



THE ADJUTANT

WINTER 2014



From your Editor

Hello,

Here we are in March already. By now you will have heard the news on the grapevine that I have married Jim Paylor. Our wedding took place on the 1st March and is the reason why this edition has been slower being released to you than I would have wished. Thank you for all of your messages on Facebook, we had a fabulous day.

I have had some interest from Companies wishing to advertise their services to you. I would like some feedback from you as to what you think about this. Please e-mail me at tracey_hammond@live.co.uk (yes it is still my old e-mail address as I haven't had much time to change it) and let me know what your thoughts are . It may be that future editions of the magazine may be longer than at present due to the inclusion of advertising. I anticipate that we will receive more requests in the run up to the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

I have also had a request for a Ladies Page and for this edition I have included a recipe for Strawberry Fritters sourced from the English Heritage book, "Food and Cooking in 18th Century Britain- History and Recipes by Jennifer Stead. However whilst I am happy to do this for this edition, I do not want to be responsible for this page by myself. So it is over to you Ladies after this edition of The Adjutant.

On the subject of contributions, please, can contributors send me their article in the form of a Word Document and images as jpegs files please. I cannot check the spellings, insert images or change image sizes, or make any adaptations if you send it to me as a PDF. I am using Tahoma ,font size 10 to make the articles fit on to an A5 format.

In this edition there are a few pictures of the NA Winter Party that I have taken. However I would welcome more contributions to the annual NA Winter Party picture gallery and for other events attended. So please don't be shy.

The next deadline for contributions to the Spring/summer edition is the 1st June.

Thanks

Tracey P

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The Chairman's Report

Dear All,

I believe that it is important that I keep you all up to date with developments in relation to the running of the Association. Since the AGM, three people have offered to become members of the Executive Committee (EC) and they have been co-opted onto the Committee. The organisation and makeup of the EC is therefore as follows:



Chairman – Martyn Monks
Treasurer – Jerry Sperring

Membership Services Team:

Company Secretary – Helen Dawson
Membership Secretary – Tiny Castle (co-opted)
Health and Safety Officer – Rick Peacock
Admin Officer (with special responsibility for communications) – Rachel Coman

Events Team:

Events Director and Chief Operations Officer - Tony Wilkes
Member without Portfolio - Adrian Lobb (co-opted)
Overseas Events Officer – Hugh Martyr (co-opted)

I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Tiny, Adrian and Hugh to the Committee and wishing them luck in their new roles. Many of the EC members are new to their roles and, whilst handovers may be complete, each of them is undertaking a steep learning curve. Can I please ask you to be a little patient with them for the next couple of months until they fully understand their roles?

The EC has been split into two teams so that we can focus our efforts more clearly on our two customers. First, the members through the Membership Services Team and second, our event sponsors through the Events Team led by Tony Wilkes. I will oversee both Teams and Jerry Sperring will make sure we all keep to our budgets! However, the EC will continue to make collective decisions either in committee or where necessary ex-committee on all major policy matters.

The EC's first major task was to construct budgets for both the Membership Services Team and the Events Team. As a result of this work the EC decided that to safeguard both the interests of members and the Association as a Limited Company, we should be prudent in setting the Membership Fee for 2014. The EC have made savings wherever possible but in the circumstances

has no alternative than to make the difficult decision to raise Membership Fees for 2014 by £1. Full details are included on the new Membership Application Form.

The EC continues to improve communications. Adam Paylor has produced a Document which lists the capabilities of the Website and the EC are studying this at present. We will then agree with Adam a migration plan to implement the increased capabilities. My personal priority is to get both EC members details and unit contact details onto the site. However, much will depend on the time available to us and the most timely and effective way to make the agreed enhancements. I would like to thank Adam Paylor for his help with the website.

"The Adjutant" will be issued four times a year and a publication schedule has been agreed between the EC and Tracey Hammond, the Editor. I would like to thank Tracey for producing this copy of "The Adjutant". Tracey and Jim Paylor got married in early March and I am sure that you will join the EC in wishing them both the best for the future.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of the death of James Hovell of the 42nd Regiment of Foot (Black Watch) in late December 2013. I am sure that you will all join the EC in sending condolences to James' family and his friends in both 42nd and the Association as a whole.

We have an excellent programme of events for this year many of which are part of our lead up to Waterloo 200 and I would encourage you to attend as many as possible. The EC has learnt from the problems at Sheffield last year and we will strive to implement the recommendations from the Sheffield Study Report as far as is possible. Very specifically we have aimed to ensure wherever possible that there are gaps between events and as a result we have agreed to the movement of the Chelsea Hospital Event to the end of August.

I can't wait for the season to start in earnest so roll on the Ickworth event! From there things move quickly on to Hoogstraaten and then Painshill. I appreciate that the latter conflicts with the event at Hunton Court. However, should the units attending Hunton wish to join us at Painshill on Monday, 26th May 2014, then they are very welcome. The EC would request that unit commanders let the Events Team know if they are coming to Painshill so that we can ensure powder is available for them.

I am sure that you will join the EC in congratulating Wagg Ellis-Jones on reaching the milestone of 40 years of re-enacting and wish him many more years of re-enacting!

I look forward to seeing you at events. If you feel the need to talk to me then please come and find me in the camp - I am always willing to listen. In between events you can always contact me by email.

So, on behalf of the EC, I would like to wish you all the best for an enjoyable new season and most importantly of all please play safe!

