they meet Society standards.

Kevin Will also be checking the distance between your tents etc.

Please help them to have a relaxing weekend by adhering to Society rules.

### **Leif (Black Bob)**

**A message from Paul Lydiate:**

**I've emphasised (once again) that a minimum of 4 (regularly emptied) loos are required on the plastic campsite at these events.**

**Camping will be available from Friday night at the Bank holiday shows and from Thursday night at the others (Kirby Hall and Battle abbey).**

**More details on the EH shows as they come in.**

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO:-**

Gareth (Goose) & Helen on their engagement.

# EVENTS LIST

## MAY

(Merrymoon)

**6th to 7th**

**Portchester Castle, Hampshire (EH Major Muster—Bank Holiday). Vikings v Saxons.**

**27th to 28th**

**Old Sarum Castle, Wilts (EH Major Muster—Bank Holiday). Viking v Saxons.**

## JUNE

(Fallow)

2nd to 3rd

Exning village carnival (near Newmarket Suffolk).

Small show on both days with LHE and combat displays. Open to the public 1-5 each day. Camping available from Friday night. Free entry to family disco Saturday evening (something also on Friday night I believe). If you fancy a friendly relaxed week-end, Gesithas will be very pleased to see you. If you want any more details, please contact Paul Allen on 01763 838759, or send us an e-mail.

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9th

Eden field between Bury and Rawtenstall (Minor).

Just to let you know that Hrafnsdale have a minor (as opposed to miner) show on Saturday the 9th of June 2001, 10.00am - 5.00pm at Edenfield which is situated between Bury and Rawtenstall. Small L/H, Combat, Archery etc. Small payout, all welcome. Contact me for details.

Cheers Camie

**23rd to 24th (POSTPONED)**

**Hounslow, London (Howard Giles). Vikings v Saxons a multi period event.**

30th

Wigginton nr Tring Hertfordshire-Minor.  
Contact Chris Abrams for more details.

## JULY

(Haymoon)

Dates for minor shows that Northumbria have secured for Durham County Council Museums Department following one successful appearance last year...

1st

Binchester Roman Fort, Nr Bishop Auckland.

7th

Shipston on Stour Warwickshire - Minor. Contact Chris Abrams for more details.

**14th to 15th**

**Pinhoe, Exeter (Council). Major Muster, Vikings v Saxons a millenium celebration of Viking raid. Timeline 1001 AD timeline.**

Tatton Park sometime in July?

14th

Kirkstall Festival, Kirkstall Abbey, Yorkshire, (Minor). Contact Neil Brown Sturaesman of Ormsheim for more details.

21st

York (Minor) Combat/ Lhe, contact Blue for more information.

21st to 22nd

Poulton Abbey, Rossett (Chester)

Archaeological open day; 2 day minor show with Vike/ Roman / 13th century Medieval, living history and combat. Camping from Friday.

Contact Pete Smith / Ian Grant for details.

28th to 29th

Caerphilly Castle 'The Big Cheese'

2 day multiperiod show - Vike minor (living history and combat). Camping from Friday.

Beer-tent, funfair, huge castle, firework display. Contact Pete Smith / Ian Grant for details.

22th

Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle.

Binchester is a way station on Dere Street and guarded the crossing of the River Wear which is only 1/2 mile away. Troops on route to Hadrians Wall from York (or on the way back) would probably have stopped at Binchester for the odd day R+R as it is about half way.

The fort boasts the most complete fort bathhouse in England... although to be honest that still means a reasonably small heap of rock !! It might have been even more complete had the locals not pillaged most of the stone, some of which, including the apse arch, is believed to have been used to build the Saxon church at Escomb (circa approx. 600 AD). This is only 4-5 miles up the river and at the risk of starting an argument I believe that it is the oldest / most original Saxon church in England.

The museum service have asked us to demonstrate early Anglo-Saxon, the theory being that we are the people who turned up after the Romans went home. The emphasis is on living history but we rope off a small area for single combat displays.

The site isn't very big ; there isn't much room for more than a couple of tents, but if anyone wants to join us then they should ring Allan "Blue" Beneke on 0191 527 0937 to arrange matters and get directions/more info. etc.

Steven Lines  
Northumbria Herrod  
On behalf of Blue

## AUGUST

(Harvest)

4th to 5th

Brentford Carnival (Middlesex), local fete with overnight camping.

11th to 17th

West Stow—Circa 15 people. Contact Penny Gillison for details.

**11th to 12th**

**Kirby Hall - Major Muster for EH (History in action).  
Nr Corby, Northamptonshire. Details to follow.**

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## EVENTS IN FOREIGN PARTS

Here's an update on the foreign shows, for the Runestaff Extra that you're preparing.

Please contact Bryan Betts as soon as possible if you are interested in going to any of the following events in **Bold** type:

### **June 29-July 1**

**Viking market at Foteviken, near Malmo in Sweden. This is the largest market in Scandinavia (there were around 500 participants last year) so it is invitation-only. See <[www.foteviken.se/hem/engelsk/index.htm](http://www.foteviken.se/hem/engelsk/index.htm)> for more information.**

### **July 6-8**

**Viking market and ship gathering at Kaupang in Norway - this was one of the three most important Scandinavian trading towns during the Viking period, a major archaeological excavation is underway there at present.**

**Organisers: Jerngarden Vikinglaug, co./F.Svanberg, Skirings-salveien 186, N3232 Sandefjord, Norway, +47 9958 6006, email: [skirne@go.enitel.no](mailto:skirne@go.enitel.no)**

### **July 27-28**

**Saltvik Viking market on the land Islands, in the Baltic between Finland and Sweden. The islands are fairly easily reached by ferry from either country. And yes, the dates are correct it's Friday/Saturday. The local contact is Johanna Enberg, email: [programcentralen@turist.aland.fi](mailto:programcentralen@turist.aland.fi)**

On September 8, De Wierde Wironii and friends will do a minor show at archaeological/historical museum Hoogstad in Vlaardingen (near Rotterdam). We will recreate the year 1018, when the famous Battle of Vlaardingen took place. Our count Dirk III defeated the German emperor Henry (900-to-nill!).

Kees Nieuwenhuijsen.

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