

Royston Crow
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Viking hoards
... Paul Allen
of the
Gesithas,
a local
re-enactment
group, with
ancient coins
at Royston
Museum.

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Saxons come to teach not to evict

THE Saxons are returning to Royston this week.

Our Dark Age forebears are descending upon the town's museum in Kneesworth Street for a day of activities centred around the life of the inhabitants of the area 1,000 years ago.

Members of the "Gesithas" are leading the day. They are a group of local people who specialise in re-enactments of scenes from

Saxon and Viking times.

They will tell the story of Harold, the last Saxon king of England, who had to travel from Stamford Bridge, where he defeated the Vikings, to Hastings to do battle with invading Normans.

There will also be craftwork by members of the group using authentic Saxon tools, and the chance to try on Saxon armour.

Museum curator Jane Vincent said the day was designed to promote the museum and its exhibits.

She said: "We want to introduce the museum to people who haven't visited before."

The museum will be open on Saturday from 10am-5pm and at the same times on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the winter months. Admission is free.