

# Winchester's MILITARY QUARTER

SIX INSPIRING MUSEUMS

IN THE MAGNIFICENT VICTORIAN  
PENINSULA BARRACKS

2018  
Spring  
Newsletter



Welcome to a cold and snowy start to Spring 2018 and the Winchester's Military Quarter Newsletter. We start the year with a new name and a new look. Previously known as Winchester's Military Museums, the six museums located at Peninsula Barracks are now collectively titled Winchester's Military Quarter (WMQ). The start of the year also marked the launch a new joint ticket. The WMQ Pass is now on sale from *HorsePower*, The Museum of The King's Royal Hussars, The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum and The Gurkha Museum and costs £11.00. The Pass is valid until the end of 2018 and covers one admission to the three participating museums.

## Spring Half Term Activities

Both children and parents had the chance to experience WMQ's range of activities on offer during the half term. On Tuesday 13 February children took part in the 'Hide and Seek' sessions exploring the Military Museums and learning about camouflage, magnets, and maps. On the Thursday our young visitors had the opportunity to try out their artistic skills with paint and charcoal to create self-portraits.

Throughout the week in The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum visitors of all ages found out about uniform and equipment used by riflemen during the Peninsular War as explained and demonstrated by a 95<sup>th</sup> re-enactor.



# Curry Tasting at the Gurkha Museum

Visitors to the Gurkha Museum on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 February were given a real treat as the Museum were giving people the chance to try traditional Nepalese curry at the end of their visit.

The curries, which were cooked by the Museum's regular caterer from Gurkha Home Services and were served by a member of the Museum's Gurkha staff, were enjoyed by over 100 people across the two days. The curry was served in the Museum's fascinating VC Gallery, which is an exhibition of the 26 Gurkha Officers and Soldiers who have been awarded the Victoria Cross over the past 200 years.



The Museum itself, situated in Peninsula Barracks on Romsey Road, tells the remarkable story of Gurkha service to the British Crown. Visitors also learn about Nepal, the land of the Gurkhas and absorb their beliefs, dress and customs. Because of the popularity of the event the Museum will be holding another curry tasting during the school summer holidays in August.

## Hidden Heroes

### The Families and Communities behind The Rifles

On 12 March 2018, The Rifles Collection in Winchester will open its new exhibition as part of a programme of exploring non-operational topics. Hidden Heroes examines the families and communities that support The Rifles and looks at their stories and perspectives from the last 10 years of the Regiment's history.

The Rifles and the British Army rely strongly on the support that the families and communities behind soldiers give. Military families are prepared to uproot every few years to follow a soldier for their career and the continuity of family life. This exhibition provides an insight into what sacrifices families make for the military and also demonstrates the solidarity found within military communities. It looks at the support given by welfare teams, groups such as the Military Wives' Choirs and the developments in keeping in touch for families whilst on tour.

## What's On

**13 March 2018:** 'Thank you Rifleman Bush , for bungling the Execution. Evening of poetry and reminiscences with Leo Ayles.

6.15pm The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum

**15 March 2018:** 'Special Operations Executive and the Beaulieu Finishing School'. Lecture by Nick Saunders.

12.30pm The Gurkha Museum

**20 April 2018:** 'The Genius of Leadership: Why did The fourteenth Army fight for Uncle Bill (Field Marshal the Viscount Slim). Lecture by Mr William Franklin. The Gurkha Museum.

**24 June 2018:** On Parade - Armed Forces Day Event

**Copper Joes Café** - recently refurbished, the café offers light lunches and afternoon teas. Why not come along?

Winchester's Military Quarter, Peninsula Square, Romsey Road, Winchester SO23 8TS

For more information and further events please visit [www.winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk](http://www.winchestermilitarymuseums.co.uk)