

The Bayeux Tapestry Hastings - then and now

They stitch the tale in coloured thread
of Norman knights and the soon to dead
Harold shouting, arrows flying,
horses charging, bodies lying
Sixty scenes sewn bit by bit,
each woollen stitch with patient grit
no cameras then, no screens to swipe,
just aching hands and medieval hype
a thousand years on, still hanging proud
history's stories stitched out loud.
But if those tapestry folk saw Hastings today
they'd laugh so hard they'd drop their crochet
we crossed the sea with ships and spears
now you lot need a slot to dump old chairs
then they would march through town with a puzzled stare
dodging potholes lurking everywhere
Is this the battlefield? What happened here?
No mate, that's just the A21 this year.
And the roadworks oh the Normans sighs
Another diversion? Who planned this surprise?
We conquered England with less delay
these roadworks have been here since before our day
Even William the Conqueror would lose his grip
this is harder than taking the throne to your tip
The tapestry shows a mighty fight
Kings and chaos, left to right
but ask a local now and they'll quip
the real battles are potholes, roadworks
and trying to book a slot for the tip

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