

EALDFAEDER ANGLO SAXONS

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You can also join our Shieldwall supporters group and get free e mail newsletters. Follow us on Facebook as well.

We welcome enquiries from historic sites, museums, schools, film & TV, exhibitions, festivals, fetes and corporate events. We also welcome enquiries from prospective new members, either as combatants, craftspeople, musicians, or living history actors.

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SKIRMISH Living History Magazine, November 2012 said:

“*EALDFAEDER ANGLO SAXONS* are the independent elite, semi resident group of 7th century re-enactors at the notable burial ground of Sutton Hoo, Suffolk and also perform at West Stow and other historic sites, mainly around East Anglia. Although they stun audiences with vicious combat, they are also focussed upon presenting crafts and everyday living.

Ealdfaeder bring the Dark Ages to life by getting the public involved. Visitors participate by joining in the spear dance, voting in the trial, playing a game, bidding for a slave, having a go at forming a shield wall, weaving tablet braid or making felt objects.”

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Experienced re-enactors from other groups came together in 2009 to form a major new outfit, *EALDFAEDER*, which means ‘ancestor’ in Old English. Between them they combine to possess many skills to demonstrate to audiences, and detailed, accurate knowledge to impart.

Weaving, cookery, combat, runes, law, games, storytelling, herbs, wood carving, cooking, slavery, ritual dance, foraging, stone masonry, archery, pottery, milling, metalwork, bone and leather crafts are just a few of topics they cover with displays, demonstrations, formal and informal talks.

Their professional yet friendly approach, expert knowledge, extensive equipment and authentic encampment can bring the Dark Ages alive for you!

Many of the members have worked for years at prestigious historic venues such as Sutton Hoo, Ipswich, Billericay, Mildenhall & Saffron Walden Museums and West Stow. One is a frequently published author and international lecturer on aspects of Anglo Saxon & Viking culture and Heathen Religions. Another is an international standard archer and yet another is a master stone mason who works for major museums. Several have appeared on TV, radio and in films.



The *EALDFAEDER* safety record is first class, and they can supply risk assessment and management plans for all their activities. An Enhanced DBS/ CRB is held by many members for working with children and vulnerable adults. The group includes its own qualified first aiders and tutors, and is fully insured for public liability.

“I feel I'm back in time ... that's phenomenal isn't it?”

BBC Radio Cambridgeshire 2011

“I did enjoy what you did, and you were a pleasure to work with, so thank you for the contribution you made this year.”

Latitude Festival, Henham 2013

“You were all just fascinating! Your expertise and knowledge were amazing to our staff and volunteers as well as the public.”

Cater Museum, Billericay 2013

“Thank you for the great weekend! We had loads of really good feedback so thanks for all the hard work Ealdfaeder put into it”

National Trust Sutton Hoo 2013



“Fabulous day at Sutton Hoo ... our girls enjoyed every activity with Ealdfaeder – come back soon!”

Sutton Hoo Visitor, 2014

“They're brilliant, absolutely amazing and the public love it.”

Brentwood Gazette, 2013

“The group were wonderful...and they took time to explain everything. Thank you.”

West Stow Visitor, 2012