Regards.

Martyn

Kings Brigade Staff Appointments

The following appointments and promotions have been made within the Kings Brigade Staff:

Adrian Lobb is appointed Brigade Major in the rank of Captain

Robert Evans is appointed ADC to General Ellis-Jones in the rank of Lieutenant vice Adrian Lobb.

Martyn Monks

Colonel

Adjutant General

40 NOT OUT!



Not many of us can say that we have been re-enacting for 40 years but Wagg Ellis-Jones can! Wagg started re-enacting as a member of the 1st Footguards in 1974. Since then he has been actively engaged in re-enactment including stints in periods such as the American Civil War and the English Civil War. Wagg joined the NA in 1982 as a member of the 21eme and has the distinction having held the post of commander of both the French and British Brigades – not at the same time of course! To mark Wagg's 40th year of re-enacting the Senior Officers of the British Brigade, under the auspices of Mike Haynes, presented Wagg with a commemorative sword and scroll. The presentation was made by our Chairman, Martyn Monks, at the Living History in Worcester event on 15th February 2014.

The British Commander's Report



Wotcha one and all

Christmas has come and gone leaving vague memories of great parties and good comrades. As I have just celebrated my 40th year in re-enactment I would ask you to indulge me as I muse for a while.

I celebrated my 'Birthday' at Living History In Worcester X. There were some old friends, some music, lots to drink, [Haynes and I emptied the last bottle at around 04.00hrs] all in a Grade One, 15th century building. A surprise that left me speechless, was the presentation of a Scroll and General Officers Marmaluke hilted sabre from 'The Commanders and Staff Officers of His Britannic "Majesties Army'. Gentlemen, allow me to say that **'You are the finest bunch of comrades that a man could ask for.'**

When I joined this hobby almost everyone had close personal links to WWII through fathers and brothers. WWI could be talked about with grandfathers. My own grandfather serving in WWI was as far from Waterloo as I now am from the Somme ! Funny old thing, time. Don't you think ?

In the early 70's, when I first donned a red-coat, [Although mine had a good nylon lining and blazer buttons, I once saw a knitted version] Napoleonic Re-enactment was very new. Shakos were of cardboard covered in felt, my grey overalls were the trousers that I wore to school, [painters overalls were used for whites] and my musket was a little Russian 12 bore shotgun. The books by L&F Funken were cutting edge, and if Waterloo [in Belgium] was a million miles away no-one could ever dream of Saint Bernards Pass or the

Penninsular. Things have certainly changed.

The quality of kit and research is now unbelievable. Anyone wanting to portray almost any period of history can do so. There are people out there that can make it. Living history / Museum or Pantomime quality, the only limit is how close to the original you want to be.

Please remember. Always do the best that you can. There is no excuse for not doing so... but 'Better an enthusiast than a zealot.'

Whilst thinking of 'kit' the subject of bread-bags / knapsacks came to mind. Soldiers should carry them, Officers when on campaign may carry them... but persons portraying civilian gentlemen of quality never ! [I name no names so as not to cause any embarrassment to Mr. D.H of 23rd RWF]

And so another season is with us, and no Waterloo this year. Still plenty more happening.

Hoogstrattan...I'm General Graham there.. [Must read up on him].

Painshill, a welcome return and a good cavalry presence.

Spetchley, run by those 'Little Tinkers' from Worcester Re-enactors, also with cavalry and pals from the Sealed Knot.

Chelsea, and many more.....

So. Make sure your licences are up to date. [You very often do] and that your units inform their Divisional Commanders of which events you're attending. [You very often don't].

Now let's go and have some fun.

Cheers.....Wagg

The French Commander's Report

Well we've had to endure rain, wind, storms, flooding and all sorts of inclement weather. People's fortitude has been tested and now at long last we've had a bit of sunshine and hopefully we've got better weather to come for the start of the new season. As usual at this time of year, kit is being looked at and repaired ready for an exciting and gruelling campaigning season.



Just as the anticipation and excitement of the new season was upon us we had some startling news within the French Brigade when we learnt that one of our unit members had been rushed into hospital for a major operation. Suddenly the poor weather and expectations for the new season were put into perspective. Nothing comes close to the importance of family and friends. Glad to report that after a long operation sold at Barry 'scoop' Draper is on the mend and hopefully he will be re-joining the ranks of the Brigade sometime in the future. I know all of his friends and colleagues within the NA wish him and his family all the very best during his recovery.

Hoogstraten beckons and it looks as though it will be a very good event. Ron van Dyke is one of the coordinators of the event and those of you who know Ron will be familiar with his organisational skills and know that he always manages to ensure that the events he organises are great fun, safe and provide a good spectacle for the audience. The event will once again give our UK based French units the opportunity to work with our friends and colleagues across the channel (especially 85e) and we're looking forward to reacquainting ourselves with many of them.

It looks as though each of the Brigade's constituent units has attracted at least one or two new recruits throughout the close season. I'd like to welcome all those newcomers and those who are making a return to the ranks, to the NA and in particular to the French Brigade. I know you'll have an exciting and enjoyable time. Let's continue to develop the living history side of the Brigade and enhance the audience experience wherever possible. Given the numbers within the Brigade we should also look to support each other whenever individual units have planned events and there are no NA events planned. I know the 45e have a wide variety of large and small scale events planned and we welcome those of you from other NA and non NA French units to attend alongside any events that you're interested in. If other units have events planned that you would like to welcome others to attend please post them

on the Brigade Facebook site or NA Facebook pages.

