

RAVEN'S WING

To the Men and Women of the Raven, Greetings.

Forthcoming Training Dates for Old Sarum:

28 October
11 November
25 November
9 December
23 December

You will notice that this is every other weekend until Christmas. On the intervening dates Steve will organise training at Alton if you ring him and ask. If you turn up at Alton without first contacting Steve you will be alone.

Some time in the New Year we will organise a small training weekend for ourselves and a few guests. With a bit of intensive training we should be able to get people through a few assessments and ready to take others at the Society Training Weekend.

Roger's Report on Battle Abbey

We went light as far as the LHE was concerned; I only took the sail tent as somewhere to dump kit but once Maria had set up her leech stall and Cormac had built a fire for Kath, it started to look full. Drop off some shields and weapons and drape the odd warrior about and it was full. Dave, having broken his leg on Friday night, found it a useful place to attract sympathy.

The weather on Saturday was good, too good, by the end of the day I for one was getting close to heat stroke. Both battles went off ok but could have been better; the cavalry were particularly slow on the uptake. On Sunday it was cooler and the battles much improved, only spoilt by Norman horse archers trying to shoot the Saxons in the face. It was also rather odd watching Cormac and co chasing after them so that they could massacre Cormac's little band. Temesvik should be congratulated for allowing themselves to be slaughtered and spending half the battle as corpses.

Steve, Simon, Tony, Ritchie Long, Owain and Matthew James were of great help with Hrothgar's story and Stephie was a nice, if inaccurate, North Sea. hey also helped me with the Kiddie Vike and therefore deserve a medal. Simon was used as a bouncy castle by some - I think it is the Kiddie Vike war cry - brave Vikings should flee when charged by the Kiddie Vike shouting "Bouncy Castle!"

Kath cooked for everyone, I didn't benefit from her skill this weekend as I was in B&B, but I heard no complaints.

The next event on the horizon is Christmas Party Season, we usually plan something but haven't yet, so any suggestions will be favourably received.

Roger