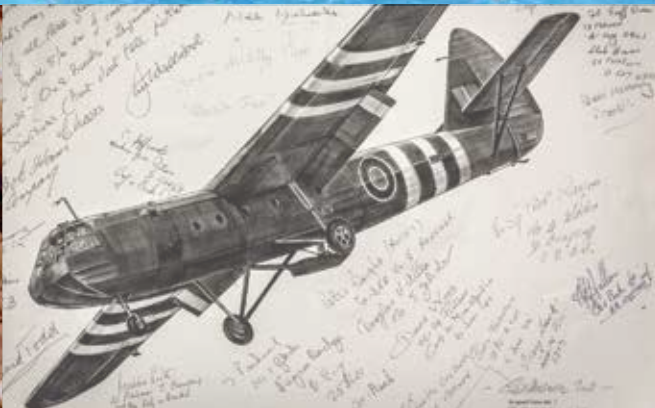
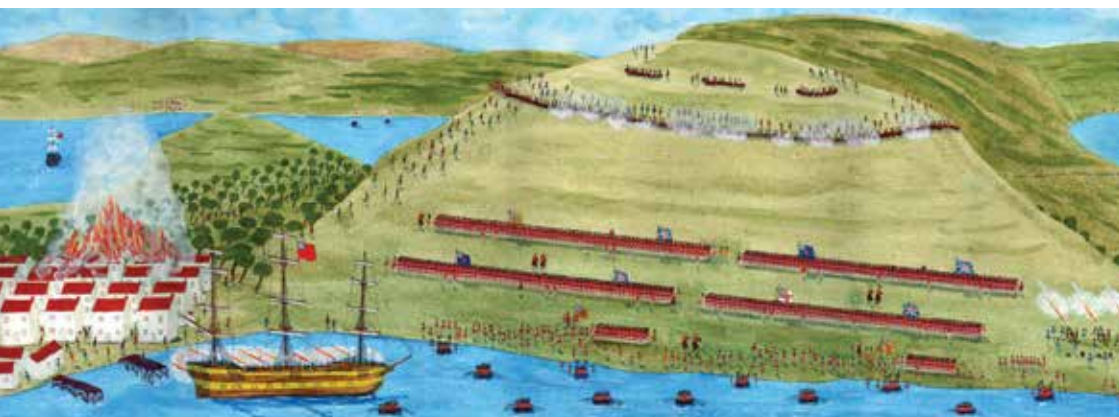


**STORIES OF
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& COUNTY**

Galleries & Events

April - December 2018



@SOFOTrust #OxfordshireRemembers



www.facebook.com/SoldiersOfOxfordshire

**Park Street, Woodstock
Oxfordshire OX20 1SN**

Visitor access to SOFO is through the Oxfordshire Museum.



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Museum Talks

DID YOU KNOW?

Not only do we hold regular talks at SOFO but we also offer a wide range of speakers who can visit your venue to give talks on all things Oxfordshire and military, from the history of the county regiments to the impact of both world wars on the region. Please email frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk for more details.

Saturday 14th April

Major General Peter Williams
CMG, OBE *'My Life as a Cold War Spy'*

The speaker, Peter Williams, served for six years in Berlin in the Cold War, including four years involved in patrolling in East Germany as a member of BRIXMIS, the British military liaison mission to the Soviet Army. Using Allied and Stasi (secret police) images, this talk casts a new light on this little known chapter of the Cold War. Reception at 6.30pm. **Tickets £20** includes drinks and canapes.

A fundraising event for ABF and SOFO.



Wednesday 12th September

Michael Linton
'1066, A Medieval Mosaic'

To accompany our current exhibition, Michael will explain the history behind the recreated Bayeux Tapestry. Made out of three million pieces of spring steel, the Medieval Mosaic is 64 meters long, and took Michael Linton 33 years to make. It has a Guinness World Record for the longest steel mosaic. Depicted in this three part artistic odyssey the artist will cover the Bayeux Tapestry; Battles of Fulford and Stamford Bridge and the 'Finale' section with William the Conqueror Crowned King. Michael also explains how he has encoded an intricate path of puzzles into the background pieces of the mosaic.

