

FRAMLINGHAM
PAGEANT



THE FLODDEN HELMET

SUFFOLK
JULY 8TH - 11TH
1931

Historical Pageant at Framlingham Castle

SUFFOLK



Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
8th, 9th, 10th, 11th July, 1931
at 7 o'clock each evening

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Matinees on Wednesday and Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

SOME KEY POINTS OF THE PAGEANT

£500 to £700 to be raised by donations and guarantors

Four evening performances and two matinees.

600-700 performers, choir of 80 plus orchestra.

Needlework party made 300 costumes, 310 articles of head gear, hoods, hats and helmets, 180 cushions and 197 props.

Covered grandstand on castle meadow for over 800

Attendances of 2,000 were achieved on 10 July

Tickets from 5/- (£15) to 10/6 (£31.50).

Profits from event purchased the meadow now called
The Pageant Field





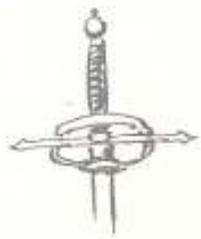
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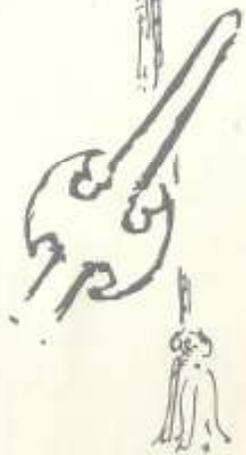
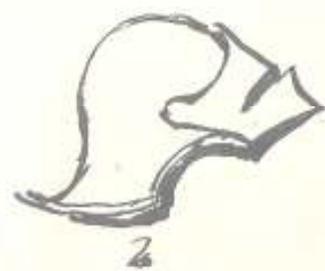
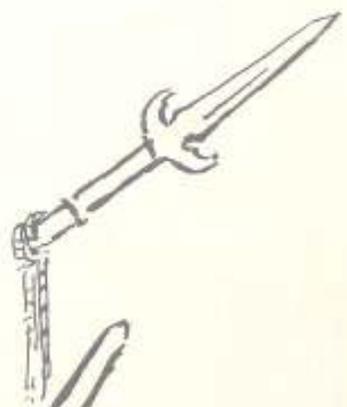
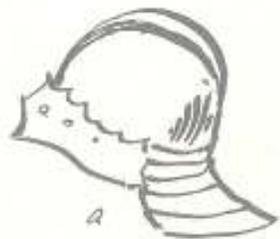
Hats & helmets & armour, sword hilts, pike heads



Archaic Salades
King Ed. IV.



Seawall & white hat band
for No. 1 Troop



- No. 2 Troop Green & white hat band
- No. 3 Troop Blue & Red
- No. 4. Yellow & white

4 & 2
Helmets of Transitional Period, early to mid. XVIth Cent.



A leather cap, fastening with widening edge at the back. Can be made of any material (casement), colour to resemble that of leather but in contrast to colour of hair. (Deep ochre, Burnt sienna, or raw umber).

THE COMMITTEE



The Grandstand on Castle Meadow



FRAMLINGHAM CASTLE PAGEANT,
SUFFOLK. *not used*

ARENA

(A place—but no definite seat—is guaranteed).

WEDNESDAY, July 8th, 1931,
AFTERNOON.

**N.B.—This Ticket cannot be exchanged or the money refunded
under any pretext whatsoever.**

No. 374

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Tax incl.

The cast of over 700



DUKE OF NORFOLK



Opening chorus. The dance of the Fritillaries



'Fritillaries' climbing up the side of the moat



Episode 1

King Edmund Surprised by Ivar the Dane

860

Fanciful story about Ivar the Danish chief who surprises King Edmund at his Framlingham stronghold. The blind mason is lead to Ivar and asks for reward to show him the weakest point in the wall. Fighting breaks out on the castle bridge. The blind man tells Ivar he has not seen Edmund, who escapes.

Danes and Saxons fighting on the bridge



The blind stonemason



Episode 2

The Normans, 1067

William the Conqueror retains important strongholds, including Framlingham. Ralph de Waur, first Earl of Norfolk arrives with his troops to take over the castle for the King. Roger Bigod is given a Manor. The Thaine Ailmar refuses service to the King so his lands are given to Hugh D'Avranche.

Earl Bigod (Mr Murray)



The monk (George Summers)



Episode 3

Home coming of The Second Duke of Norfolk, 1523

Thomas Howard, at the age of seventy won the Battle of Flodden in 1513. Ten years later after providing further service to King Henry V111, he retires to his castle at Framlingham. The Duchess comes to greet him with her ladies and a party of girls with ropes of roses.

