

JORVIK Viking Festival Events

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Coppergate Camp.** 10.30 – 16.00

Coppergate Square, FREE! (small charge for some activities)

Learn about Viking life at sea and on dry land in this fun encampment. Delve for buried artefacts in **DIG for Viking Treasure**. Plus: on Monday only, create Viking warriors from root vegetables with **Mr Swede Head!**

**Nettlefoot Kate.** 10.30 – 11.30 (under 7s); 12.00 – 13.00 (ages 8 and over)

Coppergate Marquee, FREE!

Viking tales for children from York's own eco-storyteller.

**Kids' Have-a-go Sword Combat.** 10:30 – 11.00; 11.15 – 11.45; 12.00 – 12.30; 13.15 – 13.45; 14.00 – 14.30; 14.45 – 15.15; 15.30 – 16.00

Central Methodist Hall, St Saviourgate, £3.

A chance for kids to get a taste of sword fighting, just like in the movies! Suitable for ages 7 – 11. Pre-booking essential: 01904 615505.

**Eragon (PG).** 11.30

City Screen, £4 adult, £3 conc.

Join your Viking host to see dragons brought to spectacular life on the big screen in this epic fantasy adventure! Includes a chance to win fun giveaways.

Pre-booking: 0871 704 2054.

**Song Box.** 13.30 – 14.30; 15.00 – 16.00

DIG, FREE!

Drop-in Viking-themed musical activities for pre-school children and their families.

**Trolls' Treasure** with Rosalind Kerven, 14.00

Coppergate Marquee, FREE!

Tremble at *Trolls' Treasure*, Rosalind Kerven's thrilling new story in her award-shortlisted series, *Grim Gruesome: Viking Villain*. Suitable for ages 7 – 12.

**Mucky Vikings** with Dr Andrew Jones of York Archaeological Trust, 15.30

Barley Hall, Coffee Yard, off Stonegate. Normal Barley Hall admission prices apply.

Learn some of the filthiest, smelliest secrets of the Viking period with this fun, family lecture, and find out what today's archaeologists have uncovered in York's Viking-era rubbish pits and toilets.

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Coppergate Camp.** 10:30 – 16:00

Coppergate Square, FREE! (small charge for some activities)

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**Living History and Viking Craft Fair.** 11:00 – 16:00

The Guildhall, £2 adult, £1 conc.

Join the Vikings in the glorious setting of the Guildhall for a hands-on approach to Viking history. See them demonstrate a range of life skills, cookery techniques and weaponry. But beware: Viking slave-traders are on the lookout for new stock, and will be holding auctions throughout the day...

**Bonebreaker is Back!** with Peter J Murray. 11.30

City Screen, £3 adult, £2 conc.

A sell-out success at the 2009 JORVIK Viking Festival, award-winning children's author Peter J Murray returns in 2010! He brings with him the terrifying Sigurd, an invincible and deadly Viking warrior on the lookout for fresh victims. An action-packed performance with an exclusive glimpse into the *Bonebreaker* sequel... Suitable for ages 7 - 12. Pre-booking: 01904 615505.

**East vs West.** 10.30 - 12.00; 13.00 - 14.30; 15.00-16.30

Festival Marquee, St Sampson's Square, £3 adult, £2 conc.

Witness a display of combat that spans the globe from east to west, from the shores of the New World to the Land of the Rising Sun, via the vicious Viking warriors of Scandinavia. Drumming, steel swords and savage warriors combine to create fantastic Festival mayhem! Pre-booking: 01904 615505.

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**World of Warfare.** 10.30 - 12.00; 13.00 - 14.30; 15.00-16.30

Festival Marquee, St Sampson's Square. £3 adult, £2 conc.

See the evolution of the art of warfare from the Roman era through to the advent of gun powder. With Vikings, knights in armour and a Roundhead soldier from the Battle of Marston Moor, plus thrilling displays of battlefield fighting techniques, this is an unmissable Festival treat! Pre-booking: 01904 615505.

**Taiko Drumming Workshop.** 10.00 – 12.00; 13.30 – 15.30

Central Methodist Hall, St Saviourgate, £20.

You've heard the drums thundering in St Sampson's Square: now comes your very own chance to try your hand at Japanese Taiko drumming, with the expert guidance of Tamashii Daiko. This enjoyable and lively workshop is the perfect introduction to this traditional art form. Pre-booking essential: 01904 615505.

