

Warning Orders

Midlands History Festival

Saturday/Sunday 23rd & 24th June 2018

Midfest is a show for re-enactors run by re-enactors. All the re-enactors attending do so on a voluntary basis, we all do it for the enjoyment and no individuals or groups get paid to attend, we do this for our enjoyment and to educate (hopefully) the public

OPENING TIMES

The grounds will be open to the public - Saturday from 10:00 am till 5pm and Sunday from 10:00am till 4pm All camps should therefore be 'In period' by 10:00

There will be a timetable for Midfest, this will be fixed nearer the date of the event but there are slots for 30 minute skirmishes each day, at the moment these will be Viking, Medieval, Lacey Wars, timings will be announced before the show, as soon as groups confirm, plus other displays over the weekend. Units can and are encouraged to run drill and other displays during the weekend within their camps. If you have any plans/ideas please let us know at least a week before, we can then run off timetables to post around the site and include in the public handout.

have the main arena (for the larger displays/skirmishes) and a smaller arena, for close up work

END OF SHOW.

The show closes at 16:00 on Sunday the 24th. We appreciate that some people have travelled a great distance to be here. Unless authorised by one of the Midfest staff no tents are to be taken down before that time.

There will be no Vehicle movement on site, until again authorised by a member of the Midfest staff and definitely not before 16:00 as we will still have public still on site.

Booking In for the Show

Re-enactors / Societies / Groups

Contact Laurie Wignall admin@midfest.co.uk for Registration form, you can return this by email or post, when returning the form we will also need a copy of group or individual insurance to be sent with returned Registration form. If you have any general queries or about your insurance call 07999 499154 after 5pm weekdays or any time weekends

Traders

Contact Sue Quadling at admin@midfest.co.uk for a registration form to book in for the show

See the booking form for prices

SITE ACCESS.

Access to the site is from 12:00 (12 pm) Friday 22nd. Participants are welcome to camp over into Monday but be clear of the site by 15:00 (3 pm) Monday 25th. If anyone would like to help with setting up - the site will be open from 12:00 on Thursday June 11st

For those arriving Friday and Saturday morning there will be someone on the Gate onto the Living History area to point you in the right direction for your period/group you will also be given a piece of paper for the car park make sure that this gets filled in and placed in your windscreen. All vehicles to be moved to the re-enactors car park as soon as you are unloaded. **ALL VEHICLES** to be off the Living History camp sites by 09:30 on both days. The re-enactors car park is situated next to the Modern camping area, there is also room for caravans on the modern site.

Camp Layouts and Entry to Site

Entry to Midfest

All re-enactors must show their group/association membership card at the entry gate if arriving Saturday Morning or during the day Saturday or Sunday. Plus display their Vehicle pass in the windscreen – “*see note on vehicle entry passes*”. Any Re-enactor being Dropped off / Picked up at the event will be dropped off/picked up at the main public entrance (marked on the map) if you have heavy equipment to be dropped off you will be given a pass to display in the vehicles windscreen, you will have 30 mins to do this. Any people other than re-enactors participating in the event will need to pay the entrance fee for the event if they want to stay longer than 30 minutes

Camp Site Layouts

On the registration form we ask for a camp site layout with overall dimensions. This will enable us to allow enough space for each of the groups / periods to display to the public without closing off access to others.

Please camp nicely, the group next to you will be your neighbours for the whole weekend

Vehicle entry passes

When arriving on site Friday 12th, you will be given a car pass (unless you have already requested one by post) to display in your windscreen, this you will need if you want to leave site during the times the show is open. And if we need to contact the owner of the vehicle at any time during the event

For anyone planning on arriving on Saturday or Sunday **you will need passes**. This will make it easier for staff on the gate.

To get the passes - the group / Regimental Contact will need to send in a list of Vehicle registration numbers and owners names - it will be one pass per car, along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. To: Midfest, 14 Berry Close, Earls Barton, Northamptonshire NN6 0HU

The Passes must be clearly displayed in the windscreen when arriving at the site

NOTE

Anyone arriving between 0945 and 1700 Saturday or Sunday **NOT showing a valid pass in their windscreen will be asked to prove they are with a group or pay entrance fees** this can be redeemed if your group officer vouches for you.

