



# THE NEW WATERLOO DISPATCH

THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015 - SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2015

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## HOW YOUR SCHOOL CAN BE INVOLVED

The New Waterloo Dispatch, in commemoration of the bicentenary, is a special and distinctive four-day event on an international scale, involving royalty, European governments, armed forces, civic representatives and the general public. In London it is expected to be the biggest event since 2012.

The New Waterloo Dispatch post chaise journey from Old Royal Navy College Greenwich to St James's Square, London on Sunday 21 June 2015 is the ceremonial interpretation of the news of Waterloo as brought to London in 1815 by Hon Major Henry Percy. The aim is to raise the profile of the Battle of Waterloo to the people of London, to present the New Waterloo Dispatches to prominent London people and to leave a lasting legacy. The route includes the Tower of London, Guildhall, Hyde Park Corner, Grosvenor Square, Waterloo Place and St James's Square.

The core events programme of The New Waterloo Dispatch (NWD) is an important part of Waterloo 200, an umbrella organisation approved and supported by Government to oversee the commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo. Granted charitable status in 2009, it is planning and co-ordinating the main events and pursuing an educational programme that is also seeking to create a living legacy.

**The NWD is partnering with Hungry for History to help coordinate schools' active involvement in the NWD commemorative event in Kent and London in June 2015. We would like to engage with UK schools along or near the route of the Dispatch - The Waterloo Way, inviting children to participate in some of the ceremonies through visual arts and costume**

**We encourage schools to dress up in regency costume, wear military hats, carry flags of the countries involved in the Napoleonic Wars and line the NWD route wherever possible in Kent and in London.**

Please visit <http://thenwd.org.uk/events/england/> for more information on the New Waterloo Dispatch Ceremonies in Kent and London

## THE WATERLOO PARADE ON SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2015

This high profile event will be a spectacular culmination of the Waterloo commemorations both in Belgium and London over the period 18-21st June. The Waterloo Parade from Horse Guards Parade down The Mall will include seven European visiting bands (Dutch Army Band, Zurich Police Band, Finnish Navy Band, French Artillery Band, Swedish Navy Youth Band, DVS Holland Marching Band, Polish Army Band) British military bands including the Royal Marines, Waterloo Band of the Rifles, Brentwood Imperial Youth Band, Wellington College CCF Corps of Drums, an International Pipe Band, 150 cadets from the three services and a great number of school children.

## **Schools Involvement in the Waterloo Parade:**

**We are looking for schools to create large heads of Napoleonic characters that can be carried on sticks during this parade. These could be the Commanders and Leaders, soldiers from many European armies, horses, etc. In line with the bicentenary, we hope to have 50+ schools, marching with these 200 heads, as part of this parade. Alternatively, schools can dress up in regency & Napoleonic costume, create & wear military headgear and wave the colours of the countries & regiments involved in the Napoleonic Wars.**

The parade will provide a palpable show of the pan European dimension of culture, music, education & arts and it will create a visual focus on Waterloo 200's achievements and its enduring educational legacy.

This creativity is being supported by [Radiator Arts](#), one of our [Timeline 200](#) judges who have considerable experience in this type of field. As such, Radiator Arts has produced downloadable instructions for schools on how to make this large heads out of withy (strong flexible willow stem). These instructions are available to download at <http://radiatorarts.co.uk/documents/withy-instructions.pdf>. To help you, we have also provided below a suggested list of characters for schools' consideration.

### **Suggested Napoleonic characters:**

Napoleon  
Josephine  
Marshall Ney  
Duke of Wellington  
Field Marshall Blücher  
The Prince of Orange  
General Sir Thomas Picton (Top hat)  
Lord Uxbridge, Marquess of Anglesea  
Major Henry Percy  
Commander James White Royal Navy  
King Louis XVIII  
Czar Alexander I of Russia  
George III  
The Prince Regent  
Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand  
Prince Clemens von Metternich  
Richard Sharpe of the 95<sup>th</sup>

### **Different headgear:**

Guardsman's Shako  
Dragoon helmets  
Polish Czapska  
Imperial Guard bearskin  
Scots Greys bearskin

### **Horse heads:**

White/grey for Napoleon's 'Marengo' and Scots Greys;  
Black for cuirassiers  
Brown for Wellington's 'Copenhagen'.

### **Waterloo Objects**

Please visit Waterloo 200's website <http://www.nam.ac.uk/waterloo200/> who have selected 200 historical objects from museums and private collections across Europe. Each tells a fascinating story of the Battle of Waterloo. Objects include Wellington's Boots, Bagpipes, Imperial Eagles, Regimental Colours etc and we hope these will inspire your school's imagination and provide us with an array of wonderful creations for the Parade.

**We are also looking for one lone drummer boy.** At the Battle of Waterloo, Napoleon's troops spent much of the day trying to capture the fortified house at Hougomont, which was defended by British Foot Guards. Finally, a detachment of French infantry broke in through the gate, which the Guards were able to close behind them; all the French soldiers were killed except for their drummer boy who was spared. This drummer boy will be the last to set off in the Waterloo Parade.

Please also visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleonic\\_Wars](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napoleonic_Wars) for more inspiration.

### **Crowd Estimate:**

50,000

### **Crowd Profile:**

General Public, mostly families and visitors to London.

### **Parade Schedule:**

The below provides a high-level overview of the parade schedule. Those schools wishing to participate will be provided with more detailed instructions including their required time of arrival at Wellington Barracks.

- There will be a staggered arrival of parade participants from 15.00-16.30 at Wellington Barracks prior to the Parade, which will commence at 6.15pm (1815).
- Portaloos, a mobile medical station and refreshments will be available.
- School children should be under direct care and supervision of their teachers (or parents/guardians) throughout.
- At 1630 there will be brief made by the Parade Master and Safety Officer (teachers should be present).
- From 16.50, the international bands will be entertaining the crowds by a series of musical performances in locations around St James's Park from which point they will make their way to Horse Guards Parade.
- At 17.35 the remainder of the participants will step off from Wellington Barracks in the direction of Horse Guards Parade via Birdcage Walk. All participants assemble at Horse Guard's Parade by 17.45.
- At 18.15 The Royal Marines Band will lead the parade from Horse Guard's Parade up the Mall to the Queen Victoria Memorial and back to Wellington Barracks.
- At 18.30 The Royal Marines Band will arrive at Wellington Barracks
- At 18.45 The Post Chaise, HCMS Travelling Escort and other Horse Drawn Carriages join the parade as the last detachment passes Marlborough Road.
- At 18.50 The last detachment arrives at Wellington Barracks
- At 19.00, there will be staggered departure onto Birdcage Walk

**If your school would like to take part in this extraordinary event, please contact Hungry for History directly in order to reserve places.**

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