**Be a Viking!** 11.00 – 15.00

Danelaw Dark Age Village, Yorkshire Museum of Farming, Murton Lane, York YO19 5UF, £5.50 adult, £4.50 conc., £4 child.

Join us this half term to discover how our ancestors lived 1100 years ago. Come to the Village and take part in hands-on activities. Make an oil lamp or a Viking bracelet before settling around the fire to hear Viking tales of adventure! Call 01904 489966 for more details. *A Danelaw Dark Age Village event.*

**Wolf Cry** with Julia Golding. 11.30

City Screen, £3 adult, £2 conc.

Meet the creator of the renowned *Cat Royal* and hear her introduce her new Viking adventure, *Wolf Cry*, the tale of the remarkable friendship between the courageous Freydis and her slave, Enno. Suitable for ages 10 and over. Pre-booking: 01904 615505.

**Egil Skallagrimsson Keeps his Head.** 14.00

National Centre for Early Music, £6

The JORVIK Viking Festival proudly presents a new drama, commissioned to celebrate JORVIK's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and performed by North Country Theatre. When Icelandic hardman Egil and his crew are storm-driven up the Humber and into the hands of his old enemy Erik Bloodaxe, their days of travelling, trading and trashing seem numbered. But Egil has more strings to his bow (and his harp) than Erik might imagine. Suitable for ages 10 and over. Pre-booking: 01904 615505.

**Olaf the Viking** with Martin Conway. 14.00, 15.30

Coppergate Marquee, FREE!

Join author Martin Conway to hear the adventures of Olaf the Viking, a madcap collision of Viking mayhem and slapstick humour! Suitable for ages 8-12.

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National Centre for Early Music, £12.

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**Combat through the Ages.** 10.30 - 12.00; 13.00 - 14.30; 15.00-16.30

Festival Marquee, St Sampson's Square. £3 adult, £2 conc.

One-on-one combat, fearsome weapons and self-defence techniques from before, during and after the Viking period in Britain! Witness nail-biting seventeenth-century rapier combat, and marvel at the eccentricities of Bartitsu, the self-defence technique favoured by the Victorian gentleman. Pre-booking: 01904 615505.

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## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

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Experience the wonders of the universe in this stunning Planetarium, and learn how Vikings navigated by watching the night sky. Pre-booking essential: 01904 615505.

**Coppergate Camp.** 10:30 – 16:00

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Please see listing for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Plus: **Walking Wounded** and **Hair Braiding.** Let our make-up artists give you the cuts, bruises and war wounds suffered by Viking warriors! Long-haired visitors can have their lovely locks braided in true Viking style...

**Horrible Histories** with Terry Deary. 11.30

City Screen, £5 adult, £4 conc.

Encounter the more disgusting (and hilarious) elements of Viking and Anglo-Saxon history in our *Horrible Histories* event, which includes an opportunity to meet Terry Deary himself! Pre-booking: 0871 704 2054.

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February

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**Prepare for Battle!** 10.30

Museum Gardens, FREE.

Word has reached Earl Ealdred of the arrival of an enemy army. See him muster his forces and prepare for battle. With have-a-go archery and bird of prey displays.

Followed at 13.00 by **The March to Coppergate**. Ealdred leads his troops across the city to Coppergate in an impressive show of strength, in readiness for battle in the evening...

**3<sup>rd</sup> JORVIK Best Beard Competition.** 14.00

Coppergate Square, FREE!

A fun competition for any bearded barbarian wishing to parade his / her facial hair to win the ultimate Viking beard trophy! Beards available to make on the day. Judging at 14.00, participants to register before 13.30. All ages welcome!

**Festival Battle Finale and Boat Burning.** Gates open at 17.00, entertainment from 17.30

Bustardthorpe Field, York Racecourse, £10 adult, £7.50 conc., £30 family of four, £35 family of five.

Dramatic reconstructions tell the story of the build-up and aftermath of the Battle of Woden's Field in 910AD, which left three Viking kings dead. In York, Earl Ealdred and his allies prepare for a spectacular funeral, in which the bodies of all three late kings will be placed on board a longship to be sent in flames to Valhalla, the afterlife for Viking heroes. But a menacing force is waiting at the city gates; an army from over the Irish Sea demands the right to enter the arena and to conduct the funeral. Ealdred will never give way, and a bloody battle will surely be the result... With fire jugglers, warrior skirmishes, special effects and fantastic fireworks, this is the single most ambitious re-enactment event ever attempted in York, and a great evening out for all the family! Refreshments will be available to buy on site; please come dressed for very cold weather and wear suitable footwear.