

Pre-Warning Order for Chalke Valley History Festival Weekend :Friday evening 28th June to late Sunday afternoon 30th June

A full warning order from Pasty Dave at P.A.S.T.E. will be coming out at the end of the month, but (in the meantime) here is a pre-warning order to whet-your-whistles:

- We will set up a full Landwehr Living History encampment (the dorm tent will be available for those without authentic tentage - plastic camping is available)
- Black powder is provided
- Concessions are being negotiated for the reenactors with the bar and with the wide variety of food traders who will be in attendance
- A range of activities will take place in/around the Landwehr encampment (drill, camp life, cooking, Kids' recruitment/drill/repelling the repellent Crapeauds, bayonet drill with 'Smithy', general 'historical' educating the public (ledgers etc and the George/Smith Nap Tactics in a Nutshell) etc. It is our job to show the public what was happening in Central Europe during 1813 (the Brits will be concentrating on Spain)
- There will be a skirmish...however, this will be The Battle of Vittoria in Spain. As the Landwehr/Prussians weren't in Spain we are negotiating with the French to support them. All Landwehr with greatcoats need to bring them along (we'll be asking the French to borrow their soft bonnets de police so we can fit in with 'em...for those without grey greatcoats can you bring along an SK wide brimmed felt hat and temporarily pin up the brims into a bicorne...not a tricorne...look at some pictures of Napoleon and see how he's got his hat with two sides cocked up, the back one being taller than the front)
- We're after a maximum turn out for this event as it has become a major show...in short, it's a very 'posh' history festival which is generally packed with the public.
- Can we also give a mighty push for you to join the Napoleonic Association too...this will become essential if the Landwehr are to be invited to some plumb events. For details on how to do this please contact the Secretary, Simon Lockwood.

In order to get the right amount of powder could you please give me an idea of your attendance : Send yay or nay to me at andrew.smith@northampton.ac.uk or leave a message on 01933384510