

Yesterday Kevin and his class went on a trip to Sherwood Forest, near Nottingham. They went round the Visitors' Centre in the morning and after lunch they made a film about Robin Hood ... Helen wrote about it in her diary.



Today we all went to Sherwood Forest. Mr Edwards wanted to do some scenes from Robin Hood with us. He thinks he's Alfred Hitchcock. He brought his camcorder with him 5 (an expensive new one!).

First we had to find a quiet path with lots of trees on both sides. Then, while the others were reading their parts, Barbara and I went back to the bus with Mr Edwards. When we got back with the costumes and the 10 camcorder, Kevin and Ronny were rolling on the ground. "Stop fighting!" shouted Mr Edwards. "But we were acting our parts, sir!" they said.

We gave out the costumes. We had cloaks and hats (green ones for Robin and his men and a big black one for the 15 Sheriff). There were short swords for the outlaws and long ones for the soldiers.

When everybody was ready we started the first scene. Ronny was playing Robin Hood. He and Little John (Christine!) were standing behind a tree. Two of Robin's 20 men (Ben and Linda) were sitting in the tree. The others were hiding. Kevin (the Sheriff) and his soldiers were coming down the road. Mr Edwards was lying on the ground with his camcorder. Suddenly two Japanese tourists came out of the trees and asked Kevin the way. "I arrest you 25 in the name of the King!" said Kevin. "Cut!" shouted Mr Edwards. But it was too late. While the two tourists were standing there, Linda and Ben jumped down from the tree and landed right in front of them. Then Robin and Little John came out from behind the tree and shouted 30 "Your money or your life!" The Japanese tourists immediately got out their wallets!

Later we started the scene again. Unfortunately the forest was full of tourists, school groups and parents with children and dogs. Every time we tried the scene, 35 somebody came past. Then it started to rain. It was still raining when we left Sherwood Forest in the bus. "Never again," said Mr Edwards. "Sherwood Forest was much quieter in Robin Hood's time." "But it's more exciting now," said Ben.