



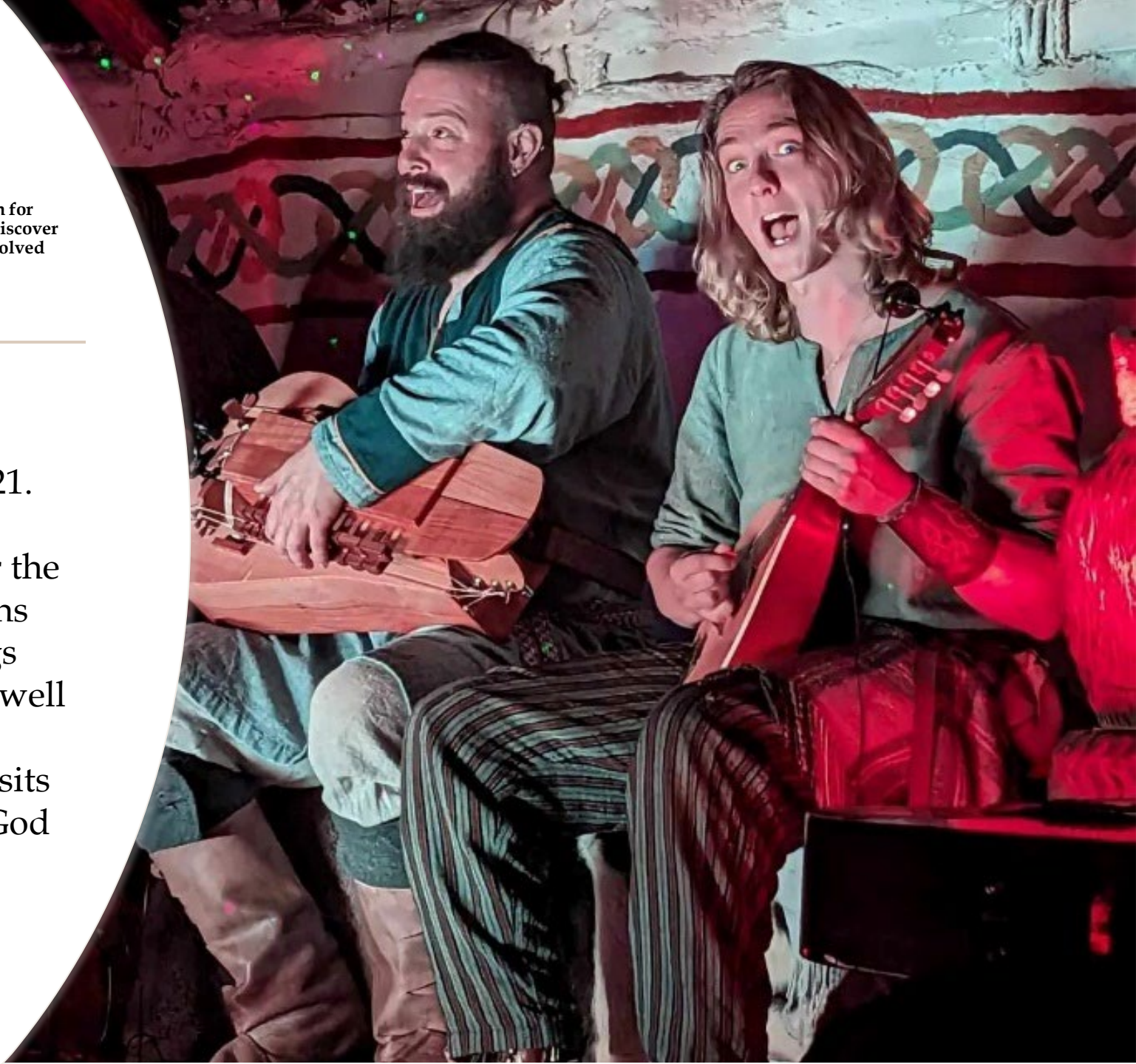
HERE BE FLAGONS

A Travelling Interactive
Museum of Historical Musical
Instruments

Here be Flagons is a group of friends and multi-instrumentalists who share a passion for ancient history, music, and folklore. Our goal is to inspire people young and old to discover or rediscover the joy that music can bring and demonstrate how instruments have evolved throughout human history as well as their often unexpected and bizarre origins.

