

# Raven's Wing

14/02/2003

To the Men and Women of the Raven, Greetings.

Hi Everyone,

Thanks to all of you who were able to make it to the Manaraefan Training Weekend, the feed back from everyone there, members and guests was very positive. It looks like everyone enjoyed themselves and learned a lot. We actually made some decisions at the AGM and you can read the minutes in this Raven's Wing. We went to the Hungry Horse for a meal on Saturday evening which turned into a competition to see who could eat the biggest ice cream; despite this and a quantity of alcohol we still managed to get up and train on Sunday without being sick. Merlyn from Hrafnsliith looked a bit peaky but managed to get through the day.

Those of you who are reading this but have not yet renewed your membership please do so soon, unfortunately as we have passed the January 31st dead line and renewals will be £15. You may send the money to Donna or direct to Sandra.

Our next show is at the North Somerset Museum in Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday March 1st, everyone is welcome but it would be handy to know who is coming before hand. There are some minor logistical problems with parking which are easily solved if I know you will definitely be there. The event is an indoor LHE presentation with a lot of interaction with the public. It is very unlikely that the warriors will be able to fight but we could have a bragging contest, who can talk the best fight?! If you come please keep you fuel receipts, I intend to pay for fuel and then divide up what is left of the fee in the usual way.

Those of us who were at the show last year had a good time and I expect we shall enjoy this year as well.