VEHICLE MOVEMENT

Apart from WWII as part of their display, there will be no vehicle movement on Living History camp site areas between **10:00 - 17:30, Saturday and 10:00 – 16:30 on Sunday**

CURFEW

A noise curfew will be in force from 24:00 (Midnight) until 08:00, for the duration of the event. The house is lived in and bedrooms overlook the Living History camping area and sound carries across the village

CAMP FIRES.

Either Fire pits or raised fires can be used but turf is to be cut first for both. All Societies/Groups are asked to police their own fire safety codes.

General

- No fires are to be left unattended during show opening times.
- All fires are to be made safe overnight.
- Filled fire buckets are to be kept at each tent, and one near fires.

There will be ample wood available but, please use common sense and don't hoard wood, use what you need and no more, we don't want to have to police or ration it. Neither do we want to find at the end of the event Large quantities left over

At the end of the event fill back the fire pit with the turf and water well before leaving. If this is done it actually speeds up the re-growth of the turf.

Fire points will be set up on site and Marked

Animals (DOGS)

Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a lead at all times

FACILITIES

On Site

Water, toilets, Beer tent, Food vendors, general traders.
The Beer tent will be open Fri, Sat and Sun eve, the food traders on site can provide breakfasts Sat and Sun Morning and a range of food, teas, coffees, etc. over the weekend. These will be near the beer tent outside the living history area plus various Trade Stalls. There is an excellent farm shop onsite

Off Site

Tesco - Have two 24hr stores within 5 minutes of the site Wellingborough and Weston Favell
Pubs, restaurants, takeaways, takeaways will deliver to the site Just Eat
(There will be a handout with information available)
The village are used to strange people feel free to visit and enjoy

Rubbish

There will be a skip for any waste / rubbish but please bag All Rubbish before placing in the skip. If something is burnable - PAPER / CARD etc - burn it, BUT!..... **DO NOT** burn plastic bags or bottles, metal tins, glass, etc.

If you have any spent gas canisters do not put those in the rubbish bins, please take those home with you

Leaving Site

Once the gate guard has finished exit will be through the re-encator's exit, there will be a combination lock on the gate the code will be on your wristband

Wristbands

Wristbands will be issued to all attendees. If you don't want to wear them for "authenticity issues" not a problem, but please have them on you for access to the beer tent and food in the evenings and for the exit code, should you need to leave site

Beer Tent and Food

To deter non re-enators / traders / guests, you will be asked to show your wristband to buy food & drink in the evenings

Security

There will be Professional Security onsite 18:00 to 06:00. They will be patrolling between the gates and the powder store

BLACK POWDER

There will be an area designated for storage of Black Powder
Powder issue times will be agreed with the Midfest Powder Master Times for powder issue
will also be posted on the notice board at the Trolls Bottom Bar

The Midfest Powder Master is **Jon Allen**,
email at jon@midfest.co.uk

Black Powder A few general rules:

Only those with current Black powder and Shotgun licence will be issued with powder.
All powder to be returned to Powder master as soon as display is finished
No powder to be stored on living history or plastic camps overnight.

Making up rounds on living history areas, is allowed but please remember to follow all safety
procedures, public kept at safe distance, no naked flames etc

There will be an area designated as the Powder store, societies will co-ordinate their own
powder issue and Notify the Powder Master.

All societies/groups are expected to have their members in possession of necessary licences
for any firearm and Black powder at re-enactment events. The Powder Master will need to
see your licenses before powder can be issued. If the police visit you will be asked for them
so please have them readily available.

Please go home with the same number of body parts you started with

Event Briefing

There will be a briefing meeting for the weekend on the evening of Friday 22nd at 20:00.

If possible at least one representative for each period or group, for any other information over
the weekend you will be notified by a person designated for your period or information will be
in the admin tent

The Midlands History Festival Officers

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DIRECTIONS

Whites Showground is situated on at junction 10 on the A45, Earls Barton turn off

M1 - exit at Junction 15. Head towards Wellingborough keep on the A45 for 9 miles leave the A45 at Junction 10 Earls Barton. At the roundabout take the first exit and the site entrance is the next on the left Whites Nurseries Clay Lane NN6 0EP

A1 / A14 Get onto the A45 follow the signs to Northampton to Junction 10 Grendon, Whiston, Castle Ashby

