



EINAR SIGURDSSON

Embroidery by Lilian Muir



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Viking Ship Planter

The construction of our planter was overseen by committee member Tom Wyles who drew the plans and worked with York College on the project. Over the 30 years he resided in Stamford Bridge Tom was involved in many clubs and societies, usually as a founder member. The tapestry project was his brainchild. He was an active member of York based "Volsung Vikings" living history group and relished being "Einar the thrall" (a lowly Viking peasant) whenever he attended a history event or re-enactment show. He named the ship "Ormen" and provided the following copy:

Our planter is named "Ormen" in homage to: "Ormen" - 1060 AD

"This ship was the ship of King Harald Sigurdsson Hårdråde of Norway (1015-1066). It was built in Nidaros (today's Trondheim) in Norway around 1060. The ship has the same name as the earlier "Ormen Lange", which probably was the model for this ship. Snorre Sturlason tells about this ship in detail in his saga about Harald Hårdråde. It was a longship built as a "busseship" and of the same size as Ormen Lange. Elsewhere he also refers to the ship as a "drage" (serpent/dragon), thus being a longship. It had 35 "rooms" (sections) and was large according to this number. It was equipped with 35 pairs of oars. In the stem it had a golden dragon head and the stern was formed like a hook, probably visualizing the tail of a dragon."

Following the untimely passing of Tom, "Ormen" was re-named "Einar" in his honour on 25th September 2016, the 950th anniversary of the historic 1066 events and proudly carries the name in Viking runes. The other side of the bow shows the original name "Ormen" in Viking runes, made and attached by Tom.



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"Einar", formerly "Ormen", was built by students from the Construction Centre, York College, Osbaldwick York, to whom we express our thanks and appreciation for a beautiful addition to our village which is a lasting tribute to their skills.

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