

Shorncliffe

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Newsletter – January 2018



Help Save Shorncliffe's History for the Nation

The historic set of buildings which form Shorncliffe Garrison, birthplace of the modern British Army under Sir John Moore is destined for the wrecking ball over the coming years, with all but 4 listed /retained buildings being demolished to make way for 1200 new homes. With the sites military integrity being lost amongst the new buildings, the Shorncliffe Trust feel it so important to secure a space from which to retell three centuries of Shorncliffe's history to future generations.

Help our fundraising endeavours as we seek to raise funds to purchase one of those retained buildings in which to create our Heritage and Education Centre. There are many ways you can assist from a simple donation; to joining our Friends Scheme, to purchasing our Shorncliffe related items. Every penny raised will be earmarked for our future endeavours.

Help the Shorncliffe Trust make History by saving history!

Sir John Moore Commemoration

The Annual Sir John Moore Commemoration takes place on 13th January 2018 at 09.45am at his Sandgate Memorial. 2018 sees the 210th year of the start of the Peninsular Wars. Please RSVP if you would like to join us and afterwards for tea and coffee at the Gurkha Visitor Centre, Sir, John Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe. E: community@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

WW1 Tours: Ypres & the Somme

The Shorncliffe Trust are conducting tours to Ypres and its Battlefields on 21st April and to The Somme on 13th October.

Both tours are personally guided by Shorncliffe's heritage interpreters. During the visit to Ypres you will visit Talbot House in Popperinge which provided rest and recreation for all men regardless of rank from December 1915 for more than 3 years. You will also visit Essex Farm, the dressing station where Major John McCrae wrote 'In Flanders Field' after burying a friend, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, on 3rd May 1915.



The tour of battlefields and memorials will also include Langemarke German Cemetery and Tyne Cot Military Cemetery. Returning to Ypres you will have time to visit the brilliant exhibitions in the Cloth Hall 'In Flanders Field' before taking your place at the Menin Gate for the 8pm Last Post ceremony which has taken place here every evening since 1929 (with the exception of the German occupation of Ypres 1940 to 1944)

The Somme October tour will include visits to the Museum of the Great War in the town of Perronne, the Lochangar Crater and the Thiepval Memorial where 72,000 names are recorded for the missing with no known grave. Our journey will end in the town of Albert and a visit to the '1916 Museum' housed in the former Crypt of the Basilica.

Both excursions can be booked online on the Educational Tours section on www.shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

International Artist Donates Unique Prints to the Trust

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.



Patsy used references from the Imperial War Museum to draw the images as a dedication to her friend Thomas William Drake, 1901-1989. Tom was born in March 1901 and near enough to hear the sound of the BOW Bells in the East End of London.

As a young lad he worked with horses and farrier's and he loved horses. After the war had started and the men were coming home on leave from the front he decided he really liked the uniform of the cavalry men; so, he decided to join them in 1916.

He was under age of course but he managed to get in regardless. He delivered anything that needed to be delivered; Food, Ammunition, Gun Carriages etc, as long as horses were involved.

Tom was a great story teller and Patsy has so many strong memories of him which are recorded in the accompanying documentations with each of the limited-edition prints.



PRIZE DRAW: The Trust are using the prints as two individual prizes by way of a draw. Tickets for the prints can be purchased through the Trust's website at £2.50 each. The Prize draw for the prints will be made on 11th November 2018.

The Trust also has a small number of the prints available for purchase either framed or unframed. Please visit our website to find out more www.shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

Bromley Poppy Appeal

The Shorncliffe Team attended The Glades Shopping Centre, Bromley for the launch of Bromley's RBL poppy appeal where £2,082.11 was raised.



During the event, the Trust's Heritage Interpreters gave talks on Military life. Local schools and the Military Wives Choir gave performances to visitors. If you have events which could benefit from the Trust's input, please contact us.

Shorncliffe's Website

Have you taken a look at our new website yet? Visitors and supporters are able to:

- *Subscribe to receive News updates from the Trust*
- *Access resources and documents (work in progress)*
- *Purchase Trust items and publications*
- *Join our Friends Scheme*
- *Donate by way of our Memory Wall*
- *Sponsor Lanterns for the Light in the Darkest Hour event*
- *Book your place for events and tours*
- *Purchase a ticket for the Patsy Frankson Artwork draw*
- *Contribute to 'Shorncliffe People'*
- *Contact us for genealogy enquiries and services*

Take a visit soon: www.shorncliffe-trust.org.uk.

The Unremembered

This Trust's Light in the Darkest Hour commemorative event which took place in September 2017 was part of significant project remembering the bravery and sacrifice of the Labour Corps throughout World War One. Delivered by the Big Idea's Community Interest Company project in conjunction with Department for Communities and Local Government.



The event at Shorncliffe Military Cemetery was significant as a number from those Labour Corps now lie at rest, joining others who never made it home to their countries of birth including China, South Africa Canada, Australia and Belgium. The Trust are currently planning a significant event for 2018.

West Surrey Family History Fair



The Trust attended the annual WSFH Fair at Woking Leisure centre on the 4th November. This was our first time at the event and it proved to be a very successful day. Steve Head, Chris Shaw, Jan Head and Stephen Summerfield attended on the day and fielded many questions regarding the work of the Trust and enquiries about family history links to Shorncliffe.

The Mayor of Woking visited the stand and was very interested in our work. Chris Shaw spoke to the Mayor at length explaining the importance of the heritage that is currently under threat at Shorncliffe.

The Folkestone poppies proved to be a very popular seller on the day, along with our new book, Volume 4 of the Shorncliffe Lectures of which we have now several copies travelling to Canada as presents for Christmas. Numerous family history societies made contact with us during the day and as a result the Trusts diary for 2018 talks as increased significantly. All in all, it was a very successful day at Woking.

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.

The Battle of Waterloo



An impressive Diorama depicting the Battle of Waterloo is waiting for a new home at Shorncliffe.

The Diorama is in need of restoration and repair and will ultimately be on display in the Trusts Heritage and Education Centre



If you are able to support the restoration, through skills or funding, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Events Diary



The Shorncliffe Trust just keep marching on as we plan our 2018 Diary of Events.

The following is just a taster from our long list:

- Shorncliffe Lectures
- Patsy Frankson Exhibition
- Flanders & the Menin Gate – 21st April 2018 – Day Tour
- The Somme – 13th October 2018 – Day Tour
- Heritage Open Days
- Light in the Darkest Hour
- Heritage Interpretation Tours of Shorncliffe Redoubt
- Shorncliffe Exhibition
- Raising the Wind – 10th July 2018

By Desire of the Hythe Civic Society
As part of the Hythe Festival 2018
An Invitation to the
Shorncliffe Trust
Messrs Shaw, Law, Head & Kenny
Present the Favourite FARCE, in two acts.
On TUESDAY EVENING, 10th July 2018

RAISING THE WIND
OR
"How to get a free Breakfast"
As performed by the Officers of the 95th Regt. In Hythe Theatre, 1909
Written By James Kenney in 1803
*Included within the presentation of The Life and Times of
the Light Division Officers - To War with laughter and
drama, from Corunna to Waterloo*

Venue: Hythe Bay Church of England Primary School,
Cinque Ports Avenue, Hythe

Doors open at Seven o'Clock. Performance to
commence at SEVEN-THIRTY precisely.

Subscribe to news via our website to receive event updates.
To book one of our unique Heritage Talks for your group,
club or society, contact: education@shorncliffe-trust.org.uk

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
- 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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