

"The Living Past" is a one-man project which has already proved successful with a variety of schools and adult groups, a small number of which are listed below.

Seacroft Park Middle School, Leeds - The Romans

John Smeaton Middle School, Leeds - The Romans

Whinmoor Middle School, Leeds - The Romans, The Vikings,  
and 1066 The Conquest

Fulford Cross Special School, York - The Romans and  
The Vikings

Lidgett Grove Special School, York - The Romans

Galtres Special School, York - The Romans

Collingham Bridge C. of E. Primary School - The  
English Civil War

1983 Elder Hostel American History Study Group, The  
College of Ripon and York St. John, York - The Romans

If you are interested in booking any of these talks and would like further details, or if you require any specific subjects which are not listed here, then please contact:

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# THE LIVING PAST

(Authentic Costume Talks for All Ages)

The aim of "The living past" is to portray history in a vivid and enjoyable fashion, taking it off the pages of books and presenting it in a way that allows both children and adults to experience it, as well as reading about it.

A range of displays and lectures can be offered, on a variety of historical subjects, using authentic reproduction of clothing, weaponry and domestic equipment.

Lectures are given on an informal basis and can be altered in their length and content to suit the specific needs or age of any audience. They are usually followed by an open forum, for questions and discussion and much of the equipment is handed round for closer inspection.



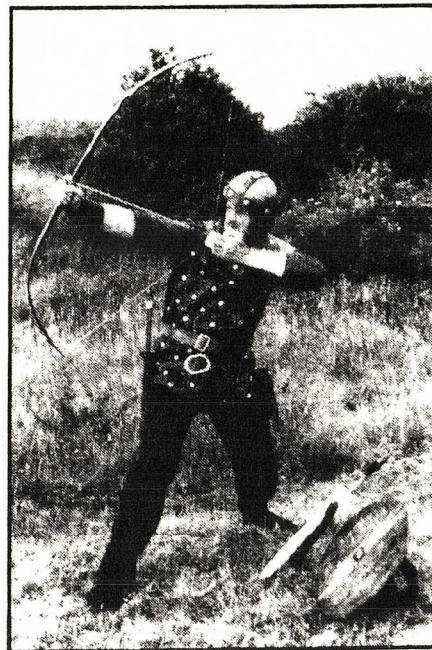
## THE ROMANS

This talk is based around the life of the Roman Legionary - both a soldier and a builder, with an examination of his training, tactics, weaponry and domestic equipment. It can also be broadened to include a look at the invasion of Britain, life in Roman Britain and the development of Hadrian's Wall.



### VIKINGS!

*This begins by looking at the traditional view of the "Sea Pirates" as bloodthirsty warriors, exploring the motives and methods for their raiding and goes on to contrast this with the other aspects of their life as farmers, traders, settlers and craftsmen.*



### MEDIEVAL WARFARE

*A general survey of the weapons and tactics employed on the battlefields and in the Castles of Medieval Europe, followed by a review of the composition and living conditions of a medieval army.*

### 1066, THE CONQUEST

*An explanation of the events and circumstances surrounding the 1060s, leading up to a detailed examination of the Battle of Hastings and its aftermath.*

*This talk includes a brief comparison of Saxon and Norman society, highlighting the introduction of Feudalism, and an emphasis can be placed on either the Saxon or Norman point of view.*



### THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR

*This outlines the reasons why King and Parliament went to war in 1642 and after examining the components, tactics and living conditions of a 17th century army it goes on to describe one of the major battles of the conflict.*

