

BURNT AT THE STAKE ! SPECIAL EVENT

To commemorate 450th Anniversary of the story told in Foxes Book of Martyrs of the three Guernsey women accused of heresy.

July 17th and July 27th 6.30pm start at the Picquet House, Follow the women as they are taken through Fountain Street and up Tower Hill. Presentation 6.45 (approx) on the Mignot Plateau.

Cheap and Easy costumes for those wishing to take part as Tudor Townsfolk

Working Class. These costume notes are not meant to be authentic replicas, but will give a 'Tudor' look for working people circa 1556.

The Middle Classes would have been similar but with better quality materials and additional trimmings.

The Upper Classes. Please refer to the patterns available at Creasey's fabric shop or hire from a Fancy Dress supplier.

COLOURS:

Red, Purple, black, greens, blues, yellows, browns, grey, white/cream

FABRIC-:

Cotton, light wool, linen. Fabrics that look 'natural'. Plain preferably, though stripes, swirls or 'checkerboard' patterns are acceptable.

WOMEN'S COSTUMES

BODICE & SKIRT

You need:

1. A long or calf length full skirt or dress to cut up
2. Long sleeved blouse or jumper. Layers were popular (see Diagrams A&B)
3. Apron- Narrow oblong of white cotton tied with strings (see Diagram A)
4. Laced bodices-

You need:

An old top or dress with darts to shape it with short or no sleeves..

1 half metres ribbon or cord.

Rivets (optional) to fit ribbon or cord.

- a. Cut the garment at waist length,
- b. cut open the front from top to bottom and take 2 inches out of the middle front.
- c. Cut a scoop or square neck at the front.
- d. Turn in all the new edges and stitch or stick down with adhesive tape.
- e. Mark holes down the front openings opposite each other 2 inches apart for lacing

- f. Bore holes with tip of scissors and oversew the edges of the hole (optional) or use metal rivets available from haberdashery shops.
- g. Wrap end of cord or ribbon in sellotape it so that it can lace through the holes. Start lacing from the top and fasten with bow at the bottom. Cut to length and finish with sellotape.

Bodice should fit tightly- take in side seams with running stitch if necessary.

FRILLED COLLAR

Strip of fabric $\frac{3}{4}$ inches deep and $\frac{2}{3}$ times the circumference of your neck. Run a gathering (running) stitch along the top edge and pull to gather to fit neck. Tie and knot securely. Stitch 2 lengths of ribbon or tape to either end and fasten with a bow at either the front or back of neck.

SHOES

Flat, Black, plain (SEE DIAGRAM A, B,C,)

CAP

Muslin, cotton or net. (SEE DIAGRAM A,B,C,D)

MEN'S COSTUME

Large old shirt and old trousers, ribbon or cord, elastic

1. Shirt

- a. These did not fasten with buttons so cut off the buttons.
- b. Lay the front opening over the buttonhole side and stitch down from the bottom. Leave an opening at the neck big enough to go over the head.
- c. Stitch 2 pieces of ribbon or cord on either side just below the collar and tie OR leave shirt unbuttoned (see Diagrams A&B)

2. Trousers

- a. Cut off trousers about 4 inches below the knee.
- b. Turn up the edge of each leg about 2 inches and stitch or stick (making a slot for elastic).
- c. Cut small hole in turnup to thread elastic through
- d. Tie/stitch elastic when trousers tight below knee

3. Coat

Sleeveless jerkin of leather, suede fabric or fleece (see Diagram B)
Waistcoat (stitch sides to tighten to waist)

4. LONG COAT (Diagram C)

- a. Cut sleeves from old dressing gown

- b. Cut off collar
- c. Turn raw edges in and stitch or stick

5. Cap

Knitted ones can be cut from the sleeve of an old jumper stitched together to make the top at one end and the other end turned up to make a band (see Diagram B)

6. Trunk Hose (Short puffed trousers)

- a. Take a pair of boxer style trunks as a base and add material gathered to fit on top (patterns available at Creasey's)

7. HATS

See Diagrams B, C, E

Hats had large and small brims but not peaked.