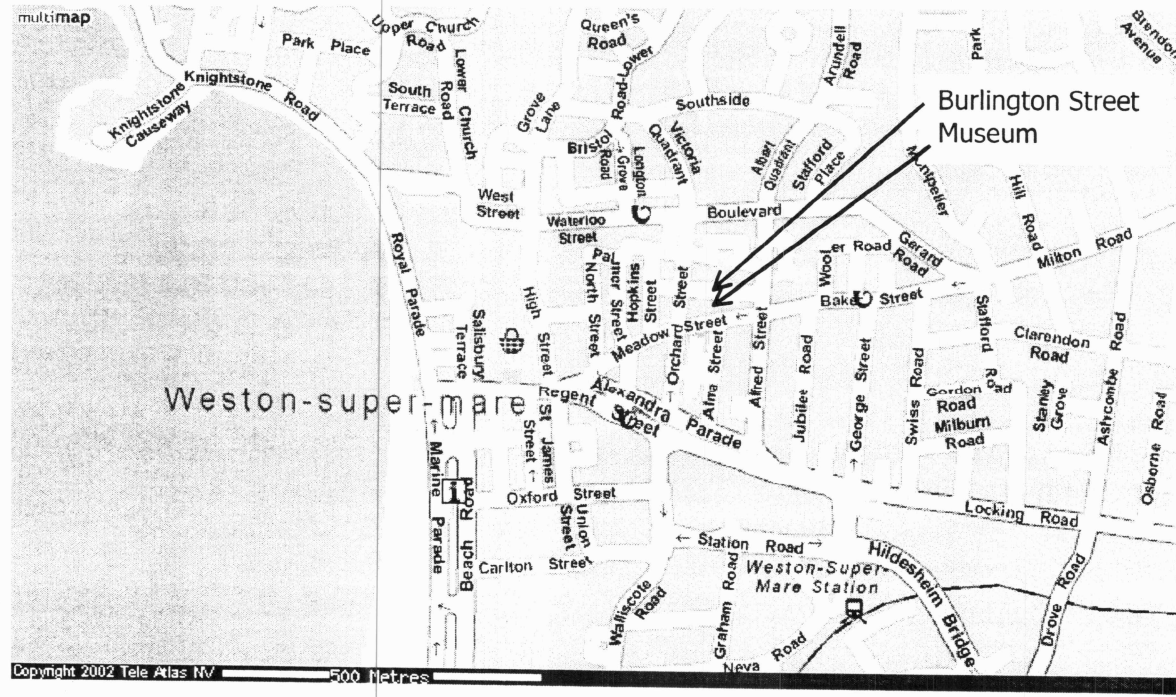
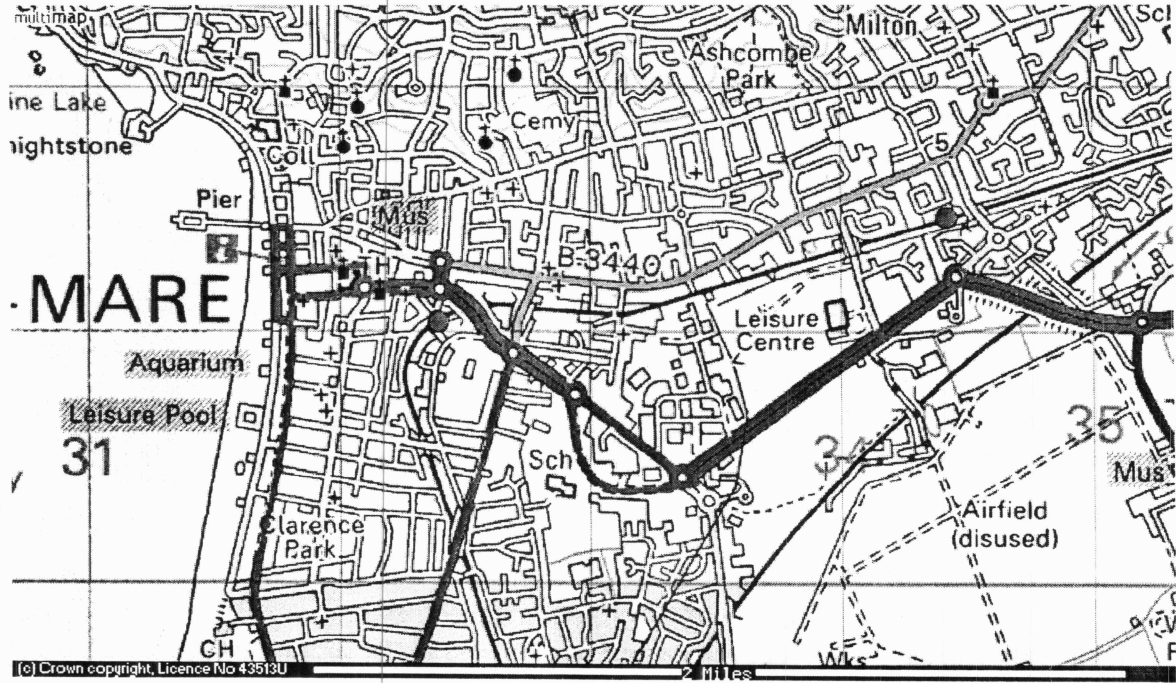
I hope to see you all there

Roger

# Weston-Super-Mare Show

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

North Somerset Museum, Burlington St, Weston-Super-Mare.



**Manaraefan AGM**  
**8<sup>th</sup> February 2003**

**Present:** Steve Allen  
 Roger Barry  
 Mark Godwin  
 Dave Hall  
 Kath Hall  
 Les Joy  
 Simon Longlands  
 Sandra Orchard  
 Maria Padley  
 Neil Padley  
 Mo Walker  
 Plus various members of Hrafenslith and Provincials

Roger opened the meeting with a brief review of the 2002 season:

We had a good year all round, with plenty of shows and a good turnout. Our highest turnouts last year were at Morden Park Hall and Battle Abbey, where we had 16 adults at each. Highest attendance overall goes to Steve, who only missed one minor show. We ended the year with about £1000.00 in the group bank account, so once again, we have money to spend.

