



Let's make a small detour to the other side of Denmark. We are going to visit a small town called Jelling. In front of the white church there are two amazing runic stones. Runes are types of letters that the Vikings used. They look like bits and pieces of branches – without leaves!

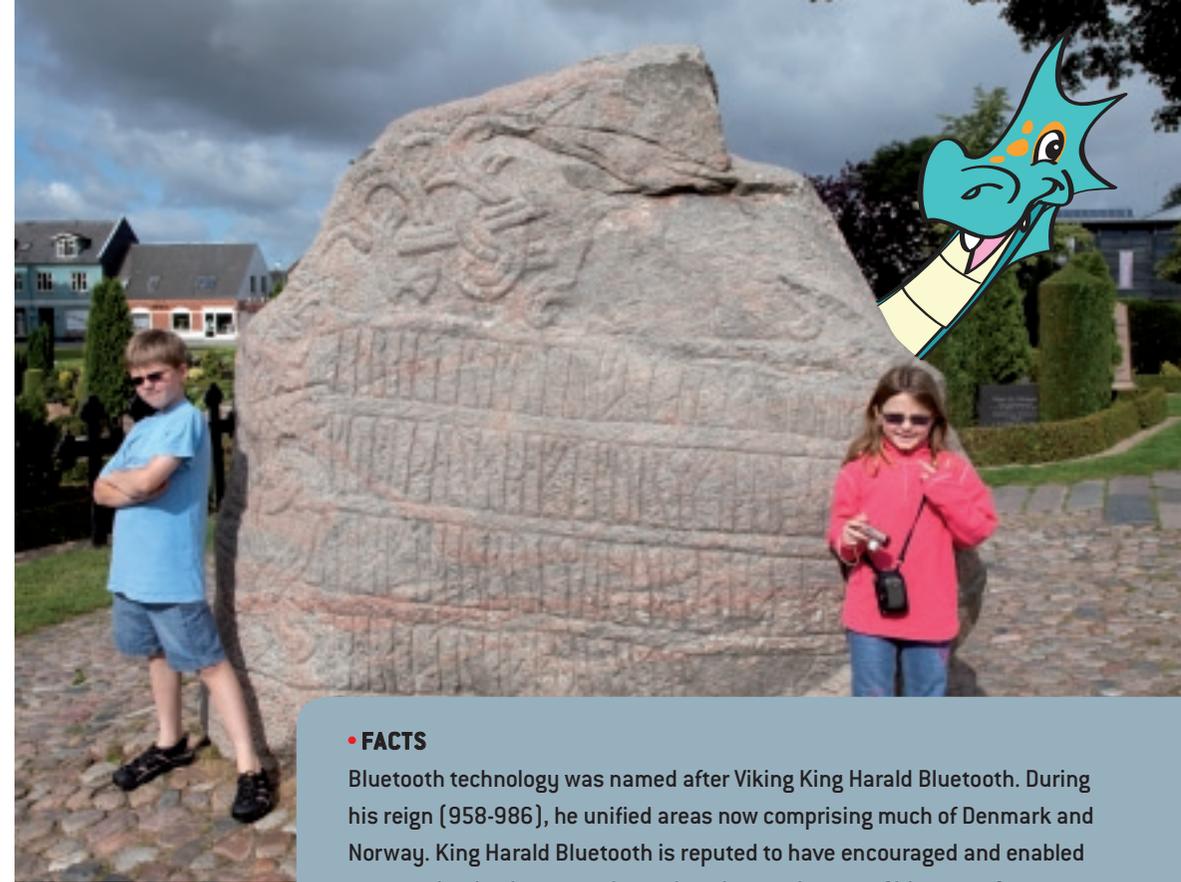
The two runic stones are more than a thousand years old. Viking King Gorm the Elder erected the smaller stone in memory of his wife, Queen Thyra. Their son Harald erected the larger stone. Do you know what it says? It says:

"King Harald ordered this monument be made in memory of Gorm, his father, and Thyra, his mother. The Harald who conquered for himself all Denmark and Norway and Christianized the Danes"

Viking King Harald had a cool nickname. He was called "Harald Bluetooth". Nobody knows how he got his nickname, but some say he ate so many blueberries he had a blue tooth.

Let's run over to the two burial mounds. They are believed to be the graves of Viking King Gorm the Elder and his wife, Queen Thyra. If you dare, climb up to the top of the burial mounds.

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• FACTS

Bluetooth technology was named after Viking King Harald Bluetooth. During his reign (958-986), he unified areas now comprising much of Denmark and Norway. King Harald Bluetooth is reputed to have encouraged and enabled communication between the realms, hence the use of his name for a communication system. The Bluetooth symbol  is a combination of the Viking runes H /  and B / , the initials of Harald Bluetooth ("Harald Blåtand").

TRY WRITE YOUR OWN NAME WITH RUNES

600/700-1050 AD

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Late 10th century

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The Museum & information center "Royal Jelling", located close to the burial mounds, tells the amazing story

of Jelling as the spring in Danish

History. Runic stones were set up to commemorate the dead and sometimes to pass on details of the death. The Jelling Runic stones are on UNESCO's world heritage list.