The Duke of Norfolk (F. Charrington)



Duchess of Norfolk (Maud Downing)

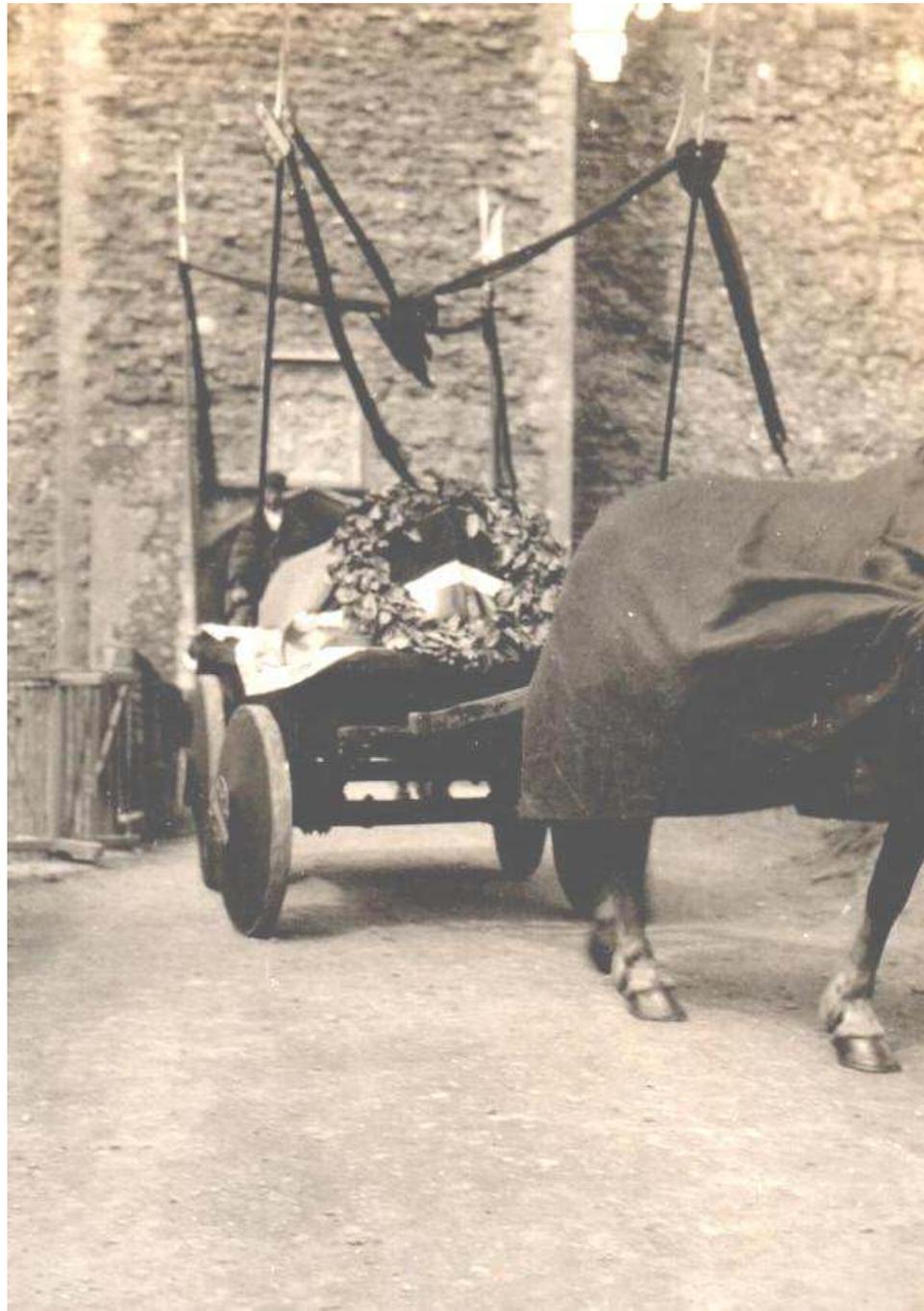


Episode 4

Funeral of The Second Duke of Norfolk, 1524

His body is taken from the chapel in the castle and conveyed to Thetford. The cortege, including Chief Mourners, Kings of Arms, Heralds and Lords ride in black liveries. The procession is headed by chanting White Friars. The Helmet carried in this Episode is the replica made by Harold Lanman, and is on display in the Lanman Museum in the Castle.

The funeral cortege leaves the castle



Standard bearer (Capt. Percy Clarke)



Episode 5

Queen Mary at Framlingham castle, 1553

On the death of Edward V1, Lady Jane Grey was proclaimed Queen. Mary immediately rode from Kenninghall to Framlingham castle to raise her supporters. The news is received that Lady Jane Grey has been deposed and Mary is proclaimed Queen. On 31 July she set off for London with 30,000 loyal supporters, where she would be crowned Queen of England.

Queen Mary (Connie Brunger)



Ladies of the Court. Centre Mrs AG Potter



Episode 6

Escape of Catholic Prisoners from the Castle 1601

The castle was used as a prison for Recusants who would not accept the Act of Uniformity. This Episode based on scant evidence relates to the escape of three Priests and a Layman while an Elizabethan fair is in progress.

Elizabethan Fair



Apple seller at the Fair



Episode 7

Nicholas Danforth's departure to America 1634

Danforth arrives at the castle with his family and servants to bid farewell to Lord Howard before departing on his journey to America. The Lord is seen meeting Danforth on his return from a hawking party. Nicholas's son Thomas would be granted land in Massachusetts and established the town of Framingham.

Nicholas Danforth (Geoffrey Hulme-Welch) and family



Lord Segrave and the Lord's falconer. The Lord's falcons



Episode 8

Procession of Sir Robert Hitcham's Pensioners

Sir Robert Hitcham purchased Loes Hundred, which included Framlingham castle for £14,000. He bequeathed this to Pembroke College in Cambridge. Part of his will required buildings in the castle to be dismantled to provide Alms Houses. No photos have been found for this Episode.

The film, which starts at Episode 4, was taken by Ernest Bennett who was the chemist at Hales on the Market Hill. His granddaughter Keren Hancox kindly provided a copy of it.