We only have a few major shows lined up for 2003, but there's still quite a lot going on, as there are plenty of medium and minor shows in the diary. The line up so far is as follows:

1 March	Weston Super Mare	Manaraefan minor
<b>5-6 April</b>	<b>Walesby Scout Camp</b>	<b>Society training weekend</b>
19-21 April	Beaumaris Castle	Minor
	Avoncroft Museum (B'ham)	Minor
	Bede's World	Minor
19 April	Willington	Gesithas minor
<i>19-21 April</i>	<i>West Stow</i>	<i>Non-Vike event</i>
3-4 May	Carlisle Castle	Medium
10-11 May	Llangollen	Cwmmd Ial multi-period medium
18 May	Worlabby	Jormungandr minor
<i>25-26 May</i>	<i>Elveston Castle</i>	<i>PROVISIONAL – TBC</i>
14 June	Woodley (Reading)	Manaraefan medium
	Lincoln Castle	Paul Murphy medium
21-22 June	Location TBC	Society Fun Weekend
5 July	Bishops Stortford	Gesithas minor
6 July	Haverall Carnival (nr. B.S. above)	Ousekjarr medium
<b>12-13 July</b>	<b>Amble Sea Festival</b>	<b>Society major</b>
19-20 July	Weymouth	Hrafenslith minor
19 July	Lancashire	Amounderness minor
20 July	Lancashire	Ydalir minor
26-27 July	Caerphilly Castle	Cwmmd Ian / Hwicce minor

2-3 August	Exeter Kilrossborough	Manaraefan/Hrafenslith medium Medium
9-10 Aug	Stoneleigh Park	<i>EH living history event (non-Vike)</i>
16-17 Aug	Rhuddlan Castle	Cwmmd Ial minor
TBC	Portland	Hrafenslith minor?
<b>23-25 Aug</b>	<b>Old Sarum</b>	<b>Society major, multi-period</b>
6-7 Sept	Sutton on Trent (TBC)	Draum Broedr minor
6-14 Sept	Largs	<i>PROVISIONAL – TBC</i>
<b>11-12 Oct</b>	<b>Battle Abbey</b>	<b>Society major</b>

As the group ended the year with a significant amount of money in the bank, possible spending plans were discussed. Roger indicated that it would not be difficult to top up the funds, should more money be required, by cutting the pay-out to members for minor shows. Currently, only a small percentage of fees makes its way into the group coffers; the rest is split between attendees.

After some discussion, it was agreed that money should be spent on the following items:

- Canvas to re-cover a tent (or payment for it to be re-covered) to be available as a separate cooking area
- Wood for a table and weapons rack
- Ceramic cooking pots (and containers for their safe transport)
- Combs
- Scales (large)
- Joints of meat for weapons/medical displays

The arm-rings and cloak-pins that we intended to buy last year have been held up by difficulties in getting a response from the jeweller who was going to make them. This is to be followed up and, if necessary, different sources will be investigated to see if anyone else can offer a similar price.

Maria asked whether group members would be willing to visit the medical tent with pre-arranged "ailments", to be diagnosed and prescribed for during shows. There was general agreement to this. A list of suitable ailments and their symptoms will be drawn up and made available at shows.

No other business was raised, and the meeting was concluded.

## **Re-enactors' Market Update**

For those who don't know yet, the re-enactors market has changed venue again and has a new date.

The new dates are: 7th, 8th and 9th March.

The venue is now:  
THE CONNEXION LEISURE CLUB.  
LEAMINGTON ROAD  
RYTON ON DUNSMORE,  
COVENTRY

Some directions which may help:

Just off the A45 through Coventry, take the feeder 'turning' after the Coventry Airport Island if you are coming from Birmingham end (bear right at Peugeot works island, then left turn at police Island - you'll see the end of the Connexion backing onto the island / sports car dealership opposite side).

If coming the other way look for signs to the Ryton Organic Centre, the Police Training Centre, or the Peugeot works (if heading in this direction turn right at the island by the garden centre with lots of garden buildings, which you'll see rather than the Connexion itself. If you get to Peugeot works island, you won't see the works entrance easily to double back immediately, and you'll hit the A45, but the Airport Island is not far up there so you can double back quickly.

Roger,

I've sent Rebecca at Denizes museum the show lists, with indicators of when we're most likely to be attending shows en-masse (ie all majors, Manaraefar and/or Hraferstith minors, etc). Hopefully that'll give her some idea when she can book us!

Maria.