

NFOE



Recreating the
French & Indian Wars

BRINGING HISTORY HOME

Slowly and carefully a Native American scout – a painted warrior of the Iroquois nation - edges through the low-hanging branches of the trees at the edge of the forest clearing. A short distance behind, keeping quiet and hidden from prying eyes, lurks a small French raiding party.

Out in the sunlit clearing a column of British redcoats, supported by local militia and guided by drab-clothed Rangers – the special forces of their time – take a break on their long patrol.

Then, a single nerve-tingling Indian war-whoop cuts through the stillness, followed by the flash and boom of a flintlock musket. Moments later the clearing, which only seconds before had been a scene of tranquility, erupts into the mayhem of battle.

Welcome to the world of living history, and the opening scene from a typical display by New France Old England (NFOE), a historical society dedicated to the recreation of mid-18th century life – in particular life in the turbulent colonies of Britain and France in North America. Into this theatre of the Seven Years' War - the first true world war - many of Britain's most celebrated families sent their sons to fight.



NFOE - Who Are We?

NFOE is a historical society that performs displays all over the country and is always interested in working with new clients at exciting venues. Our displays offer a unique insight into all aspects of 18th century life, both military and civilian, and can be tailored to suit an individual client's requirements. We are a small society and come without the complexities associated with hiring some of the larger groups such as the Sealed Knot. We are flexible, friendly, approachable, reliable and professional in our outlook.



What Can We Offer?

NFOE offer a complete programme of displays and activities that run throughout a weekend, activities that will engage, entertain and educate your visitors.

Living History

Throughout a typical event our members establish 18th century tented encampments which they occupy the whole weekend. Our members live, eat and sleep in these encampments, where many of the typical activities of camp life are carried out throughout the day. Visitors to the event are made most welcome in the encampments where they can chat to our members about 18th century life and experience the normal day-to-day activities of both soldiers and civilians. They may see food being prepared over the fire, learn about the weapons of the time and maybe even see some 18th century games being played. Elsewhere soldiers will be on parade, drilling or honing their military skills.



Show and Tell

This is a particularly popular part of our regular event structure. Here visitors are introduced – close up - to the different types of soldiers that made up each army. Following an overview of the period, the roles of the different soldiers are explained, their weapons demonstrated and tactics highlighted in an informative and, at times, light-hearted way.



The Skirmish or Firing Display

Undoubtedly the highlight of an NFOE event for many is the skirmish. Here an exciting scripted battle takes place, designed specifically for the ground that has been chosen and agreed in advance. The battle will involve all the troops and will be recreated using the tactics and weapons of the time amidst the full noise and smoke of battle. The skirmish will be accompanied by an informative and entertaining commentary.

Alternatively a Firing Display can replace the Skirmish. During this display all aspects of a trained soldier's many different ways of waging war, from a full volley in line, four ranks firing, skirmish firing, rapid loading and firing displays are demonstrated. It's exciting, noisy, fun and very smoky!



NFOE can work for you!

In the current economic climate we realise that clients need value for money and NFOE delivers just that. A normal NFOE event would include the Living History camp, the Show and Tell and Skirmish, which provides a full programme of entertainment throughout each day. A show of this type is priced from £350 for a full weekend, making NFOE very cost-effective while offering a highly visual and colourful attraction for your site.

How to find us

If you are interested in learning more about our displays then visit our website at www.nfoe.org.uk, search YouTube for our channel, NewFranceOldEngland, or click [here](#). If you have any questions please contact us at events@nfoe.org.uk

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