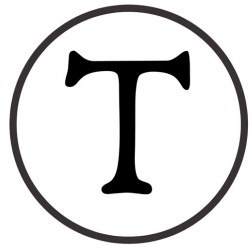


PART OF THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR SOCIETY



SIR THOMAS TYLDESLEY'S REGIMENT



INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

ABOUT SIR THOMAS TYLDESLEY'S



ABOUT OUR GROUP

Sir Thomas Tyldesley's is part of the English Civil War Society, a historical re-enactment group who are hired to present battle and living history displays at historical events across the country.

Our members are all volunteers who come to events because they want to spend the weekend in good company and taking part in a unique hobby!

We are really excited that you are interested in learning more about Sir Thomas Tyldesley's regiment and hope that you will join us at our next event.

WHAT IS REENACTMENT?

OUR REENACTMENT GROUP'S FOCUS IS TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT THE ENGLISH CIVIL WAR AND ITS IMPACT ON THE COUNTRY THROUGH LIVE ACTION DISPLAYS

BATTLE REENACTMENTS

These are displays of approximately 45 minutes which give visitors to our events a sense of the noise and confusion of a seventeenth century battle.

Our members take different roles on the battlefield to show how units would move and fight. The battle is loosely scripted so that the audience can understand what they are seeing and a huge amount of fun to take part in.



LIVING HISTORY

These are displays that can last all day for visitors to get a sense of life during the English Civil War. A seventeenth century encampment will be set up for the weekend for visitors to explore.

Our members showcase crafts, cookery, weaponry and music from the period and give visitors an opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about the period.



WHAT HAPPENS AT AN EVENT?

EVERY EVENT THAT WE TAKE PART IN VARIES SLIGHTLY BASED ON WHO HAS HIRED US. HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME BASICS THAT REMAIN THE SAME

IN THE MORNING

On your first morning, you will be given everything that you need for the weekend and the schedule and timings for the day will be circulated.

You will also have a drill session so that you are prepared and know what to expect during the afternoon battle display.

If you are taking part in the living history, you will head over to the camp and set up for the day.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The battle display often takes place in the middle of the afternoon.

You will be part of a block and have a 'buddy' who will look out for you, help you if you have any problems or questions and generally make sure that you are having a good time.

The living history camp is often quiet whilst the battle is taking place so anybody can take the opportunity to have a well deserved rest!

WHAT ABOUT THE EVENING?

Once the visitors have gone home, after hopefully having an excellent day out, our members get to kick back and relax for the evening.

At most events we have a campfire where members come together to chat and, occasionally, sing! At some events we also have a beer tent (a pop-up pub) which can be a great place to meet other members of ECWS.

Rivalry between the King's Army and the Parliamentarian Army only exists on the battlefield; the evening is for having a good time. Some of our more senior members, who have 'retired' themselves from the battle displays, still come to events because they enjoy socialising in the evening so much.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN ONE OF OUR DISPLAYS



There are several different ways that you can get involved with an event with Sir Thomas Tyldesley's. Many of our members take part in the battle displays but there are lots of other opportunities to participate if the 'fighting' isn't for you. No prior experience, training or historical knowledge is needed; we can teach you everything that you need to know to get you involved from your first event.

'I HAD THOUGHT ABOUT JOINING A RE-ENACTMENT FOR YEARS. I WISH THAT I HAD DONE IT EARLIER'

Don't know where you think that you would fit? Why not rotate around the different roles until you find the one that is for you?



PIKE BLOCK

Being part of the pike block is for you if you like to get stuck into the action!

The pike mainly play a defensive role. Armed with a 16ft pike, and heavy armour, they work as a unit keep the enemy at a distance, drive away cavalry, and disrupt the enemy lines; working together, the pike block pack together to push into the enemy pike and force them apart.

Each regiment's pike block is very competitive; many of our pike members compare a pike push to being in a rugby scrum.

Being part of the pike block is very physical, hard work but a lot of fun. It is also one of the easiest roles to take up on your first event.

MUSKET DIVISION

Our musketeers use real muskets that are loaded with gunpowder and wadding and fire as a unit, creating a great deal of smoke and noise. Musketeers are always busy on the field, either loading and firing or getting into close 'hand-to-hand' combat with the enemy, using the butt of the musket as a club.

The musket block race to the best position on the field and fire large 'salves' to intimidate the enemy and stop them from coming too close.

The law requires that you hold a shotgun and black powder licence before firing a musket as part of our displays. We can help you apply for this and in the meantime, you can still take part in our displays with a dummy.





ARTILLERY CREW

Being part of the artillery crew is the role to take on if you want to make the most noise on the battlefield.

Artillery fire often indicates the start of the battle and catches the audience's attention. For safety reasons, the artillery pieces have to be placed some distance from the main action but this allows the artillery crew to have a brilliant view of the battle, whilst contributing to the main spectacle by setting off some large bangs.

Operating an artillery piece requires a great deal of team work as everybody performs a specific role in order to get the gun firing as many shots as possible; and firing more than the opposition.

MUSICIANS

On the battlefield, among the smoke and the noise, it can be very hard to know what you need to do. The musicians and drummers are a vital part of the display; apart from sounding impressive as our regiment arrives for the battle, by varying their drum calls, they are able to communicate instructions on the field so that everybody knows where they need to be.

If you are interested in being a musician, we are happy to teach you the drum calls that you would need.

If you are interested in being a musician, but you don't think that drums are for you, there are plenty of other authentic instruments that you can try instead.





WATER & FIRST AID

The members attached to the water and first aid positions (sometimes called camp followers) take responsibility for health and safety during the battle displays. They stay close the action throughout the display ensuring that all participants remain well hydrated throughout, keeping a close eye on the action and making sure that everyone is safe.

In addition, they are the 'fixers and carriers' for the regiment; if anything comes undone, falls down, breaks or gets lost, the camp followers are on hand to help.

Becoming a camp follower is a fantastic branch to start in as you can get close to the action and still feel part of the battle without actually being part of the 'fight'.

LIVING HISTORY

Our living history team directly interact with the public showcasing a range of skills to portray civilian life during the seventeenth century. Our members' skills range from playing the lute to embroidery to wood turning to cooking; there really is the opportunity to showcase whatever takes your interest.

We can help you find the living history role that is most enjoyable for you and help you to build up your skills to be confident talking to the public. As the living history team are often civilians rather than soldiers, it is an excellent way for children to have a role in our displays.

Being part of the living history team doesn't exclude you from taking part in the battle if you do want to do both!



WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

WE DON'T EXPECT YOU TO ACQUIRE RE-ENACTMENT KIT BEFORE THE EVENT; WE CAN LEND YOU WHAT YOU NEED.

BRING WITH YOU

- A tent/ caravan. Almost all of our members camp during the event. It's the best way to get to know people
- Food and drink.
- Camping equipment. It's not really the seventeenth century so modern conveniences are highly encouraged.
- A willingness to get stuck in!

WE PROVIDE

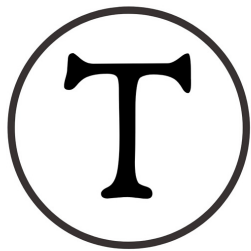
- All the equipment that you need for taking part in the re-enactment
- Insurance for taking part in the event (covered by the a £5 introductory fee for the weekend)
- Access to water, toilet and waste disposal facilities
- A great weekend!

DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO CAMPING EQUIPMENT?

Don't panic! We understand that not everybody has camping equipment to hand or, if they use public transport, it isn't practical to carry lots of things.

Let us know what you need in advance and we should be able to lend you anything that you need for the weekend.





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