

Historic Characters



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Be it a ww1 Pilot or medieval archer, naval captain and his lady, surgeon or Tudor spymaster. We can offer living scenarios for most periods. We specialise in hands on interaction with our public, and offer set dressed period experiences under canvas or in your own room setting.

Agincourt Archer.

Meet this colourful character and his lady from the 100 years war. He recently back from the battle of Agincourt fighting for good king Hal, this old retainer will: Talk about the history of the long bow, hear tales of his experiences in France. See how the battle arrow developed in relation to improvements in medieval armour. **How effective was the longbow.** Watch how archers were trained, learn the battle tactics of the medieval archer. How fast could an archer shoot? Can our archer shoot an arrow through solid steel armour plate. Did women use the bow and for what reason?

This is a mixture of talks and tales, with hands on artifacts and an archery demonstration showing how vital the medieval archer was for Britain during the hundred years war.

Medieval Surgeon and Tooth Puller

Visit the gruesome times of the medieval surgeon, when anesthetic and pain management were just dreamed of, when medical training was a mix of butchery, astrology and magic. Find out about the tooth worm and how it was dealt with. Learn the art of bleeding and find out why urine was so important to our master of medicine. Handle reproduction instruments and watch and help in the making of poultices and plasters. This is a highly entertaining, educational and hands on. P.S. always looking for volunteer patients.

The world of the Medieval monk

The medieval monk in the 13th and 14th century. Learn about the medieval pilgrim and what they did. Learn about the art of illumination, book and paper making and get hands on experience in the process. We might even, with your help, make a medieval book, or colour in your own illuminated page. A hands on experience for adult and child alike.

Padded Armourer

Every soldier from the Dark Age through to Elizabethan needed padded armour of some kind to survive. How was it made? How did it perform against sword, axe and arrow? Our living history display shows the process of making padded armour with demonstrations on how it reacts to sword, axe and war arrow. This is an ideal way to involve, educate and entertain the public.

Have you thought of having a residential padded armour on site. We can set up a padded armourers workshop inside or under canvas, with an artisan armourer working in first person character entertaining the public while producing padded armour for your soldiers. We can do this for you over a number of days or weekends. **What I make you keep.** Some of our garments are used in the education department of the Royal Armouries in Leeds, and other national museums.

Leather Worker.

Watch a leather artisan at work, how does an animal skin become leather in the first place. Watch the art of boiled leather and the creation of leather baggage and early leather armour. We can create a leather workshop within your establishment or under canvas for most periods in time from dark age through to Victorian and WW1. **What we make you keep.**

A Regency Tea Party.

Come to our own Regency tea party, a snapshot of this gentle way of life led by the well-to-do of the early 1800's. Take part in the gentle sport of skittles or watch an archery demonstration. Visit the Regency tent and see how the military officers and the ordinary ratings eat, or watch the not so gentle art of fencing school and the duel. A feast of colourful costume, food and frivolity

Royal Flying Corps 1914-19918

Pioneers of modern flight, they did it first, visit a reproduction of a fully dressed airfield defence unit with you as the pilot getting ready for his first flight, sit in on the air to ground recognition lecture, how do you tell the difference between a trench and a hedge line? not so easy at 5000 feet. Check out the weapons of the era but don't play with the mills bombs. What about the food and the way of life on a french airfield during the great war. Another great hands on experience and an insite into what great grandad did in the great war.

Training of a Knight

This is a great event for all the family. We talk about the background and history of the knight, why armour was needed, including the arming of a knight. How did one become a squire, what did the training involved and finally how was a squire knighted and why?

Then Chivalry training for the children. Collect your knights tunic then into the knights arena. Over the Hurdle, through the tunnel and then archery, throw the javelin, attack the sword post and charge the quintain. Back to the lord where you will take the knights oath before the lord knights each child who goes away with a Certificate of Knightage. Great fun for the kids and huge photo opportunities for the parents. (If the lord and his lady feel really nasty they might introduce some of the children and parents to the dangerous sport of the Medieval Dance.

We can tailor all of these experiences to suit your needs, be it inside your school or castle or outside under canvas.

We can also research a character and decorate a room suitable for that character to fit in with the history of a specific house or castle. This would be for seasonal employment.