

Role-play Scenarios

Opportunities for role-play, hot-seating, writing short play scripts

Scenario 1

In 1514 Edward Stanley is installed as Knight Garter (as a reward for his action at Flodden Field) and goes to London to receive his honour from the young king Henry VIII. On his return he mentions to his wife and family that he wants to invite the young king to Hornby to hunt at Leagram. Conversation develops about Henry and his love of hunting and feasting. Edward's wife has to consider what preparations will need to take place at Hornby Castle. The children are excited about the prospect of a young king visiting their home and bringing members of his Court with him.

Scenario 2

Edward needs to have the deer park in good order so he has the park pale repaired. He and his wife and children go out to the pale to see what John Marsden and his men have been doing there – they stop and talk to him, his wife and sons – she is bringing them food, the elder boy is helping with the repairs, the younger son plays with Edward's son. Elizabeth and her daughter walk together looking for deer (see *Jennie Anderson's drawing*).

Scenario 3

Elizabeth Stanley meets with her cook to discuss what dishes can be cooked to create a feast fit for a king (see *Tudor Food Power Point*). The cook has had experience working elsewhere for a noble family and has lots of ideas. Elizabeth is not a well woman and finds it difficult to eat rich food. She will be concerned about having to eat venison and the cost of producing what might be several meals for Henry VIII and the people who accompany him.

Scenario 4

The King hasn't visited Hornby and now Edward Stanley has gone off to fight again this time in France. During the very harsh winter the Marsden family are finding it hard to put food on the table and everyone is feeling the effects of starvation. Will joins some friends and sneaks onto Leagram Deer Park when it's starting to go dark to kill a deer to then take away, butcher and share. Unfortunately the lads are caught and find themselves in front of a judge in Lancaster (see *skeleton court scene script*).