

## **Savage Tales 7**

### **The Last Wagon (England, south east of Rugby, 1512)**

The Savage Steel Company was hired to both guard a group of wagons travelling from Coventry to London and to train the guards of the Mercers guild. The route was plagued by thieves and bandits. There were rumours about traitors and blackmail. Plans were set in motion to trap any spies or to confront any bandits. After several failures to catch any raiders or traitors, one plan had great success. Goods were shifted around in the wagons while stopping overnight at the Red Lion tavern in Dunchurch. This left the largest slowest wagon with a heavy load and a slow team of Oxen to pull it and further delays meant it set out an hour after all the other wagons had left. It was attacked by 20 or so thieves who discovered the two hidden gunners and two sword and buckler armed soldiers in the wagon (as well as the two drivers). A further group of soldiers rushed forward who had been following some distance behind (though they left the tavern before the wagon). Somehow Captain Savage was shot with a bullet during the melee despite the bandits having no guns. One of the Mercers travelling with them was missing from their room at the next tavern. Rumours still remain that it was one of the mercenaries (Savage Company) that was working with the bandits.