

Shorncliffe

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Newsletter – May 2018

Book your tickets to our charity screening of War Horse

THE SHORNCLIFFE TRUST PRESENT
A CHARITY SCREENING OF
WAR HORSE
Sunday, 30th September 2018 @ 5pm
Silver Screen Cinema, Folkestone
RATING: 12A

Tickets £5
Book Online through Eventbrite and
www.shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

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Spielberg's epic tale of incredible loyalty, hope and tenacity
Starring: Emily Watson, David Thewlis, Peter Mullan
Runtime: 2 hours, 26 minutes

Registered Charity No. 1152185

The Shorncliffe Trust is holding a very special event to support its fundraising programme, which enables heritage and educational outreach programmes to take place. Tickets are priced at just £5pp and can be purchased via <http://shorncliffe-trust.org.uk/event/war-horse-charity-screening/> and <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/war-horse-charity-screening-tickets-45514281441>

Inaugural Ypres Battlefield Tour

The Shorncliffe Trust have conducted their inaugural tour to Ypres and its Battlefields which took place on 21st April. Over 40 people attended visiting Talbot House in Popperinge, In Flanders Field and Hooze Crater Museums. Battlefields and Memorial sites visited included Essex Farm, Langemarke German Cemetery and Tyne Cot Military Cemetery. The day was guided by Steve Head, Trustee for Education and planned by Trustee for community engagement, Viv Kenny.

The very next week, the Trust arranged a tour of Flanders and its battlefields for B Company Kent Cadet Corp, this time guided by Heritage Interpreter, Lawrence Taylor. The Cadet Corps Training officer gave tremendous feedback saying 'On behalf of the staff and cadets, I would like to thank you for your efforts in putting this event together for us. The cadets enjoyed themselves and Lawrence's input was extremely valuable; his extensive knowledge of the Battlefields added value to the experience for the cadets and the staff'.

Both tours ended by laying a wreath at the Menin Gate.



The Somme tour on 13th October is now full but a reserve list is available. This tour will visit the Museum of the Great War in Peronne, the Lochangar Crater and Thiepval Memorial where 72,000 names are recorded for the missing with no known grave. Our journey ends in the town of Albert visiting the '1916 Museum' housed in the former Crypt of the Basilica.

Win this Limited-Edition Print

In our January newsletter we advised that Patsy Frankson; an International Artist whose client list includes royalty; military and academics; has donated two limited edition prints depicting 'The Great War' in support of the Trust's fundraising endeavours for a Heritage and Education Centre.



One of the prints has been beautifully framed ready for the 11th November draw; and this striking piece of work can be viewed in the Framing Centre on Sandgate Road in Folkestone. Owner Alan Sole is seen below with Trustee Viv Kenny.

Tickets at £2.50 each can be brought in the Framing Centre or online at <http://shorncliffe-trust.org.uk/great-war-prize-draw/>



The Great War is dedicated to Patsy Frankson's friend Thomas William Drake, 1901-1989. Tom was born near enough to hear the sound of the Bow Bells in the East End of London. His story is told in the supporting booklet which accompanies the print. When compiling the multi scene work, Artist Patsy used references from the Imperial War Museum to draw the images as a dedication to him. The Trust also has a small number of Limited Edition Prints which can be purchased Framed at £350 and unframed at £250. To find out more, please contact Trustee, Viv Kenny at community@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

Somerset Barracks; soon no more!

Whilst developer Taylor Wimpey have so far built several hundred houses on previously undeveloped former MOD land' Somerset Barracks will be the first of the original Victorian barracks to be demolished.

Demolition works have commenced to remove every building except the Listed Sir John Moore Library and his Statue.



The removal of these buildings may bring some sadness to those who attended the Sir John Moore Primary School which closed in the late 1960's. On the site also is the Schoolmasters House and Tin Hall which is known to have been erected prior to 1907.



Many Tin Halls and Tin Chapels have become unique places within their communities; some have been awarded Grade II listing including the Tin Tabernacle in Hythe.

The Trust feels it to be a very great shame that more consideration could have been given to reuse a greater number of these garrison buildings to retain the military integrity of the site within the new housing development. Many former barracks across the UK have been transformed into superb housing schemes creating unique and distinctive homes in former military buildings including Deal Barracks.

Just 5 original buildings will remain across the entire 77- acre site; the Officers Mess at Risborough Barracks, Sir John Moore Library on Somerset Barracks and on Burgoyne Barracks, just one Barrack Block out of the many across the garrison, the Racquet Court and the Cast Iron Water Tower. The Shorncliffe Trust have lodged an expression of interest for one of the buildings in which they hope to create a Heritage and Education Centre from which three centuries of military and social history will be told. If you can help with our funding aspirations, please contact us.

