

Waterloo Day programme

Apsley House, 20th June 2026



11.30 am – Dr Graeme Callister and Michael Rayner

Waterloo Pt 1 – Holding back the tide

Find out what happened during the first half of the Battle of Waterloo. Can the Allied army hold out against Napoleon?

12.00 pm – Dr Zack White

Discipline: Punishing Wellington's warriors

How did Wellington keep the men he described as 'the Scum of the Earth' in line?

12.30 pm – Dr Graeme Callister and Michael Rayner

Waterloo Pt 2 – The Prussians arrive

But it is not over yet! What happened in the final hours at Waterloo?

1.00pm – Dr Luke Reynolds

Waterloo's legacy

Find out why Wellington's Waterloo banquets became a cornerstone of commemoration in the very room where they happened.

1.30 pm – Michael Rayner

Waterloo: studying the ground

What was significant about the battlefield's terrain and how has it changed since 1815?

2.00 pm – Dr Matthew Taylor,

Black soldiers of Waterloo

What part did black British soldiers play at Waterloo and what do their lives tell us about Georgian Britain?

2.30 pm – Dr Graeme Callister and Michael Rayner

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3.00 pm – Dr Graeme Callister

Waterloo's casualties

Waterloo saw thousands killed and wounded – but what happened to them?

3.30 pm – Dr Graeme Callister and Michael Rayner

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4.00 pm – **Q&As with the Waterloo historians**