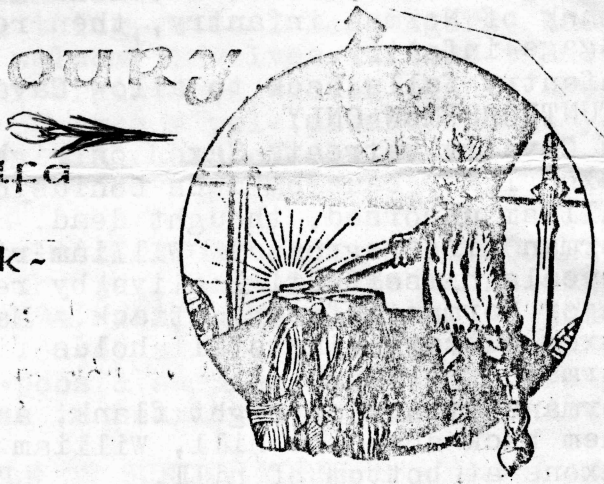


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BATTLE OF HASTINGS FOR 1984 OCTOBER 14th

Battle itself, is, as many of you know, a small town, and as there will be many warriors attending, and vast crowds, we need as much information as possible to try and run things smoothly. We will be trying to allocate parking spaces etc. for warriors, but we need to know in advance what is required, so let us know as soon as possible, numbers attending, transport, skills etc. (i.e.: archery), so that we can allocate roles.

*I know you've already sent us a slip back - Many thanks
Ralph - Don't worry about this one, unless your numbers
change. Could you let us have details of your
shield routine, in case we can use it? TA - Love
Angie*

- Please fill in this slip and return to us.
- Nos. of Warriors attending
- Nos. of Noncombatants attending
- Nos of vehicles
- Saxon/Norman (delete whichever inappropriate)
- Nos. of warriors with shields
- Nos. of archers (Archers are expected to have their own bows)

Depending on the numbers of the general public who attend, we hope to give a small pay-out, and/or hospitality. Would you please nominate one trustworthy member of your group to claim pay-outs for warriors. (Sorry, there will be no pay-out for non-combatants)

Name (please print clearly)

RUNNING ORDER BATTLE OF SENLAC HILL 1066 for 1984

Arrow volley from Normans, Saxons raise shield wall.

Slingers volley from Saxons centre line. (once missiles launched, slingers retreat behind huscarls.)

Left flank infantry attack from Normans.

Right flank attack from Norman infantry.

Slingers in front of huscarls hurl missiles at advancing centre flank of Norman infantry, then retreat behind huscarls again, who engage infantry.

Infantry falls back to allow Cavalry to charge, ON LEFT FLANK. STUNTHORSEMEN ONLY.

As Cavalry retreats Saxon on right flank gives chase, breaking Saxon line, causing much confusion at bottom of hill.

William unhorsed, thought dead.

Norman line regroups. William rides in front of his army, and reveals himself still alive by removing his helmet.

Major Norman infantry attack. Many Saxons killed.

Saxon huscarl line still holds firm by standard at top of hill.

Normans regroup.

Normans attack on right flank, and again Saxons break line to chase them back down the hill, William brings in reserve troops and kills Saxons at bottom of hill.

Final Norman arrow volley. Saxon raise shield wall and return fire.

Final Norman assault, all three flanks together.

Much heavy fighting, during which Harold is seen to stagger with arrow in eye, four Norman knights cut him down before Saxon huscarls can reach standard and save him.

Saxon huscarls battle on, but Harold and his brothers are dead, so huscarls break rank and flee.

Norman cavalry chase huscarls, STUNT HORSEMEN ONLY lance down fleeing Saxons.

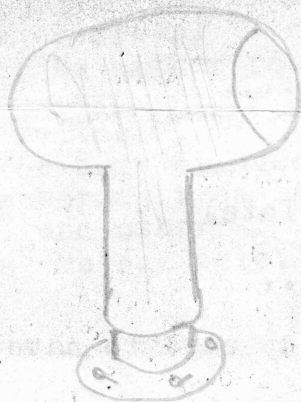
Victorious Normans parade parts of Harold's dismembered body around field.

Saxon women attend wounded and dying in field.

Harold's mistress, Edith Swan-neck asks William for Harold's body for honourable burial.

William hands over body, and pays tribute to his dead enemy.

All Warriors return to field for arena parade.



