



ROBIN OF SHERWOOD

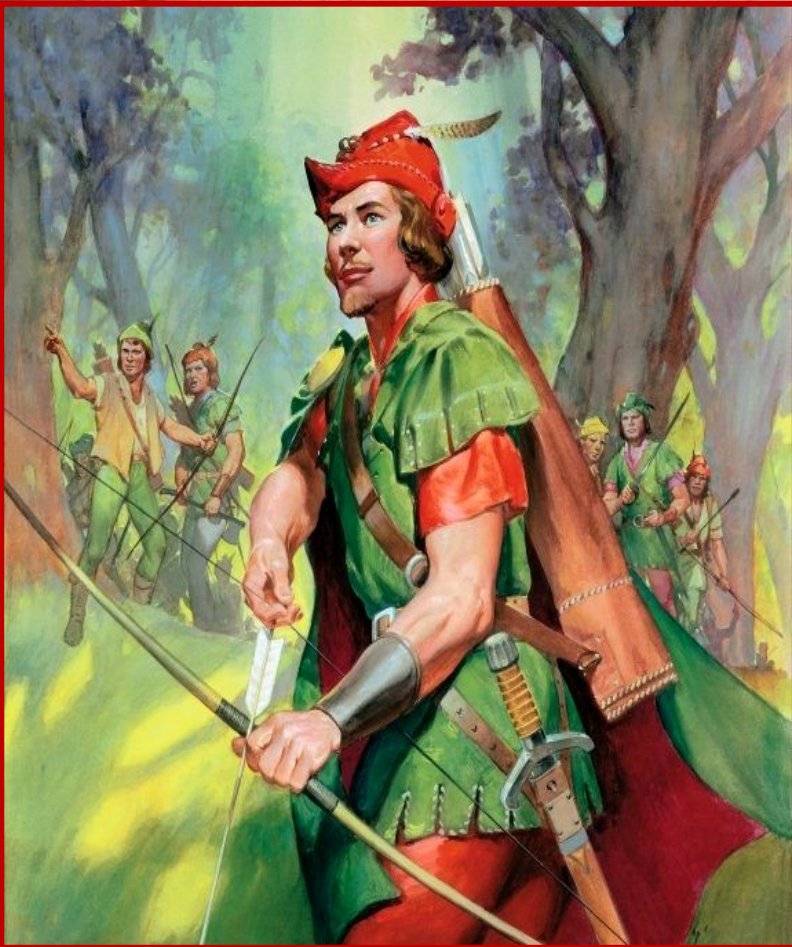
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Robin Hood is a
legendary hero of
England.
He lived in the twelfth
century.



The legend said
Robin Hood lived in
Sherwood Forest
with his merry men.





Robin Hood and his merry men took money from the rich and gave it to the poor. There are many stories about them. Here is one of them.





One day Robin Hood was walking through the Forest with his men when he saw a young man. The young man was wearing a very fine red coat and singing merrily. The next morning Robin Hood saw the same young man without his fine coat.





The young man was looking very sad. Robin Hood sent Little John to bring the young man. When the young man came to Robin Hood the latter asked him, "What is your name?" The young man answered that his name was Allan-a-Dale.





Then Robin Hood asked: "Have you any money?" Allan-a-Dale answered, "I have only five shillings and a ring that I have kept for seven years. I wanted to marry a nice young girl. Yesterday I went to marry her, but her father is against it. He wants to marry her to a rich old man. Now I am unhappy."





Robin Hood asked the young man: "What will you give me and my merry men if we help you to get your girl back again?" Allan-a-Dale had neither money nor gold, but he promised to be Robin Hood's true servant. So Robin Hood decided to help Allan-a-Dale and they all went to the town where the girl lived. When they came to the town they saw the girl Allan loved. She was going into the church with the rich old man. Robin Hood and his men went into the church and asked the priest to marry the girl to Allan-a-Dale.





When the priest refused,
Robin Hood pulled off the
priest's coat and put it on
Little John.

So Little John married
and they returned together
to the merry Greenwood.





This legend was written many years ago but it is popular nowadays. Robin Hood Festival takes place in Mansfield, Great Britain. The king of bandits liked visiting Sherwood Forest.

Freelancers, characters of Robin Hood's ballads and other heroes of medieval folklore are gathering there on 2nd August.



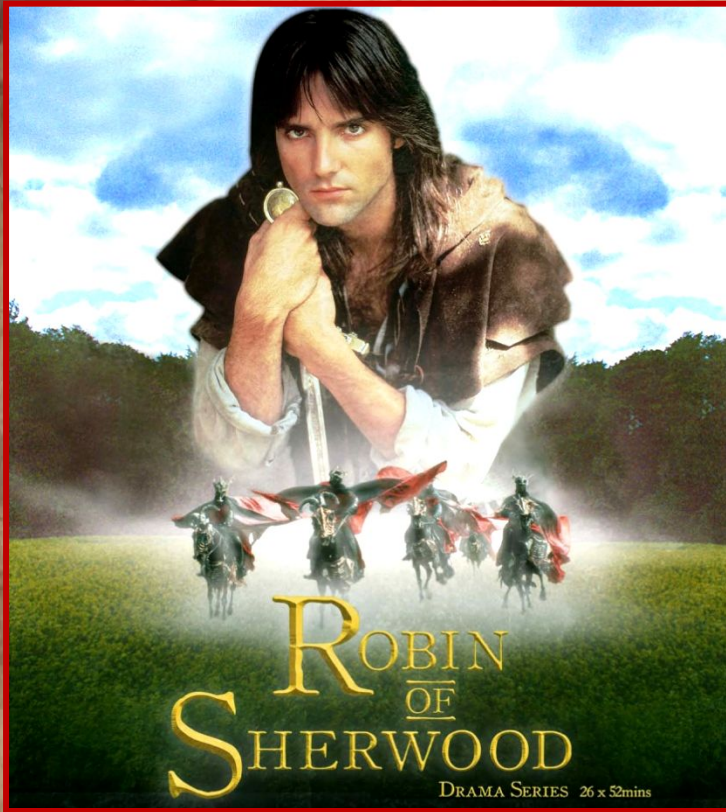


About seventy thousand of audience may become observers and even participants of the legendary Robin Hood's competitions.



Musicians,
jesters,
falconers,
archers,
special
dresses are
created the
Medieval
atmosphere
of the festival.





Certainly it's hard to find a person who has never heard about legendary, generous robber Robin Hood. He robbed greedy rich people and gave money to the poor ones. There are a lot of songs, books, movies about him. Many producers make films where main character has a brave heart and a great soul and can use a wooden bow nowadays.



Thanks for your attention!