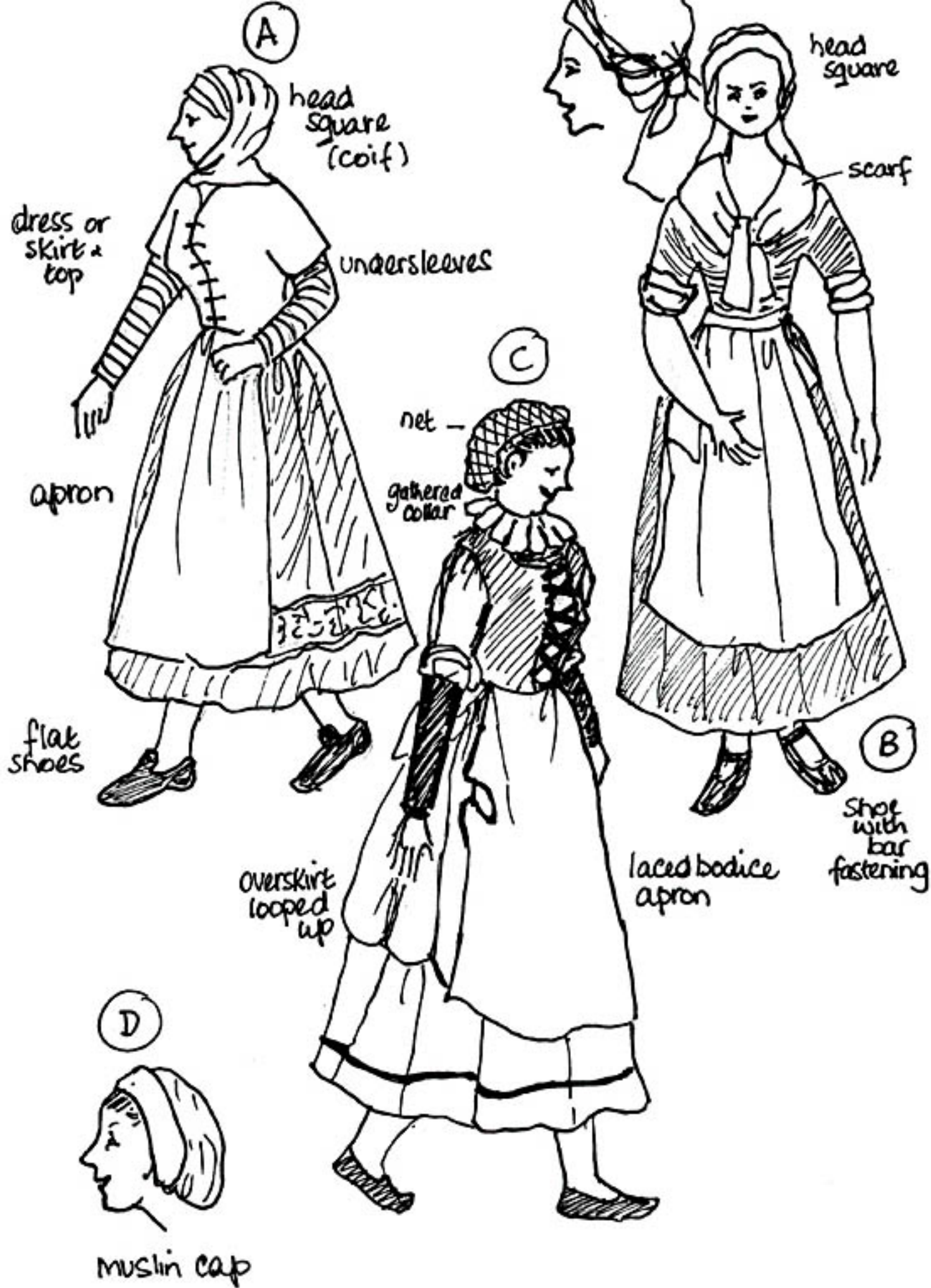
8. MEN'S SHOES & STOCKINGS

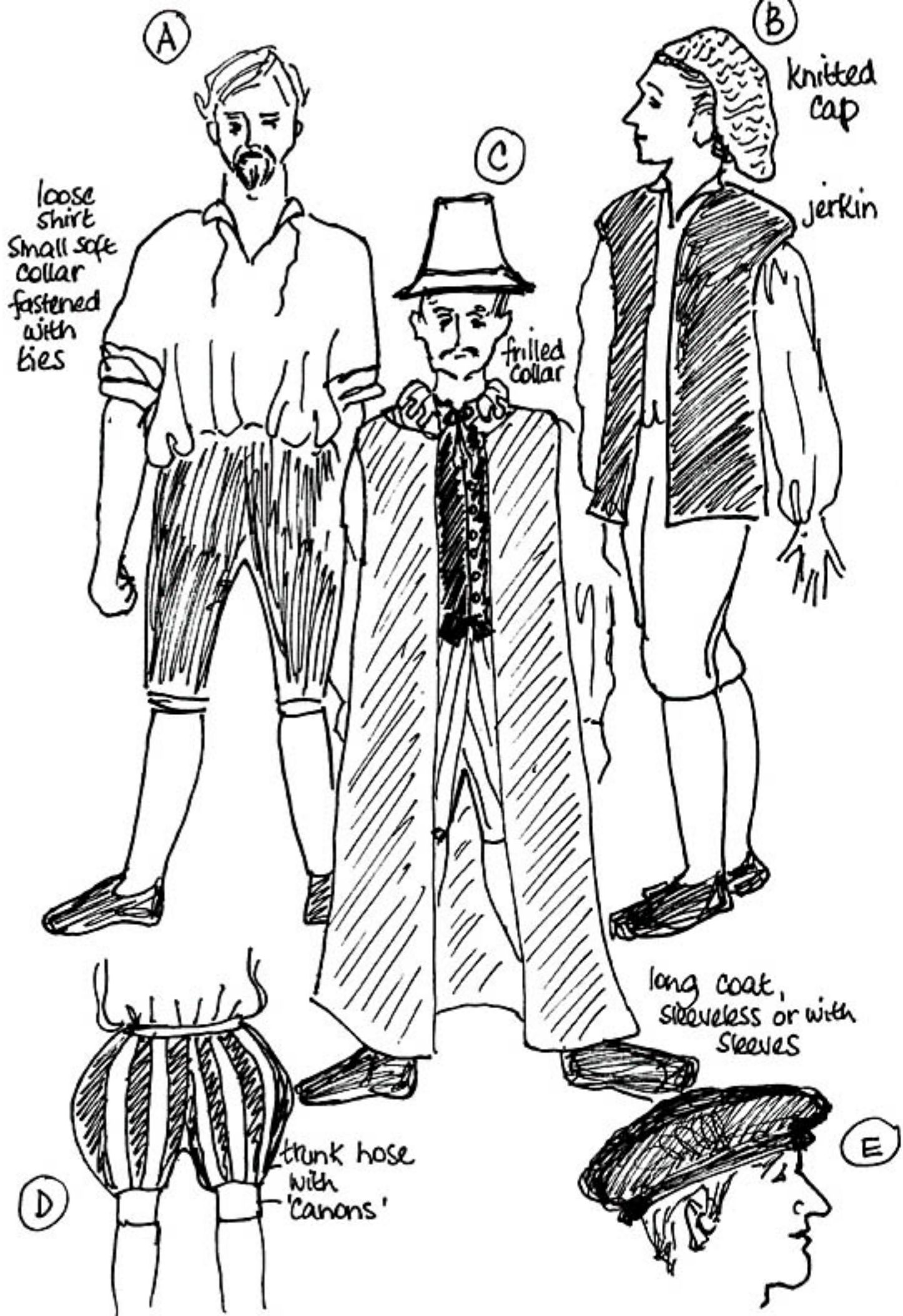
Slip on shoes or boots. Football socks or large thick lady's tights.

- a. Turn football socks up over the knee and secure with elastic garter under the trousers.

9. COLLAR

See instructions for Women's Costume





(A)

loose shirt
small soft collar
fastened with ties

(B)

knitted cap
jerkin

(C)

frilled collar

long coat,
sleeveless or with sleeves

(D)

trunk hose
with 'canons'

(E)