Let's work together within the Brigade to make 2014 a great campaigning season. We can look forward to pitting ourselves against the allied forces on the battlefield and let's continue to build closer relationships with all the allied staff and units off the battlefield as well.

Mick Smith (2IC) and I will continue to command the Brigade throughout the year and we'll be working with the organisers of Waterloo 200 and other parties to help ensure that the UK based French are well represented and have our own command structure for Waterloo 2015 and beyond.

Salut et Fraternite

Lieutenant Duncan Miles

45e

Parish Notices

Staff Promotions

Mr Lobb is now Promoted to Captain

Mr Evans is now promoted to Lieutenant

Jim Paylor and Tracey Hammond got married on Saturday 1st March.

As there is no other news from the divisions I will include a recipe for you to try:

1812 Meagre Soup

Take a pound of butter, and put it into a stew-an, with two coss lettuces, a large handful of the leaves of beet, three stalks of celery, a little chervil and pot marjoram. To these add six anchovies boned and chopped; stew the whole gently about half an hour; add two quart of boiling water, with two spoonfuls of flour; Cayenne pepper and salt to taste. Boil a few minutes longer, then serve up hot.

Thank you

Rick Peacock

Deputy Quartermaster General

Quo Fata Vocant



Warning Order

Training Event Ickworth House, Suffolk 12th & 13th April 2014

This is the first Training Event of the season, set in the grounds of Ickworth House Park. This event is sponsored by the National Trust at Ickworth House, it will therefore be a full public event.

The event will include training on all aspects including your weapon proficiency tests and accreditation. This is the first event approved by the Belgians for safety accreditations for the 'Road to Waterloo' of all units NA and other non NA.

On Saturday after lunch we will have a large full scale war game of "Capture the flag" and we will use a large section of the grounds, and this will last for one and a half hours and will give both sides time to out manoeuvre their opponent under the watchful eye of marshals, I hope all units take part in this and more details will be given at first morning briefing.

On Sunday we will have a large skirmish in front of the public on the usual field next to the camp. Unit commanders meeting will be held at 09.30 hours on Saturday morning. At this meeting a full event brief will be given which can then be transmitted to unit members. The meeting may be longer than normal as there may be much to cover. All unit Commanders or their appointed deputy must attend. The venue for this meeting will be outside the 3rd 95th officers tent

Venue: The venue is a beautiful historic site with a magnificent Georgian Manor house that is owned by the National Trust. Access to the site is available from midday onwards on Friday 11th of April.

Timings: Friday Arrive from 1200 midday

Saturday 0700 Reveille

Late arrivals arrive by 0900

Sunday 0700 Reveille

1600 Break camp.

Warning Order Appointments:

Safety Officer: Rick Peacock

Event Officer – Jim Paylor/Tony Wilks

Powder Officer – Jerry Speering

Living History camps

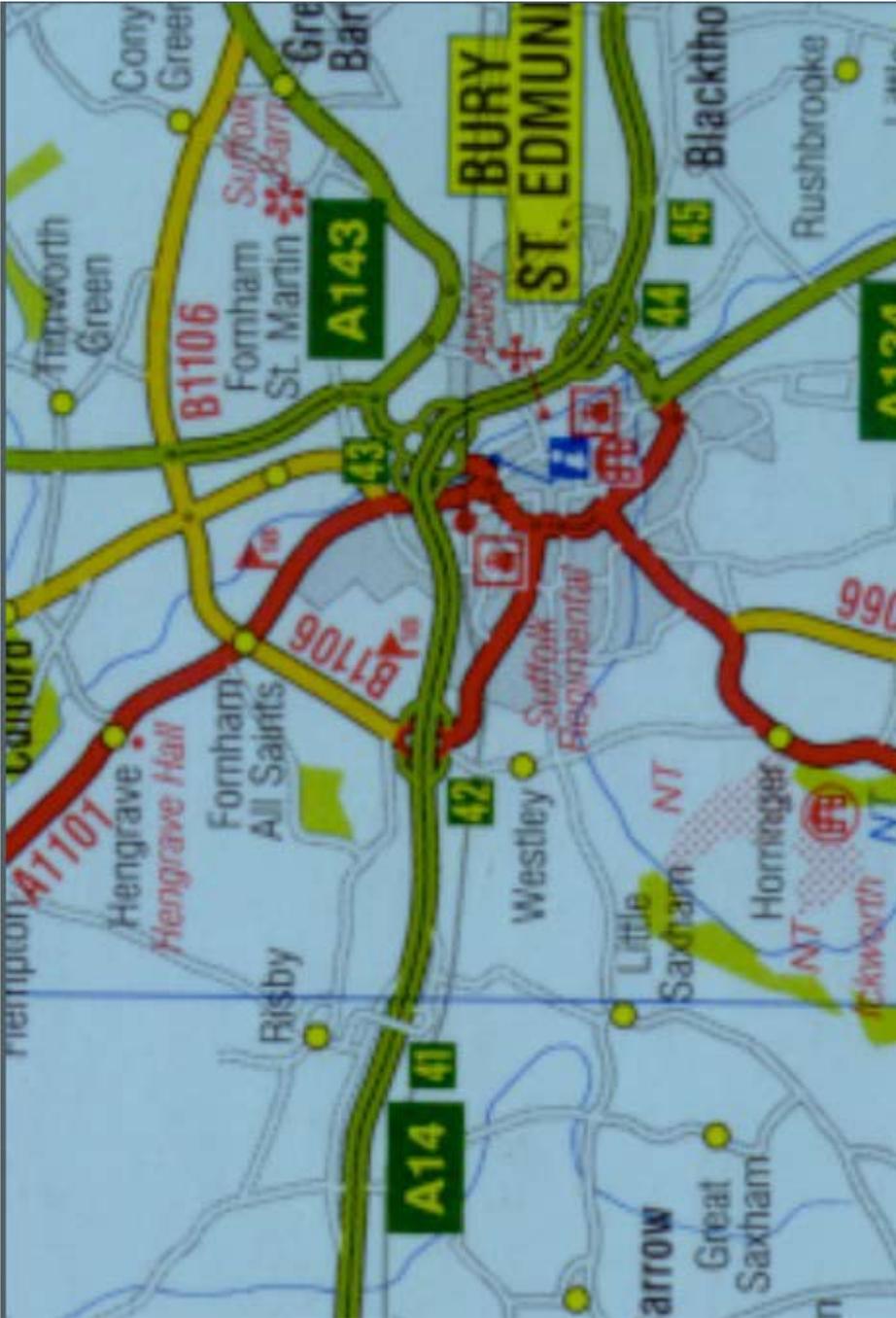
These will be run in accordance with our own normal high standards of authenticity. Remember, that whenever you are in the living history camp or within the display areas or anywhere on site when the public are around, make sure you are correctly attired and that any modern items are out of sight. Remember if you buy refreshments from the café transfer them to authentic style containers

