

Dear Roger,

thanks for the Hrothgars Saga, I finally got to read it today, 20th June !

Two minor points I noticed :

- i) Alton should be a village. It is listed in Domesday Book as such.
- ii) Cormac Stanton spells his viking name KORMAK

One story for the year 995,

At Tynemouth I placed myself on the left-hand end of our line. The Saxon centre commander (Neil Shepard) was opposite me and for the first couple of minutes we traded blows, me with sword and shield, he with spear two-handed. Seeing their unit commander in peril, two members of Jorvik moved to support him and eliminate me. Deciding that attack was the best form of defence I stepped forward and having sliced Neil from hip to shoulder I turned on his erstwhile helpers and killed both of them.

The script then dictated we rout from a unit now only half our size !

Never mind, when we came to die I was shot in the leg by an arrow and when I fell onto one knee Valgerd, Orm and one or two others stood and defended me until we were cut down (although I believe the saga says they dragged me away to recover !).