Wednesday 7th November

John Lyons, *'Operations Black Buck – a view from the ground'*

During the 1982 Falklands War, Operations Black Buck 1 to Black Buck 7 were a series of seven extremely long-range ground attack missions by Royal Air Force Vulcan bombers of the RAF Waddington planned against Argentine positions in the Falkland Islands, of which five missions completed attacks on the Falklands. John will give a first-hand account of how the RAF successfully attacked the Falkland Islands despite the huge practical logistical and technical challenges they faced.



Wednesday 13th June

Peter Smith
'Port Meadow: The Forgotten Aerodrome'

Find out about Port Meadow as a WW1 training aerodrome

with local resident and Chair of the Wolvercote WW1 Aerodrome Memorial Project, Peter Smith. Peter will look at Port Meadow from pre-war 1910 to post-war early 1930s, and its role in training new pilots in WW1, looking at what remains, and the human perspective including, importantly in this WW1 commemoration period, the fatalities associated with the aerodrome.

Wednesday 11th July

Philip Geddes
'An Evening with Rudyard Kipling'

This will tell the story of Kipling's life with readings from his poetry and prose. It takes Kipling from his early days as the chronicler of Britain's Indian Raj, through to his high point as poet of Empire for Edwardian England and as voice of the nation in the First World War. The show includes many Kipling favourites – "If", regularly voted Britain's favourite poem "The White Man's Burden", and extracts from "Plain Tales from the Hills" and the "Just So Stories".



Activities for families

NEW!

Kids After School Club

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

For kids aged 6-9 years.

No parents!

£3.50 per child

Join our brand new after-school sessions packed with things to make and do, plus games and outdoor fun.

All from 3.45 – 5.00pm

Wednesday 18th April

CALL THE MEDICS!

Come to the rescue with army medicine.

Wednesday 16th May

CELEBRATE THE MUSEUMS AT NIGHT FESTIVAL.

Bring along your own collection!

Wednesday 20th June

ROMAN INVADERS

What did they do for us?

Wednesday 18th July

WONDERFUL WILDLIFE

Welcome summer with a focus on nature.

Wednesday 19th September

AMAZING EGYPTIANS

Discover the mysteries of this ancient civilisation.

Wednesday 17th October

HORRID HALLOWEEN

A spooky session of ghosts and ghouls.



ARMED FORCES DAY FOR FAMILIES

Sunday June 24th 2-5pm

Trails, handling objects, displays.



Wednesday 14th November

THE NORMANS ARE COMING!

Get inspired by our amazing Bayeux Tapestry

Wednesday 5th December

CHRISTMAS CRACKER!

Get in the mood for the festive season

Holiday Kids Club

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

For kids aged 6-9 years.

No parents!

£8.00 per child

All from 10am – 12.30pm

Friday 1st June

Defying gravity!

Friday 3rd August

Bubble science

Friday 10th August

Fun with floating

Friday 17th August

Colour science

Friday 24th August

Get wacky with water!

Friday 31st August

Fun with electronics

Friday 26th October

Marvellous mosaics

HOW TO BOOK EVENTS AT SOFO

Call **01993 810211** or email frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk
Visit the museum shop or our online shop www.sofa.org.uk/shop.



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

SOFO children's parties include up to 2 hours of games, activities, trails and craft.
£120 for up to 10 children. For further details ring 01993 810214 or email education@sofo.org.uk



NEW!

After School Youth Platoon

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

For young people
10 – 13 years
No parents!
£3.50 per child

All from 3.45 – 5.00pm

By popular demand, SOFO has introduced a monthly club for older children interested in military history. Come along after school to meet Museum experts, guess the mystery object or try a new activity.

Thursday 19th April

Thursday 17th May

Thursday 21st June

Thursday 19th July

Thursday 20th September

Thursday 18th October

Thursday 15th November

Thursday 6th December

Wednesday Family Open Afternoons

JUST DROP IN

Come and enjoy our family-friendly Museum and make something special to take home!

£2 per child.

Adults and babies FREE

All from 2-4pm

Wednesday 30th May

Feathery friends

Wednesday 1st August

Wonderful weaving

Wednesday 8th August

Hold your horses!

Wednesday 15th August

Amazing animal masks

Wednesday 22nd August

Where did you get that hat?

