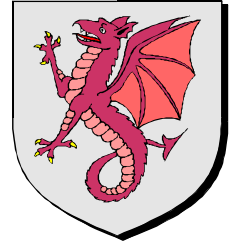


# THE RED WYVERN SOCIETY



## MUNCASTER CASTLE: LIVING HISTORY 27<sup>TH</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011

There will be three days of living history at Muncaster Castle over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

### SCENARIO

It is August 1460 and England is in the midst of a civil war between the supporters of King Henry VI (known as Lancastrians because Henry is also Duke of Lancaster) and those of his rival the Duke of York. The previous year the Yorkists had fled the country after their defeat at Ludford Bridge, but in June 1460 they returned to England to defeat the King's army at Northampton in July and to take the King prisoner. Queen Margaret, and the Duke of Somerset, the King's Chief Minister then went to the North where their support was strongest and summoned a great army to join with them at Pontefract. They appointed Lord John Clifford, known as 'The Butcher' as one of their commanders. Lord John Clifford is Sheriff of Westmorland with castles at Appleby, Brough, Brougham and Pendragon; and is also Lord of Craven with a castle at Skipton. He has a strong personal reason to take up arms against the Yorkists - as they killed his father at St. Albans five years previously and he has sworn revenge. One of his allies is Sir John Pennington of Muncaster Castle.

We therefore find a group of soldiers camped temporarily at Muncaster on their way from their usual posting in Carlisle on the Scottish border to join with the Lancastrian army at Pontefract. They are travelling through West Cumberland because they have also been instructed to 'array' (enlist) any able bodied person who they find in the name of the King. These are dangerous times so some civilians have chosen to travel with them for protection.

### Programme:

#### SATURDAY

11.00 am Living History starts  
12.00 noon Arraying of new Soldiers  
  
12.30 pm How a man shall be armed and  
Practice with Arms & Armour  
  
1.00pm  
2.00 pm Demonstration of Trebuchet  
2.30pm Dinner is served  
3.00pm Knight School  
4.00 pm Archery practice  
5.00 pm Close

#### SUNDAY

Living History starts  
How a man shall be armed and  
Practice with Arms & Armour  
  
Knight School  
Dinner is served  
  
Demonstration of Trebuchet  
Archery practice  
Close

#### MONDAY

11.00 am Living History starts  
12.00 noon How a man shall be armed and  
Practice with Arms & Armour  
  
1.00 pm Knight School  
2.00 pm Dinner is served  
3.00pm Demonstration of Trebuchet  
3.30pm Archery practice  
5.00 pm Close

Throughout there will be demonstrations of everyday life in the fifteenth century.

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