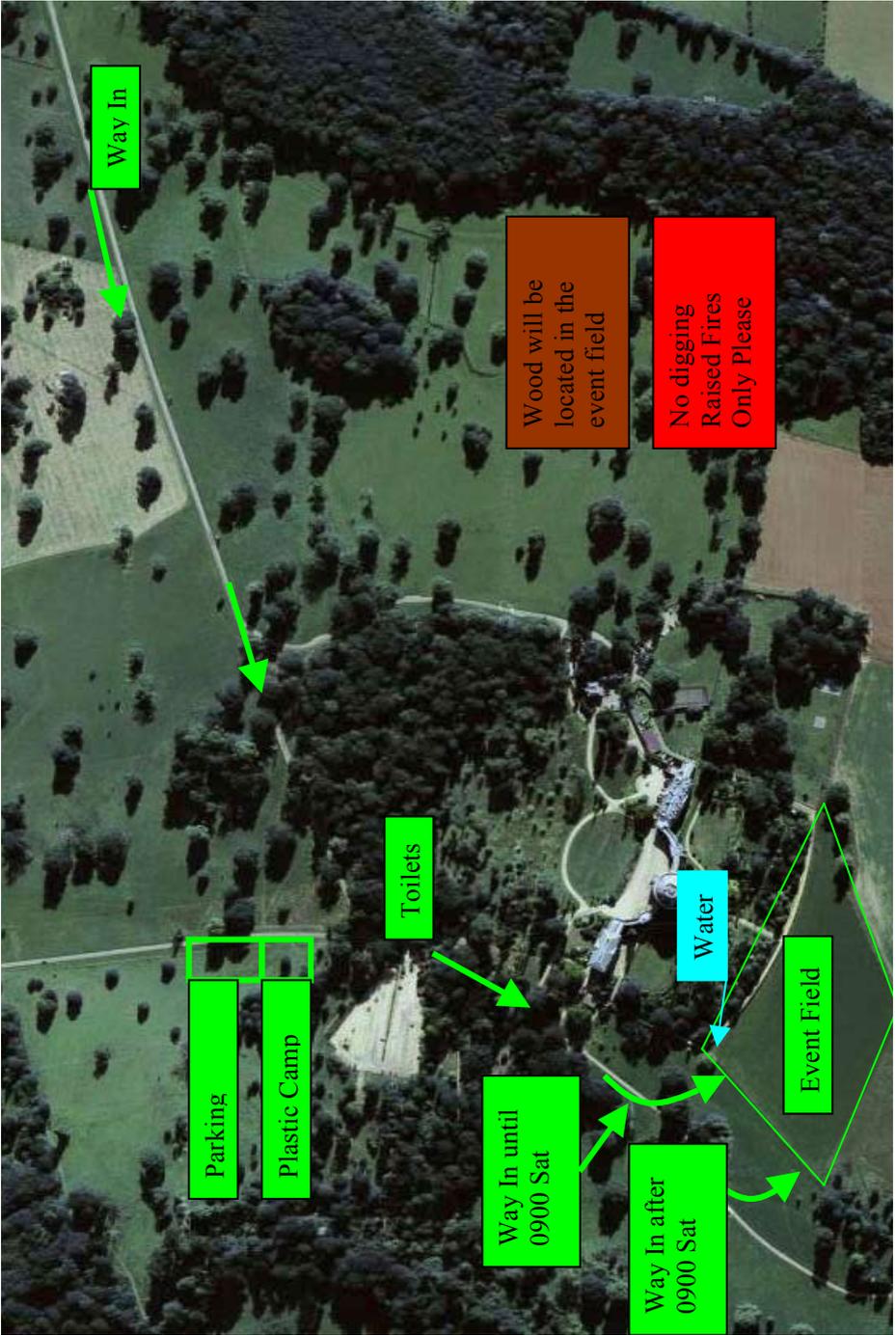
Directions:

From the south, M25 to junction 28 East Anglia A12 Follow A12 north to Ipswich, then A14 west to Bury St Edmunds junction 44.