Connecting with Canadanew links forged to CETP²

SEE LEARN EXPERIENCE TRAVEL



The Shorncliffe Trust have partnered with tour operators **Canadian Educational Tour Planning²**; who will be offering bespoke heritage tours bringing groups from Canada and North America.

Owners Ed and Terry Plant visited the UK in April when the Trust was delighted to show them unique places to include in their itineraries which included the story of Shorncliffe and its significant connection with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces during WW1



Trust Chairman, Chris Shaw showed them the Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, where over 300 Canadians from WW1 now lie, including Lloyd Yeo, one of those killed during the Gotha Bomb raid on 25th May 1917, which killed over 60 civilians on Tontine Street. Lloyd and others perished as a result of the continued bombing that day at Shorncliffe and Folkestone.

Terry and Ed walked in the footsteps of their forefathers down Sandy Lane and through the new improved pathways in the former back door training area



Both found a huge connection with the heritage of Shorncliffe and are keen to relay these messages to Cadet and Veteran groups whom they work with across Canada.



It was a busy week for them not only visiting monuments, venues and attractions suitable to include in these new tours, but also looking at some of the great hotels we have in the area which are more than suitable for future groups.

The finale was their visit to Ypres and the Menin Gate where they laid a wreath with Trust Chairman Chris Shaw. The Trust proud to be members of the 'Last Post Association'.



Light in the Darkest Hour

First and Last – 11th November 2018



The finale for the fourth year of commemorations at Shorncliffe Military Cemetery will be an international affair involving not only the UK, but representatives and involvement from Canada, France and Belgium

The Trust will host a 6-day tour for a Canadian group starting in London, moving to Shorncliffe, then to the Somme and Flanders. On the morning of the 11th November, the finale for the group remembering 'The First and Last' begins.

The group travel to the St. Symphorien Military Cemetery just outside of Mons. This cemetery is significant as it is recognised as the final resting place of the first and last commonwealth casualties of the First World War.

John Parr was killed on 21st August age just 17. The last recognised British casualty of the war died on 11th November 2018 and is Pvt George Ellison, age 40; on the same day at 2 minutes before the 11am ceasefire; the last Canadian Casualty is recorded as 25-year-old; Pvt George Lawrence Price, of the 28th 'Northwest' Battalion Canadian Infantry (Saskatchewan Regiment) aka. 'the Nor'westers'.

We light a flame in his honour and begin the journey to return Private Price's memory home to Canada. From Mons, the group will journey to Etaples and then back to the UK where the commemoration at Shorncliffe 'Light in the Darkest Hour' begins where lanterns are lit in respect of the 500 graves from WW1. The following morning, the flame will return to Canada for its final commemoration, in the presence of descendants of Private Price.

Fundraising has commenced to purchase the lanterns which cost £3,00. If you would like to be a Corporate Sponsor for this international event, or if you would like to be part of the UK contingency group travelling on 10th and 11th November for this tour, please contact our Trustee for Community Engagement, Viv Kenny for further information.

E: community@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

Heritage & Education Centre

The Trust's ongoing objective is to create a Heritage and Education Centre either in a former Military building or in an area with connections to Shorncliffe. Expressions of interest to purchase a building have been lodged with Shorncliffe's developer and we await further details on timelines and costs.

If you feel as passionate as we do about Shorncliffe's military history and the social impact it has had on the district and are in a position to be one of our funding partners or benefactors supporting our charitable and education aims, then we would be delighted to talk to you about our project.

We are currently looking at applications for funding including the Heritage Lottery Fund and other funds that could kick start this major project for the area.

The aims will not only deliver Heritage Tours and Education Programmes; it will provide for a range of community engagement opportunities and high on our list of priorities is to seek funding to make a visual record of the Garrison before it's too late, to enable the scope and visual history of the site to be captured both in moving and still images. The footage and images will be available for future generations to better understand this once significant military site, which is the birthplace of the modern British Army under Sir John Moore.

Further work will include an Oral History project. Capturing memories of those who served and worked at Shorncliffe, and those who attended the Sir John Moore School or who worked in or stayed in its Military Hospital; thus capturing impacts to lives and generational stories.

Shorncliffe holds a unique place in World history and the Trust has been endeavouring to raise awareness of its importance for a number of years both locally, nationally and internationally. However, with the need to increase housing capacity, financial benefits speak louder than history; hence our objectives to retell its story from a dedicated Centre.

