

The Farnham Regiment of Foot – Col. Samuel Jones’s Greencoats

Raised 5th Feb. 1643, probably 800 men, they were kitted out by Col. Samuel Jones, a London merchant, in green coats and carried a white ensign. Jones was the fourth governor of Farnham Castle but resigned his commission in July 1645, complaining of arrears in his pay and unfair treatment by the Surrey Committee. The regiment was made up of pikemen and musketeers – both had swords. They were for Parliament under the generalship of Sir William Waller.

The Sealed Knot, a re-enactment society founded in the 70’s, recreated this regiment to which my husband Robert and I belonged. We marched through Farnham and did “living history” at the Castle. We still do this at school (Aldro) and give talks to local groups, including children at the Farnham Museum.