From west/north, make your way to join the A14 east. Follow A14 until you reach Bury St Edmunds junction 44.

From junction 44, follow the A134 into B.S.E. Straight over the first two roundabouts and at the third roundabout take the 3rd exit to the right signposted A1302. Follow this road for about 1 mile and at the mini roundabout take the 1st left signposted A143 to Horringer. Follow this road for about 5 miles until you enter the village of Horringer, entrance to Ickworth will be on your right through large gateway. Follow the single track for about 1 mile, do not take turning for Hotel , when you get to the car park follow the road to your left past the house and you will see the campsite in the paddock . **Post Code – IP29 5QE**





The NAI Winter Ball 2014



at the Harpenden Hotel



Albin und Lisa



The Napoleonic Association

gives notice of a

Duchess of Richmond's Ball

The First of the Season

to be held at the Celebrated at the

Athenaeum Assembly Rooms

Bury St Edmunds

in the County of Suffolk

on Saturday January 31st 2015



For those desiring accommodation, rooms may be had for the preferential rate of £105 per double room, at the adjacent Angel Hotel, which includes breakfast and stabling for carriages. Please note there are only a limited number of twin bedded rooms available. Contact reservations@theangel.co.uk or 01284714000 and quote reference code BK44403.

Information on how to obtain tickets for the ball will be available shortly. Suggested cost will be £35 for NA members. Further details will be available on our website soon at

www.napoleonicassociation.org

God Save The King

The Duchess of Richmond's Ball – 15th June 1815

Most people know the story of the famous ball which was held in Brussels on the eve of the battle of Quatre Bras, and most film and TV representations show this to have been a very grand affair held in a splendid ballroom.

In fact, so the story goes, the Duke and Duchess of Richmond arrived in Brussels rather later than other British visitors and found that all the best accommodation was already taken, so their house was not in fact in the best part of town, but closer to the outskirts of the city on the north-east side. The ball was reputedly held in a large room belonging to a coach-maker which adjoined their house, and which was linked to the house by an ante-room.

There is a very good account of the ball and all the other social activities which took place in Brussels during the early part of 1815 in Nicholas Foulkes' excellent book, "Dancing into Battle" A Social History of the Battle of Waterloo.

The NA "Duchess of Richmond's Ball" 31st January 2015



What better way to commence the bicentenary events of 2015 than to hold our own "Duchess of Richmond's Ball? We have found a wonderful venue in the beautiful Athenaeum Assembly Rooms in Bury St Edmunds, which can accommodate up to 150 guests for this event.

It is a Georgian building which has been sympathetically restored and is right in the heart of the town, next to the Abbey Gardens, and with accommodation close by. The Angel Hotel next door has agreed to offer

members a special rate of £105 for 2 people sharing a double room for bed & breakfast, and free parking as well. There are a limited number of twin rooms available out of a total of 35 rooms, and to book you need to contact their reservations on 01284 714007, or email reservations@theangel.co.uk, quoting booking reference BK44403. Other hotels and B&B's in the area may be cheaper but not so close to the ball venue. The Quality Hotel on the outskirts of the town has rooms available and some guests might consider this option with a minibus taxi to get into the centre of town for the ball.

The suggested ticket price for the ball will be £35 per person, still to be confirmed by the committee. This price reflects the additional cost of hiring a separate venue rather than the usual NA party hotel "package", but for a ball with supper and dancing this is, in today's market, a very reasonable cost. By publishing the information early it is hoped that members will feel able to plan and save up for this event which promises to be very special indeed. Tickets will be available to non-members at a higher cost later in the year, probably after September. We hope that as many NA members as possible will want to take part in this event and to help prepare for it, there will be opportunities to learn some of the dances during some of the NA events throughout the season this year. "Regency" dances are not difficult, some are as lively as ceilidh dances and others are more gentle, and our callers will walk through them all at the ball.

As soon as tickets are ready we will post the information on how to apply on the website, together with links to accommodation and other useful information.

Kate Davis

Ladies Page

**Extract from the English Heritage book
"Food and Cooking in 18th Century Britain
History and Recipes" by Jennifer Stead
ISBN 1 85074 538 2**

Strawberry Fritters

Plain fritters made of ale, flour and eggs were eaten commonly but especially at Easter. These are a bit more special.

1 lb (450grms) large dry strawberries
6oz (175g) Plain Flour
2oz (50g) Caster Sugar
2 teaspoons (10ml) grated nutmeg
2 eggs well beaten
8 fl ozs (225ml) single cream

fat for deep frying
Sugar to finish

The strawberries must be dry. Leave the stalks on for easier handling. Sift the flour into a bowl and add the caster sugar and nutmeg. Make a well and drop in the eggs and the cream. Then stir until all ingredients are mixed in nicely. Let the batter stand an hour or two. Dip each strawberry in the batter until it is completely coated and fry a few at a time in the hot oil. Your cooking oil needs to be hot enough to puff them but not so hot that it browns them too quickly. Drain on absorbent paper and keep hot. Pile them up in a pyramid in a hot dish and sprinkle sugar over. Decorate with leaves

From William Verral: The Cook's Paradise

N.B Fresh pineapple and apple is very good done this way. Any leftover batter may be dropped by the teaspoonful in hot oil to make delicious fritters. (They weren't worried about calorie content in those days!)