Flanders in Belgium and The Somme and Normandy in France and other areas, benefit from significant investment and revenue from opportunities from tourism based around battlefields and memorials. There is a raft of public and privately-owned museums which generate interest and income. Front Line Kent has its own small grouping and Shorncliffe has its place amongst them.

Shorncliffe's story captures the start of the Soldiers Journey. For training, rest and recuperation, love and loss for the many thousands who passed through its gates. Shorncliffe gave a welcome to those from Commonwealth countries including Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other parts of the globe such as China. Men and women from all nationalities are still honoured and remembered through our education programme and commemorations by the Trust and others which take place in its Military Cemetery

Can you help?

Are you able to support the Trust through volunteering? The Trust have a dedicated group who help out at our events and welcome others to strengthen what the Trust does. Contact us if you might be interested in supporting a range of activity:

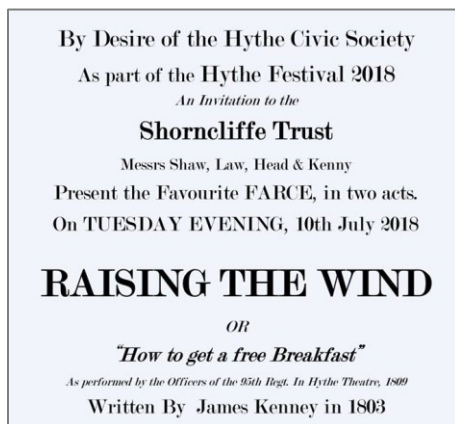
- *Event Stewarding*
- *Heritage Tour Guide / Historical Interpreter*
- *Fundraising for the Trust*
- *Educational outreach*
- *Re-enactment groups*

The Trustees are also looking to strengthen their number, bringing new skills to help deliver the aspirations of the Trust. If you are looking for a worthwhile use of your professional skills such as legal, financial, marketing, fundraising, HR and Volunteering, then we welcome your contact.

Events Diary, Tours & Talks

The Shorncliffe Trust's 2018 Diary of Events is ever changing. Please 'subscribe to news' to keep up to date. Our Heritage interpreters are available for Talks and Tours and we welcome your contact: secretary@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

- Elham Historical Society – 8th June, Talk at the Village Hall
- Raising the Wind – 10th July 2018 (Hythe Festival). Actors required...contact chris.shaw@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk
- The Somme – 13th October 2018 – Day Tour
- Heritage Open Days – 8/9th September
- War Horse – Charity Screening – 30th September
- Light in the Darkest Hour – 11th November
- Heritage Interpretation Tours Shorncliffe Redoubt-TBA
- Shorncliffe Lectures & Exhibition TBA



GDPR

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Fundraising and Friends

Fundraising plays a significant part in our ability to achieve our aspirations. If you can help support our endeavours to create a unique heritage and education experience at Shorncliffe, birthplace of the modern British Army, then we would be delighted to receive your Friends Membership form available to download on our website. Please contact us if you wish to discuss sponsorship options to continue Shorncliffe's legacy.

Friends - Individuals £15 per annum – (Couples £25 pa)

- Shorncliffe 'Make HistorySave History' Lapel Badge (2)
- Shorncliffe Trust e-Newsletter
- Priority booking opportunities for Shorncliffe Trust Events
- 20% discount on your Lecture and Event Ticket(s)
- 20% discount on Shorncliffe Trust produced Books
- 20% discount on your ticket(s) for walking tours (*excludes Coach tours*)
- Opportunities for discounts on books available from visiting lecturers (Subject to availability)

If you are in a position to help the Trust take major steps towards our aspirations; we welcome you as a major donor.

MAJOR DONOR – for 2 persons – Annual donation £500

- Inset days (*dates to be agreed*): Familiarisation visit, historical interpretation tour of the Shorncliffe Redoubt and Back Door Training Area and lunch
- VIP Invitation to all Shorncliffe open events and their receptions; which include:
 - Commemoration of the death of Sir John Moore
 - Light in the Darkest Hour
 - Shorncliffe Lectures
- Signed copies of the Trust's publications (where in print)
- Shorncliffe 'Make HistorySave History' lapel Badges
- Recognition of support on Shorncliffe Trust's website.

CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS

Contact us to discuss options for reciprocal member benefits

CORPORATE PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

Could your business benefit from a connection to the Shorncliffe Trust? Shorncliffe Trustees; Corporate Partners and Sponsors are passionate about history and heritage by helping to preserve the legacy at Shorncliffe for future generations. Contact us for further details.

A LEGACY; After providing for loved ones, many find that they have an opportunity to remember a charity in their will. If you wish to find out about this process, please contact us.

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