

Winchester's MILITARY QUARTER

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Autumn Newsletter 2019

The Medals of Major Indrajit Limbu

The medals of Major Indrajit Limbu, formerly of 10 Gurkha Rifles, were donated to the Gurkha Museum in September. Indrajit Limbu had a distinguishing career with the Gurkhas and was awarded a Military cross for the action in Borneo during the "Confrontation" with Indonesia.

The Confrontation began in 1963. Indrajit, in command of a platoon of the 1st Battalion 10th Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles, was among the first in his battalion to make contact with the Indonesians who crossed into Sabah in North Borneo at Kalabakan early in the following year. Indrajit's platoon had been tracking 10 Indonesian border terrorists for four days through the jungle.

Indrajit gave orders to attack in a series of short coordinated charges.

Such was the speed and determination of the assault the terrorists were pinned down and unable to get away and all ten were killed. The citation for the award to Indrajit of the MC stated that he had shown supreme qualities of leadership and indomitable courage.



Presentation of Major Indrajit Limbu's medals to the Gurkha Museum.



Half-Term Activities

Winchester's Military Quarter has a range of activities to keep the children busy this October Half-term.

All week The Museum of The Royal Hampshire Regiment have activity sheets available and a pumpkin trail for you to explore, while The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum have mini pumpkins to decorate.

On Wednesday 30th October you can have a go at pumpkin carving at The Rifles Museum or get creative with the Halloween activities at the Gurkha Museum.

On Thursday 31st October there's another opportunity to carve a pumpkin at The Rifles Museum or get your face painted at The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) museum.

Please see individual museum's website for full details.



The Providence Chapel

The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum have recently been donated part of the original beam of the Providence Chapel, Charlwood Surrey. The Chapel, built in 1797, was originally the guardhouse of the Horsham Barracks which was where the Experimental Corps of Riflemen were formed in April 1800. Later in 1816 the guardhouse was reopened as a non-conformist chapel after being transported to Charlwood on wagons!

The Chapel was purchased by The Providence Chapel Charlwood Trust in March 2013 who sourced skilled craftsmen to undertake restoration work to the Grade 2* listed building, which included replacing the original beam due to its deteriorating condition. After two years of restoration work the Chapel reopened in April 2019 with an exhibition which tells the story the story of the barracks together with the history of the chapel.

The Museum is grateful to The Providence Chapel and the 2nd Battalion 95th Re-enactment group for donating this fascinating piece of history.



*Photograph with the courtesy of
The Providence Chapel Charlwood Trust.*

New Chairman for WMQ

Winchester's Military Quarter welcomed their new Chairman Robert Bolwell to the network at the Curators Meeting on 14th October. Robert, who has been a partner of Dutton Gregory Solicitors since 1987, met the team and learned about the Museums' education, marketing, and staff training practices on his first visit.

Dates for the Diary

Make and Take Children's Activities:

Remembrance Poppies

8th-9th November

For Armistice Day, remember the fallen by creating a poppy in The Rifles Museum.

10:30am to 3:30pm

Winchester's Military Museums Lunchtime Lecture

Christopher Jary- 231 Brigade at D-Day
14th November, 12.30, The McDonald Gallery,
The Gurkha Museum.

Tickets: £7.00 Booking Tel 01962 842832 or
admin@thegurkhamuseum.co.uk

Lecture and Curry Lunch

Captain Jon Armstrong- Record Breaking Atlantic
Row

15th November, 10.30-12.30 at The Gurkha
Museum.

Tickets: £35.00 Booking Tel 01962 842832 or
admin@thegurkhamuseum.co.uk

The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum Evening Talk

Robert Griffith – "Rogues with Rifles"

21st November 6.15pm In The Kincaid Gallery,
The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum

Tickets: £20.00 Booking Tel 01962 828549 or
curator@rgimuseum.co.uk

Make and Take: Christmas Cards

7th & 14th December

This Christmas make your own Rifles-themed
Christmas cards in The Rifles Museum.

10:30am to 3:30 pm

Winchester's Military Museums Lunchtime Lecture

Christine Bernáth – Muskets to Maxims:
Weapons Development Through the 19th
Century

19th December, 12.30 at The McDonald Gallery,
The Gurkha Museum

Tickets: £7.00 Booking Tel 01962 842832

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