**Updated (at 04.12.2015) Militia/16Bde Calendar for the 2016 Season** Keep up-to-date by looking at (a) the Website and (b) Faceache

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| **Dates** | **Type of Event** | **Location/Venue** | **Notes** |
| Saturday 23rd January 2016 | **Napoleonic Association Winter Party** (eating, drinking and playing ‘high cockalorum’!)  *CONFIRMED* | The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury | See the last edition of ‘The Adjutant’ (NA journal) for tickets and how to book concessionary rates at The Lion. |
| Sat 20th Feb 2016  Sat 19th March  Sat 16th April | **Regency dancing practice** (2.00 to 6.00pm)  *CONFIRMED* | Brickhill Community Centre, Waverley Ave, Bedford | Cost £10.00 pp per 4 hr session. Beginners to experienced…wear suitable shoes for dancing. If you fancy joining in please contact Smithy first. |
| Fri 8th (set up) Sat/Sun 8/9th April | **Ickworth House** (NA Sponsored annual event)  Living history  Skirmishes  2 x battles  *CONFIRMED* | Ickworth House, nr Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. | The usual excellent event…each year we go the overall attendance by all Napoleonic groups has grown. Brilliant venue. ***Highly*** recommended! A **priority** booking for us. |
| Fri 22nd (set up) Sat/Sun 23rd/24th April | **Rufford Abbey** (EventPlan ‘Re-enactment/Living History ‘Bring-and-Buy’ Show)  Living History;Skirmish  Drill/Parade  *CONFIRMED* | Rufford Abbey nr Edwinstowe/Ollerton/Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire. | We did this one last year and a pretty little show it was too. We were Les Crapeauds in the skirmish and Richard fell on his arze in the drill’ show-and-tell’…priceless! Doubles up as a reasonable traders’ market too. |
| Fri13th May (set up) Sat/Sun 14th/15th May | **Taking the Martello Tower!**  (NA Sponsored event)  Siege and battle  *CONFIRMED* | Jaywick, Sussex | Allied attack on the Napoleonic Martello Tower. Not a new event for the NA but certainly for us. NA state that there is usually a very large crowd for this. |
| Fri 27th (arrive/set up) Sat/Sun 28th/29th May  Late May BH | **Battle of the Nations** (NA sponsored annual event).  Living history, parades, skirmishes and set battles  *CONFIRMED* | Hop Farm, Kent (nr to Royal Tunbridge Wells) | Largest Napoleonic event of the season. We will be the ‘host’ unit for the German re-enactors who will attend in significant numbers, so this will enhance our status and our level of ‘responsibility’ over the weekend (should be an excellent opportunity to forge stronger European links too). A **priority** muster for us. |
| Fri 3rd (set up/arrival) Sat/Sun 4th/5th June | **‘Moonfleet Smuggling Festival’** (Pasty Dave event)  Living History  Drills  Skirmishes  Historical vignettes  Public interaction  *CONFIRMED* | Osmington Bay nr to Weymouth | We will take part as a Royal Navy landing party attempting to catch & capture a smuggling gang.  For those without RN kit there will be a ‘style guide’ published in the new year newsletter on how to easily convert existing bits and bobs so that you can look authentically ‘salty-sea-doggie’ etc. |
| Fri 1st to Sun 3rd July | **The Battle of Wavre (June 1815)**  Living History  Drills  2 x battles (pm & evening)  Individual payment given (approx.. 20 Euro pp) tbc  *UNCONFIRMED* | Wavre…to the east of Brussels, Belgium | A repeat of last year’s very successful 2015 commemorative event. Those that missed it…you missed a treat! This is a purely French vs Prussian battle. For 2016 this will be our selected **priority** ‘European Event’. |
| Sat 9th July  (one day) | **Royal Green Jackets 50th Anniversary Event** (NA Sponsored)  2 x skirmishes  *CONFIRMED* | Sir John Moore’s Barracks, Winchester. | Bring both Prussian and French kit (if you have it). It is an honour to be invited to this event |
| Fri 12th (set up) Sat/Sun 13/14th August | **M5 Re-enactors’ Show** (multi-period sponsored by Worcester Re-enactors)  Living History  Skirmishes  Parade  *UNCONFIRMED* | Spetchley Park nr to Worcester | Annual event – exact date tbc |
| Fri 2nd (arrival/set up) Sat/Sun 3rd/4th September | **Fort Amherst (NA sponsored)**  Living history  Skirmishes  Drills  Tactical exercises (non-public)  *CONFIRMED* | Fort Amherst, nr Chatham, Kent | Awesome event!  Bring both Prussian and French kit (if you have it).  This is an ***international*** event – a large Dutch Army is coming over to take the fort and will be using areas not used before to re-create a Dutch invasion force. |

**NOTES**

These are the events confirmed and ‘in-planning’ at the moment. As always, there will be clashes with events run by other organisations but we do ask that you consider Ickworth in early April and the Battle of the Nations on the late May Bank Holiday as priority events as we (16Bde) will have the task of ‘hosting’ our Prussian/German colleagues at BoN who will be coming over for the event…however, the choice is yours (no pressure).

Note that we have something of a return to the older ‘Militia Days’ in that we have included a Pasty Dave sponsored show (Moonfleet Smuggling Festival); this is the last weekend of the late May Bank Holiday week and should provide us with a great deal of fun-in-the-sun-by-the-seaside ( a bit of ‘light relief’ after the pressure of the Waterloo 2015 Campaign)…be aware that Lord William Fitzherbert and Lord Herbert Fitzwilliam *might* make an appearance as the two justices of the peace bought in to administer King George’s retribution upon the criminal gangs who have been caught operating along the coast!

Each season we will highlight a particular European event – for 2016 it will be Wavre (the ‘forgotten’ battle’ of 1815); this was a purely Prusso-French battle as Grouchy’s Army finally caught up with the Prussians holding Wavre…the result was a bloody, hard-fought scrap along three key points on the River Dyle. Wavre 2016 will take place at one of those key points…the Bierge Mill on the Dyle Bridge just outside of Wavre (but conveniently close to a very nice Carrefour supermarche!) . This was a particularly ‘grinding’ battle where wave after wave of French attackers threw themselves against the Prussian defences only to be battered backwards at least three times until finally gaining ground on the second day when the Prussians retired in good order (having heard that Waterloo was won, so the defence was no longer required having done its job of holding up a third of Napoleon’s Army!). After Wavre, Grouchy saw that his ‘victory’ at Wavre was an empty one , so he immediately returned with the remnants of his army, to Paris. At the moment, this event is ‘unconfirmed’ but ‘watch this space’ for further details once they emerge.

Also notice that we have a return to Rufford Abbey in April and an ‘internationally’ flavoured Fort Amherst in September – it would be nice to see more of us at these events as they were jolly good ones last year. New events are ‘Taking the Martello Tower’ at Jaywick in May, at Winchester with the RGJ in June, and a programme of Regency dance training. September will also bring the Jane Austen Festival…if you fancy a splendid Regency Promenade in kit (military of civilian) I’ll put the details up on the website. Oh yes…if there’s enough interest/demand…I might be up for organising our ‘Laydees’ Militia Guest Partayday Nite’ at some time in the New Year.

Well…there we are…. Yours **Smithy**