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HorsePower Museum – behind the scenes



The HorsePower Museum has recently commissioned a local photographer to take pictures of the paintings within their collection, ranging from the 18th century to an official portrait of Princess Anne from 1970! Joe Low was recommended to the Museum by the Hampshire Cultural Trust and has photographed several heritage collections and events alongside his specialism in architecture. The Museum's largest painting, depicting the 10th Hussars charge at the Second Battle of El Teb in 1884, was particularly difficult to photograph due to its size and position. However, Joe overcame the challenges of limited space and lighting issues with polarising filters. This is an important painting as the artist, Godfrey Douglas Giles, was attached to the 10th during the battle and so painted from his own experience, providing accurate likeness of the officers and men and capturing the impact of a cavalry charge. The Museum is very pleased with the results and the work is part of the ongoing conservation while providing the possibility for high quality reproductions. A very worthwhile project, the photographs reveal a level of colour and detail which can be hard to see in the original, creating a new level of appreciation for the paintings on display in HorsePower.

Half Term Activities and Offers

Dates for the diary:

Saturday 19th February: Half price entry for adults in a family group (with children) at **The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum**. Open 10am-4pm (last admission 3.15pm)

Saturday 19th February – Saturday 26th February: Children's activities – 95th Rifleman puppet making, detective trail and colouring at **The Royal Green Jackets (Rifles) Museum**.

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Tuesday 22nd February – Thursday 24th February: “Sword Making at **The Rifles Museum**” Come along to **The Rifles Museum** and make your own sword from cardboard and tin foil or pick up an activity pack and make one at home. 10.00pm to 3.30pm. Recommended donation: £2.00.

Tuesday 22nd February: Medal and kukri making, design your own Henna tattoo and taste some authentic Nepalese Curry at **The Gurkha Museum** 11am -3pm



Anniversary Celebrations

The AGC Museum will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of formation of the Adjutant General's Corps this year with a temporary exhibition. “30 Years of the Adjutant General's Corps” will be on display from Formation day, 6th April. This exhibition will follow on from the Museum's current exhibition commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Falklands War.



Brigadier Geal handing out new berets on Formation Day



A Rare Medal at the Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum

Within the Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum collection is an unusual medal awarded to Lewis Dempsey of the 67th of Foot (see above). The Army of India Medal, which was instituted and paid for by the Honourable East India Company, has the clasp for Nepal which was awarded to veterans of the Nepal War (1814-1816). According to the Regimental History the 67th were not present at the Nepal War, but 9 members were awarded the medal and clasp. This would suggest a small detachment was sent to this campaign and makes the medal a rare example.

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