Battles for 1984

HASTINGS SHOW AT ALEXANDRA PARK, HASTINGS. SATURDAY AUGUST 11.

Alexandra Park is signposted from Hastings town centre. There are three arenas in the park, we are arena no. 2. Muster rig setup etc. at 10.am, rehearsal at noon. Please be prompt as we have many parts in the rather lengthy show to plan out. We start with a pre-amble introducing the village, annual thing, with 2 homgangers, handfasting and hanging. Warriors welcome involves various trials by combat, wrestling, archery, quarterstave on wooden plank, sword & shield, short swords, fighting on greasy pole (please change your trousers!) and drinking of ceremonial horn of ale. (best bit). Then into main show, see running order for ideas.

Camping facilities are available at NORTONS FARM, SEDELSCOMBE, which is 3 miles outside Hastings on the A21, main London to Hastings road, usual muddy field, but with loos & washing facilities. We plan to de-rig the set and move out in convoy at 5p.m, and set up campsite. Hospitality, i.e. free drinkie-poops & sarnies have been arranged at the ROYAL OAK, WATLINGTON, which is nearby, its Youngs & Harveys so bring your drinking horn.

HOT NEWS BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY MORNING - but I need to know if anyone is interested as soon as possible like NOW -
9 a.m. - Egg, bacon, slice toast, coffee£1.00
Egg on toast40
Tea15p Coffee30p

BATTLE OF 1066 for 1984

This year it is planned to put on a large scale re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings, on the anniversary of that date-October 14th. As everybody knows (I did, honest!) the Battle of Hastings did not take place at Hastings, but at Senlac Hill in Battle. We have the original battle-site beside Battle Abbey to enact the battle.

Warriors will be welcome to arrive on either Friday night or Saturday, to the campsite, which will be well marked, and is beside the Abbey in the centre of town. Hot dog stalls etc. will be on campsite.

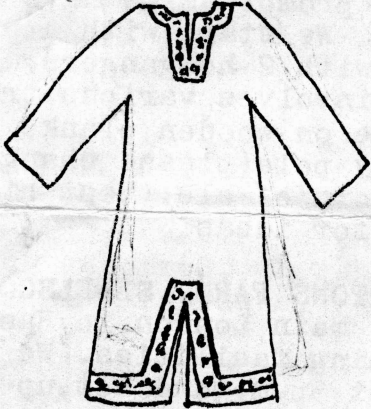
Celebrations start on the Saturday, with a procession into the Town, headed by the horsemen & women, and Harald will recruit his "peasant" army along the streets of Battle. General muster 10.30 ish on Sunday for briefing, on campsite, and over to battlesite for rehearsal. Events open at noon Sunday with medieval joust & trial by combat. There is also a food and drink festival, and many stalls & sideshows will be set up around the battlesite.

There will be archery competitions with prizes for those interested, and we have invited some of the countrys leading archers to give displays of their art.

As there will be large numbers of warriors on the field for the battle, we have decided to use colours to denote sides. The colours are:- Blue for Norman, Red for Saxon. We would ask that all warriors wear preferably a tunic in the colour for their side, with same colour shield, and a coloured strip on the arm over any armour. I realise that in some areas the colour red has been used for "beginner" shields, and apologise for any confusion caused. However, we ask that on this occasion beginners wear a green flash as well as their sides colour.

COSTUME, ARMS & ARMOUR.

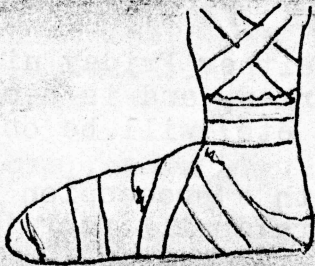
COSTUME :- Ideas for costume are shown illustrated. Simple tunic with sleeves, reaches down to just above knees. With front opening or side opening. Decorate with braid if desired.



Leather armour (studded, plain, or padded) is suitable, and mail armour can be worn.

Ordinary trousers can be worn, (cords are fine, but NO jeans.)

Soft boots or shoes can be worn, and tie up legs to knee with tape as shown. (Hessian tape 1" wide is often sold at Army Surplus stores.) If you do not have suitable footwear, then wear a sturdy pair of modern boots, but cover them with hessian and tape up as shown.



ARMS:- Sword, short, single-handed. Axe or spear. Shields will be either round or the varang type shown. Slings are suitable, we still have room for some slingers. Helms - the Norman type is well known, and other Saxon types are suitable.