Tracey Paylor

FROM THE EDITOR

The following articles by Sue Law and James Tobin began when they started to look at their family history and were surprised to find that they had actual historical ties to the British and French Army.

Sue's husband Vince had a relative in the 95th Rifles during Napoleonic times and James also had a relative in the French Napoleonic Army. Both have kindly submitted an article on their family history for you to enjoy.

If you are connected to the Napoleonic Period through your family history and would like to share your story please send it in as a Microsoft Word document to tracey_hammond @live.co.uk so that I can include it in a future edition of The Adjutant. (Yes this is my old email address until I have time to organise a new one to my new married name)

I also would like any drawings, family trees, family mementoes to help bring your history to life.

Thank You for sharing your stories with us Sue and James.

Tracey Paylor

William Law-A Rifleman

by Sue Law



From various existing records William Law was born sometime around 1785 to 1789 in Moulton in Northamptonshire. In the spring of 1805 volunteers were called for from the Militia to form a Second battalion 95th. William may have joined the Rifles from the Militia, as he enlisted on 19th April 1805.

The French Navy had been crushed by Admiral NELSON at Trafalgar on the 21st October 1805, and ended Napoleon's plans for invasion of Britain. William went overseas to Germany in October 1805, and was with the 95th when they marched in to Bremen as the advanced guard to give support against the French, and remained there until February 1806 when they were recalled. They landed back in England at Yarmouth on the 19th February but the muster lists record William disembarked on the 20th.WO12/9521. They then marched to Lowestoft William is recorded on the muster lists for 25th February to the 24th March 1806 as being 'On Guard' at Lowestoft.WO12/9521 .

Napoleon through the Tilsit agreement with Russia attempted to take control of the neutral Danish fleet to replace the ships destroyed at Trafalgar, but was thwarted by the British who through the siege and battle of Copenhagen in Denmark in 1807 took control of the ships after bombarding Copenhagen itself. The 1st battalion left Denmark on the 21st October and returned to England on the 15th November 1807. (9) .p126. William received "prize money" for his part in this campaign. WO164/528

William was with the army and Sir John Moore throughout the almost disastrous Corunna campaign in Spain (1808-1809) and the following battle (1809), as Williams name appears on the list of soldiers awarded the Military Service medal for his part in the Peninsular war and he was awarded the clasp for Corunna. A reference was also found of William LAW of No.1 Company 1st Battalion under Capt. Amos Norcott returning after Corunna sick to Plymouth. Corroborated by official records as a later muster list shows William disembarked at Plymouth from Corunna 28th January 1809. WO12/9522.

On the 3rd January 1809 William's company were at the village of Carcebelos where the British army made one of their many stands to hold back the pursuing French. Norcott's No 1 company (including William), with O'Hare's Company and a few 15th Hussars held back the French army.

In the village the riflemen were ordered to halt and form a line, they "poured deadly fire" on the French cavalry, but the French managed to get around behind them in the streets, so the riflemen were ordered into the houses to fire. The 15th Hussars took on the French and the riflemen made their escape over the bridge where they were scattered by the mounted Hussars following them, some of the riflemen jumped into the river and swam.

William did not return to the Peninsular and remained in England, pay lists have him stationed at Hilsea, Hythe, and Dover Castle among others, and of being based in the depot at others.

William was recorded in the muster list and pay book of 25th September 1813 to the 24th December 1813 at Shorncliffe barracks Kent, and on the 25th October he was absent from the muster searching for a deserter, he was then sent on furlough from the 5th November 1813 to the 24th January 1814, when he married Elizabeth WHADAMS at the church of the Holy Sepulchre or St. Sepulchre Northampton on the 3rd January 1814.

The records of 25th December 1813 to 24th January 1814, records William Law of No. 3 Company being made Corporal on the on the 25th January 1814 in D Cameron's Company. WO12/9584.

Corporal William Law is recorded as being on furlough from No 5 Company from the 22nd January 1815 to the 9th March 1815. WO12/9585 It is during this period that Napoleon escaped from the Island of Elba on February 26th 1815 and returned to France on the 1st March 1815.

William now in the 2nd Battalion was sent to Belgium to the allied army to fight under The Duke of Wellington again. The 2nd were placed in the brigade of General Frederick ADAM near Hougoumont chateau, along with the 52nd and 71st regiment. Adam's brigade were in General CLINTON's division and General Adam received orders to have his brigade under arms at about 10.00 that morning"

The quarterly pay list (abroad) 28th March 1815 to 24th June show the 95th were now in Paris, it also records that William Law of No. 3 Company is sick absent due to being wounded on the 18th June. WO12/9585. A later list for the period 25th June 1815 to 24th September shows the 95th were now stationed on the Champs Elysees, William is still sick absent and is shown to have spent 58 days in hospital. WO12/9585. Eventually though William was fit enough to return back to England to Shorncliffe barracks Kent to await his discharge hearing. The outcome of this was is in WO97/1082/24. William LAW.

"His Majesty's 2nd battalion 95th Regiment of foot whereof Lieu't Gen'l Sir Brent Spencer K.C.B Colonel.

