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Malton Roman Festival

Produced by
"We Love Malton" Events Group

OUR PRODUCTION TEAM

Graham Harris - Director of Fights and Historical re-enactment.

Graham is an accomplished showman. He started young as a bass player in 60's band "Angel Pavement". He is a natural entertainer.

Graham has spent over 30 years in travel and tourism and currently holds the management contract for the 'Roman Bath Museum' in York. He is the leader of the 6th Legion Victrix Roman re-enactment group based in York.

Graham Moved from York to Malton 3 years ago and realised the unused potential of the Derwentio Fort site in Orchard Fields - Graham says....."the site is enclosed on three sides by the remains of the fortification and forms a natural amphitheatre. It is perfect for recreating events which occurred there nearly 2,000 years ago and I am sure, now established, the Malton Roman Festival will be a regular spectacle for many years to come "

Jeremy Powell - Team Leader and Event Organiser, PA Systems Specialist

Jeremy is the owner of the successful Palace Cinema in Malton. He has worked in the nuclear industry and has a degree in electronics. He joined the BBC as an engineer and worked for a number of radio stations.

This year represents the ninth year of his successful opening of the Palace Cinema and the opening of CJ's restaurant. Jeremy was a key organiser of the Roman Festival last year. His expertise in electronics and as a sound engineer has enhanced last year's Roman Festival, the Motor Show 2009 and the Christmas Lights switch-ons.

Jeremy ran a games club and a radio station from the cinema in 2003, and was nominated for Business Personality of the year in March.

Denys Townsend – Finance Manager

Denys Townsend is a local accountant. Keen to promote Malton, he has worked hard with the Events Group for many years. He jointly organised last year's festival.

Paul Andrews - Heritage Tent Organiser.

Paul has an honours degree in Classics and the study of Roman and Greek history, literature and civilisation has been a lifelong hobby.

Paul says: "The Romans were a great people and their history and literature abounds with a galaxy of good and bad characters - politicians, dictators, emperors, heroes and lovers. These include Julius Caesar who conquered France but failed to take Britain, Nero who sang while Rome burned, Hadrian who built the Wall, the philosopher emperor Marcus Aurelius and his dissolute son, Commodus, who fancied himself as a gladiator.

"Roman Britain outlasted the Roman occupation and the period includes St. Patrick and King Arthur.

"The Romans were a practical people and their heritage lives on with us today. We still use the alphabet they invented. The purpose of the history tent is to share a sample of their civilisation and give a taste of a very exciting period in world history."

Pat Excel – Site Archaeologist

Pat Excel says: "I have a Diploma in Archaeology University of Kent, Canterbury, BaHons. in Archaeology, York University, Msc, York University. I have worked for York University being employed as Post Excavation Assistant for the Castell Henllys, Wales Project; in addition I worked on the Castell Henllys dig over the past 15 years. I have my own excavation company and directed the Abingdon School excavations on the Waste Court site from 1999 until 2009.

"I have practical experience of Prehistoric sites from the Mesolithic to the Iron Age and Roman to Saxon and Viking.; also Early Medieval to late Medieval. I now specialize in Roman archaeology and my specialist subject is osteoarchaeology including both human and animal bones."