



...SHAMUS THE WISE MAN

“Don’t talk to me about those Romans, destroying our way of life and calling it peace! I try to be patient but ... Mind you, I don’t object to a handful of juicy dates washed down by a beaker of fine wine.”

Shamus is storyteller and wise man to the local Brigantes people. He laments the slaughter of his tutors by Imperial forces on the distant Island of Mona but continues the druidic tradition, passing on the wisdom of the ancestors by telling stories to all who will listen.

Shamus likes to believe that all problems and conflicts can be solved by discussion rather than by force but he distrusts the Romans and their laws. He is suspicious of their religious beliefs and the new custom of setting up altars to the gods that some of his neighbours are adopting; the spirits of the gods should be free to roam the woods and waterfalls he believes.

He accepts that change must come but many times he has been accused of stirring up trouble against the Roman authorities. Still, he lives in hope that they will see the error of their domineering and exploitative ways.

Altar from Senhouse Roman Museum dedicated to Jupiter Optimus Maximus and the divine power of the Emperor