These are to certify, that Corporal William Law in Cap't MacNamara's

Company of the Regiment aforesaid, born in the parish of Northampton in or near the town of Northampton in the county of Northampton was enlisted at the age of eighteen years; and hath served in the said Regiment for the space of ten years and one hundred and seventy four days, as well as in other Corps, after the age of eighteen; according to the following statement, but in consequence of Amputation left arm, on the 18th June 1815 at the battle of Waterloo, is rendered unfit for further service, and is hereby discharged, having first received all just demands of pay, Clothing, &, from his Entry into the said Regiment to the date of this discharge, as appears by the receipt on the Back hereof.

And to prevent any improper use being made of this Discharge by its falling
 in other Hands, the following is a Description of the said *Confederate New Army*
 about 28 Years of Age, is 5 Feet 7/2 Inches in height,
 Hair, *ginger* Eyes, *green* Complexion, by Trade a *Butcher*

William's statement of service showed that of his 10 years and 174 days. 9 years and 311 days were served as a private and 228 days as Corporal. He was also awarded two years Corporals pay from having fought at Waterloo.

William and Elizabeth raised a family including Edward, Vincent's 3 x great grandfather, and he ran a butchers shop on Bath Street in Northampton, making enough money to let his widow live "under her own means"

STATEMENT OF SERVICE.

IN WHAT CORPS.	Period.		Serjeant-Major.	Qu. Mast. Serjeant.	Serjeant.	Corporal.	Drummer.	Private.	Total Service.	In East or West Indies, included in the foregoing Total.		
	From	To	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Yrs.	Days	Years.	Days.
<i>45th Regt^t Batt. of Waterloo</i>	<i>1805</i>	<i>1815</i>										
	<i>19th Oct</i>	<i>10th Oct</i>					<i>228</i>		<i>9</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>176</i>
Total...						<i>2</i>	<i>228</i>		<i>9</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>176</i>

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Regiment, at
the 10th Day of *October* 1815.

Shewelliff

W. W. W. W. W.

By the time of the 1861 census William had retired and was aged 74 living at 37 Bath Street with Elizabeth, aged 67, he was recorded as a Waterloo pensioner. (8) It seems that neither he, nor his family were disillusioned by his experiences in the army. On the 25th November 1869 William died at 14 Bath Street, his age is given as 84, occupation Chelsea Pensioner cause of death Paralysis

Vince Law is Williams 4x Great Grandson



My Family- by James Tobin

I portray a soldier in the 45eme regiment de la Ligne from 1806. My interest in the Napoleon period came partly from my mother. Born shortly before World War 2 in the Alsace region of France she lived under occupation and told me stories of being held in the cellar of her family's farmhouse by the Germans as well as harbouring the Resistance. Losing close relatives are still very fresh memories in the family as are the relics such as a Panzer tank muzzle now a flower holder as a monument before you enter the village of Obenheim.



Tucked away in the village is a monument to Frédéric-Louis-Henri Walther (20 June 1761 – 24 November 1813), also born in Obenheim who quickly became promoted to the rank of General. He enlisted in 1781 and, in his 30-year career, he saw action at the major French defeats and victories in Europe. After the Russian and Saxon campaign, and while suffering from exhaustion, he contracted typhus and died in Kusel, in the Saarland. He was

buried at the Panthéon, and his name is listed on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. A conversation with my aunt revealed a memory of a painting in the local boulangerie showing one of the families relatives in blue napoleonic uniform. Research into the Napoleonic Regiments originating from the area revealed the 27eme Regiment de la Ligne established in 1616 . Several months later and a multitude of emails, letters and conversations lead to the conscription list of the 27eme (1800) originating from recruits in the Bas-Rhin region.

My mothers maiden name was Sauer born in Obenheim and in the next village in Gertsheim in 1783 (decede 1855) was born Jean George Sauer listed as serving in the regiment between 1800 and 1802. Confirmation of Jean George's military service eventually came from the Service historique de la defense based in Paris.

Occupation during the second world war lead to the burning and destroying of anything French leading to the loss of many irreplaceable family heirlooms and civil records. Although some records were moved to safer areas a massive Firefight in December 1944 between the 1st Free French division and the advancing German Panzer Brigade lead to the destruction of many parts of the village including the town hall and destroyed parts of the church. Despite this the family history can be reliably traced back to 1822 but prior to this remaining records of the time are hard to decipher. Written in hand and on very thin paper it makes for difficult research. The Revolution also brought about the renaming of the months and years further adding to the complications. Despite this the research continues into the family and Napoleonic connections. Now when I put on the French habit it has a different significance.





Editorial note

James is still trying to trace family and friends. He is still looking to identify the people in the above picture.

Waterloo Association Oxford Symposium:

Saturday September 27th and Sunday September 28th 2014

In 1814 Europe believed that the global war which we refer to as the “French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars” was at an end. To commemorate the outbreak of peace the Waterloo Association is holding a weekend study event in the wonderful venue of The Queen’s College Oxford University on the above dates. We will look at key themes from the period and ask what had changed between 1793 and 1814. Subjects will include the changing face of Europe, the evolution of the british army, the royal navy, medical services, art and literature and the Duke of Wellington himself. We are very pleased that Professor Jeremy Black has agreed to present on the changing face of Europe.



The event will commence on Saturday 27th September at 10.30 and will be held in the new purpose built lecture theatre in The Queen’s College. We anticipate to finish at 3pm on Sunday so attendees can make their way home at a reasonable time. Lunch and refreshments will be provided on both days as will accommodation in the College on the Saturday evening and breakfast on the Sunday morning. A drinks reception will take place on the Saturday

evening followed by a dinner in the Hall of the College. Please note that most rooms in Queen's are single ensuite.