Wednesday 29th August

Woodstock celebrates!

Wednesday 24th October

Brilliant Bayeux Tapestry

Family Drop-ins

Jointly with The Oxfordshire Museum
£2 per child.

Adults and babies FREE

All from 2-4pm

Tuesday 29th May

Tuesday 31st July

Tuesday 7th August

Tuesday 14th August

Tuesday 21st August

Tuesday 28th August

Tuesday 23rd October

Exhibitions & Events



Until 2nd December 2018

Oxfordshire Remembers

1914-18 (Part II) Stories from the closing years of the Great War

*Thursdays are entry by donation.

2nd-30th April 2018

The Indian Army, An Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Perspective

The exhibition is the product of a collaborative project with Oxford University's History Faculty. It reveals new insights into the role played by people from across the Indian subcontinent during the First World War. A public appeal was launched via the media for family/ancestral stories from the war. The exhibition provides a fresh and illuminating perspective into the connections between local and imperial history, as well as paying tribute to the sacrifices made during a devastating conflict.



28th April 2018 - 12-4pm

Great War Cultural Activity Day for Families

This event will feature a range of family-friendly Asian cultural activities, including

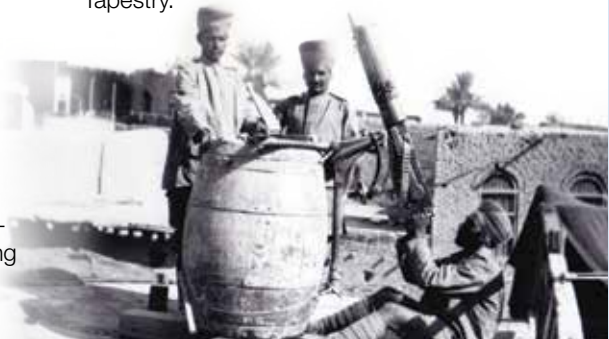
henna artistry, Punjabi drumming workshops, and arts and crafts. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the Great War Indian Army mini-exhibition alongside the event, and to enjoy exploring the rest of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum.

Look out for our South Asian Heritage Festival at Oxford Spire Academy on 21st April 12-4pm

8th September 2018 - 1st February 2019

1066, a Medieval Mosaic Exhibition

A recreation of the Bayeux Tapestry, handcrafted from 3 million pieces of spring steel. Started in 1979 by Michael Linton a finale piece was added in 2005 which depicts events leading up to the crowning of William the Conqueror as King on England on Christmas day 1066 and in 2012 an additional section was added to cover the Battles of Fulford and Stamford Bridge. The mosaic is now 210 feet long, close to double the length of the Bayeux Tapestry.



Galleries

Visit the museum galleries which include:

- Blood and War, Life on the Front Line
- 21st Century Soldier, Modern Conflict
- The Secret Wars of 1939-1945
- Prisoners of War At Home and Abroad
- Winston Churchill and the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars
- Oxfordshire Airpower, the Airmen and Airfields
- The Liberation of Bergen Belsen by the Oxfordshire Yeomanry
- Battles, the Stories of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Join us in our Great War recreated trench and section of a replica glider straight from D Day.



Visiting SOFO

Opening times

Tuesday to Friday 10am – 5pm

Saturday 11am – 5pm

Sunday 2pm – 5pm

Last admission 4.15pm

Check www.sofo.org.uk for bank holiday changes.

Park Street, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1SN

(Enter through The Oxfordshire Museum reception)

SOFO is fully accessible, with baby changing facilities and shop.

Café on site at The Oxfordshire Museum.

Admission charges

Adults £4.50 / Concessions £3.80

Children 5-16 years £2.50

Family and annual tickets are available.

Please see website for details.

Getting here

- **By road** – via A44 Oxford to Evesham
- **By bus** – S3 and 500 from Oxford city centre. 242 from Witney. For bus time tables see www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk
- **By train** – nearest station is Long Hanborough, four miles away.
- Coach turning space is at the Park Street entrance to Blenheim Place.
- Disabled parking is located directly outside The Oxfordshire Museum.
- FREE public car park a short walk away in Hensington Road and limited on-street FREE parking in Park Street.