## April 2023 Newsletter



Six Inspiring Museums in the Magnificent Victorian Peninsula Barracks

### Sketches donated to the HorsePower Museum



This is just one of a recently donated set of characterful sketches by a soldier who served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars in the 1880s and 1890s. They were discovered in a family scrapbook by the donor whose Grandfather was a Major in the 10th Royal Hussars (PWO).

We believe the artist was Thomas Philip Chapman who, in the 1891 census, was a 28-year-old Private originally from Middlesex. Dating to the early 1890s, or perhaps slightly before, they capture the spirit of life in the regiment and the variety of uniform! The little details are testament to Chapman's ability and creativity.

More of T. P. Chapman's cartoons are reproduced in the museum and another series of six cartoons, a cautionary tale of the perils of 'drinking your pay', can be seen online: <a href="https://www.britishempire.co.uk/forces/10thhussarscartoons1894.htm">https://www.britishempire.co.uk/forces/10thhussarscartoons1894.htm</a>

Although only in April we have already received several fascinating donations this year from across the regiment's history and are eagerly wondering what the next discovery will be!

## Temporary display at the AGC Museum



A new temporary exhibition has been put up in the AGC Museum by a visiting work experience student on the Malayan Emergency. Come along for a visit to learn about the AGC's antecedents during this time.

### The Barberton Train Crash 1902

The 30<sup>th</sup> March marks the anniversary of the Barberton train crash of 1902. This incident caused many casualties of those serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment. They were on the move from Barberton to Johannesburg when the train, consisting of seven open trucks, together with carriages derailed. The engine exploded and every truck was destroyed. 38 of the 102 passengers died instantly with a further 4 people dying from wounds.



For more information on the Barberton Train crash please visit The Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum.



# It's Easter!



Winchester's Military Museums have a range of exciting activities going on this Easter holidays! From trails to colouring in, arts and crafts such as Easter bunny making, Rifleman Eggbert and eggbox tanks. The site is home to The Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum, The Gurkha Museum, The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum, HorsePower The Museum of the King's Royal Hussars, The Rifles Museum and The Adjutant General's Corps Museum. FREE entry for children to all the museums!

#### The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum

A FREE animal themed trail and colouring in during the Easter holidays from Monday 3rd April-Friday 14th April. Children are FREE to enter the museum.

#### The Rifles Museum

Eggbox Tank Building and Rifleman Eggbert Making – Easter Holiday (5-6th & 12-13th April)

Over Easter, come into The Rifles Museum on the 5-6th April to make your own Eggbox Tank or other armoured vehicle – either based on a real vehicle used by the British Army or your own design! Also, discover the story of how The Rifles and the current Regiment's antecedents have fought against and alongside tanks. On the 12-13th April, create your own 'Rifleman Eggbert', who never cracks under pressure! Colour him in and attach his arms and legs. While in the Museum, learn how camouflage developed in the British Army and in the antecedents of The Rifles.

Recommended donation: £2

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Recommended age 4+ (all ages welcome!)

#### The AGC Museum

Pop in and create a paper rabbit decoration during the Easter holidays!

#### The Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum

The Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum during the Easter holidays will have a Easter chick and egg trail around the museum as well as making and take your own tiger art and craft activity.

#### The Gurkha Museum

Kids curry tasting and craft day – 4<sup>th</sup> April

#### For more information please visit:

<u>Welcome to Winchester's Military Quarter (winchestersmilitarymuseums.co.uk)</u>
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