The Waterloo Association has managed to secure this event at a cost of £210 per person. There is no profit for the Association in this price. To secure your place please send your contact details to John Morewood Secretary of the Waterloo Association at 65A Orchard Drive, Park Street, St Albans AL2 2QQ together with a non refundable deposit of £50. This is because the Association will have to pay a securing deposit to the College.

Waterloo Association Members have priority booking until Friday 17th January after which applications will be accepted from all other interested parties. A more detailed agenda will be sent out later.

Book review

British Battles of the Napoleonic Wars by John Grehan & Martin Mace

Grehan and Mace have produced two volumes in the 'Despatches from the Front' series that deals with Commanding Officers' reports from the Field and at Sea. These cover the periods 1793-1806 and 1807-1815 and include famous and familiar actions such as The Glorious First of June, Camperdown, The Nile, Seringapatam, Trafalgar, Corunna, Busaco, Albuera and Waterloo amongst a host of others.

Each volume gives a sequential potted history covering the actions contained within it before reproducing the reports as they were written. So there are to our eyes capital letters where they shouldn't be and some odd spellings but this only adds to the value of the books as each report is reproduced as written at the time. To show them corrected would be doing the originators a disservice and would also detract from the books themselves. Some readers will, of course, be familiar with Collingwood's despatch announcing Nelson's death following Trafalgar and Wellington's Waterloo despatch but each volume contain a number of reports of actions which are perhaps not so well known such as Hondschoote and the siege of Dunkirk, Calvi, Fishguard, Ostend, Montevideo, Guadaloupe, Garris, and Bergen for example.

I found both volumes to be an easy, interesting and informative read and they confirm that 'spin' is not a modern invention! They can be read from front to back if you want to or just be referenced for what you're particularly interested in. Having such reports collated and published together adds a new dimension to anyone's Napoleonic library so these books are worth a glance if you're looking to add to your collection.

Any chance of having French, Prussian, Austrian, Russian and Spanish reports dealt with in the same way (with translation) at all?

Barry Draper

Message from Pen and Sword Books

Dear Tracey

I just wanted to let you know about Pen & Sword's latest and up-coming Napoleonic titles that I believe may be of interest to members of the *Napoleonic Association*.

The Burning of Moscow: Napoleon's Trial by Fire 1812 – *Alexander Mikaberidze* (now available)

As soon as Napoleon and his Grand Army entered Moscow, on 14 September 1812, the capital erupted in flames that eventually engulfed and destroyed two thirds of the city. The fiery devastation had a profound effect on the Grand Army, but for thirty-five days Napoleon stayed, making increasingly desperate efforts to achieve peace with Russia. Then, in October, almost surrounded by the Russians and with winter fast approaching, he abandoned the capital and embarked on the long, bitter retreat that destroyed his army. The month-long stay in Moscow was a pivotal moment in the war of 1812 – the moment when the initiative swung towards the Tsar's armies and spelled doom for the invading Grand Army – yet it has rarely been studied in the same depth as the other key events of the campaign.

Here, Alexander Mikaberidze emphasizes the importance of the Moscow fire and shows how Russian intransigence sealed the fate of the French army. Using a vast array of French, German, Polish and Russian memoirs, letters and diaries as well as archival material in order to tell the dramatic story of the Moscow fire, he provides a comprehensive account of events, looking at them from both the French and Russian points of view. Using extensive eyewitness accounts, he paints a vivid picture of the harsh reality of life in the remains of the occupied city and describes military operations around Moscow at this turning point in the campaign.

Napoleon on Campaign: Classic Images of Napoleon at War – *H A Carruthers* (April 2014)

Containing the magnificent works of Detaille, Meissonier, Vernet, Lady Butler, Hillingford and many other artists who sought to capture on canvas the most celebrated incidents of the Napoleonic Wars. Through their battle paintings these great artists tell an intriguing tale, of power, greatness, greed and hubris. Each image is captivating in its own way and opens the door to a bygone world of martial splendour.

The rise and fall of Napoleon makes for a gripping, and tragic story, and these great works inside are arranged chronologically in order to let the images do the talking and provide an opportunity to allow the reader a unique chance to revel in the glorious and timeless work of the artists. Gathered together in a single volume for the first time this wonderful book makes for essential reading for anyone with an interest in the Napoleonic era.

Coming soon in paperback:

1809 Thunder on the Danube: Napoleon's Defeat of the Hapsburgs Vols. 1-3 – *John H. Gill* (March 2014)

John H. Gill's masterly three part history on Napoleon's epic 1809 campaign against Austria. A meticulously researched account drawing on diaries, unit histories, official battle reports and maps for all key actions and locations. The most comprehensive, exhilarating history of Napoleon's last victorious war.

Waterloo Battlefield Guide – *David Buttery* (April 2014)

In vivid detail, using eyewitness accounts and an intimate knowledge of the terrain, David Buttery reconstructs Waterloo and takes the reader – and the visitor – across the battleground as it is today. A lucid, easy-to-follow guide providing a fascinating introduction for anyone who seeks to understand what happened on that momentous day in June 1815 and an essential companion for any battlefield visitor.

Please let me know if you would be interested in receiving copies of these titles for review. Images can of course be provided for any feature or review as required. Should you need any further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

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