History of Here be Flagons

Here be Flagons formed in the spring of 2021. We started out with a small number of instruments but that quickly changed. Over the course of the next two years, Here be Flagons would go on to perform at several weddings (our team provided the celebrant at one, as well as the musicians), battle re-enactments, festivals, living history weekends, school visits and even performing on stage with 1960s 'God of Hellfire' Arthur Brown!



Fact sheet

Formed early 2021.

Based in Hertfordshire & Cambridgeshire,

We are currently a team of 5

Notable clients

The British Museum - London

The BBC

Celtic Harmony Camp - Hertford

Butser Ancient Farm - Hampshire

Waltham Abbey Council

Dunstable Archaeological Society

Chilton Open Air Museum

History Hit Online

The Crazy World of Arthur Brown

Notable events

British Museum - Meet the Romans (Part of Legion Exhibition) 2024

Butser Ancient Farm - Beltane festival 2023

The Crazy World of Arthur Brown UK Tour 2023

Chalke Valley Living History Festival 2022

Tutbury Viking Fireworks 2022 & 2023

Purbeck Anglo Saxon Festival 2023

Butser Ancient Farm - HBF Music Weekend 2023

Butser Ancient Farm - Roman Musical Performance at Roman Villa 20th Anniversary Event 2023

Celtic Harmony Camp - Halloween Celebrations (2021 & 2022)

Waltham Abbey - King Harold Day Celebrations 2023

Dunstable Festival of Archaeology 2023

Tutbury Castle firework display 2022 & 2023

West Stow Anglo Saxon Village Saxon weekends 2022, 2023 & 2024

BBC Filming 2024

Future events (Booked to Appear)

Butser Ancient Farm - Beltane festival 2024

Butser Ancient Farm - HBF Ancient Music Weekend 2024

The Crazy World of Arthur Brown UK Tour 'A Human Perspective' 2024

What can we offer?

- **Event music** - For weddings, Birthdays, Parties etc
- **School visits** - Half day sessions in line with KS2 curriculum providing talks on history and period music
- **Interactive displays** - Opportunities for the public to play ancient musical instruments
- **Drumming workshops** - 20 minute sessions of a fun and enthusiastic introduction to drumming with Shamanic skin drums
- **Engaging instrument talks and demonstrations** with encouraged audience participation
- **A rare trio of recreation Carnyxes** - *Iron age war horns* based on the Deskford and Tintignac excavations. Demonstration and talks.
- **Versatility** to align specifically with individual periods as required for event/site however this can limit what is on offer to the public.
- **Full period costume** - We are able to adorn ourselves in Iron age, Roman, Early Saxon and Migration period clothing with current display and equipment.



Examples of Instruments

- **Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, neolithic** – Bone flutes, Bone Percussion, Bull-roarer, Conch/Seashell-horn, Blowing-horn, Ocarina, Skin Drums.
- **Iron Age & Roman** – Carnyx, Lituus, Cornu, Tuba, Cymbalum, Cymbala, Crotalum, Crotala, Syrinx, Sistrum, Tympanum, Clappers, Scabellum, Pandura/Lute, Bells.
- **Saxon** – Lyre, Harp, Shawm, Smallpipes, Bells.
- **Viking** – Lur, Tagelharpa, Jawharp, Pibgorn, Troll Rattle, Kantele, Jorvik Pipes.
- **Medieval** – Triangles, hog-nosed psaltery, Lute, Rebec, Buisine.
- **Renaissance and beyond** – Crumhorn, Gemshorn, Hurdy-gurdy, Mandolin.



Media.

- History Hit Online
- BBC 3 Counties radio
- BBC Wiltshire
- Butser Plus
- BBC Programme



Testimonials

- Here be Flagons are entertaining, knowledgeable, friendly and provide a great performance! Highly recommended! - C Mottram
- A big thank you to Here Be Flagons for performing this year at our Family Prehistory Adventures. They are very talented musicians, and certainly know how to entertain a crowd - Celtic Harmony Camp
- Here be Flagons are a living Museum! Highly recommended! - I Cantelle
- Here Be Flagons are friendly, enthusiastic, and knowledgeable. It was a real pleasure to see them at Butser Ancient Farm today and we enjoyed participating in a drum circle and listening to their talks about their instruments. Great team of people! -J Heffernan-Burns

Gallery



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