

# SOFO for hire

The Museum has a meeting room which seats 60 theatre-style. The main gallery space can also be hired for private functions. Email: [frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk](mailto:frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk) or call 01993 810211

# Supporting SOFO

There are many ways to support Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust and keep this important military heritage alive:

## Become a Friend or Praetorian

Please visit the website for details of our Friend and Praetorian scheme. Benefits include newsletter, free admission to the galleries for the duration of the memberships, shop discounts, invitations to private viewings and priority bookings for events.

## Become a Volunteer

SOFO has an active group of volunteers from front of house to answering research enquiries. Email: [education@sofo.org.uk](mailto:education@sofo.org.uk)

## Donations

SOFO relies on the generosity of individuals and organisations. A donation from you will help care for the collection and fund our education work across the county.

## Legacies

Leave a legacy to SOFO in your will and know that your support will help continue the Trust's work to look after the county's conflict heritage for future generations.



# SOFO services

SOFO's experts have a wealth of knowledge and resources to help answer Oxfordshire soldier research enquiries. To enquire please visit our website at [www.sofo.org.uk/research\\_platform/](http://www.sofo.org.uk/research_platform/)

The Museum staff and volunteers run bespoke talks, tours and events for local interest groups from Cubs, to Local History Societies to 50+ groups. Please contact us for details.

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## Visiting SOFO

### Opening times:

Tuesday to Saturday 10am – 5pm  
Sunday 2pm – 5pm  
Last admission 4.15pm  
Check [www.sofo.org.uk](http://www.sofo.org.uk) for bank holiday changes

**Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, 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.

## Getting here

- **By road** – via A44 Oxford to Evesham
- **By bus** – S3 from Oxford or 242 from Witney
- **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

## HOW TO BOOK EVENTS AT SOFO

Call 01993 810211 or email [frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk](mailto:frontofhouse@sofo.org.uk) visit the museum shop or our online shop [www.sofo.org.uk/shop](http://www.sofo.org.uk/shop). SOFO Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN



## Admission Charges

Adult	£4.50
All concessions	£3.80
Child aged 5-16	£2.50
Child under 5	FREE
Family 2 adults and up to 4 children	£12.00
Family 1 adult and up to 4 children	£10.00
Family 1 adult and up to 2 children	£8.50
Group adult (6+)	£3.50
Education teacher/ child	£2.75

## Annual membership

Adult	£13.50
All concessions	£11.40
Child aged 5-16	£7.50
Family 2 adults and up to 4 children	£36.00
Family 1 adult and up to 4 children	£27.00
Family 1 adult and up to 2 children	£18.50



# Discovery Guide



**PARK STREET WOODSTOCK OXFORDSHIRE OX20 1SN**

Visitor access to SOFO is through the Oxfordshire Museum.





# Events at SOFO

## Tom Shannon 'The Journey from Afghanistan'

**Wednesday 8th February**

Dr Shannon's research into the four Anglo-Afghan wars has revealed a story which hangs heavy with overconfidence, incompetence, bureaucratic misjudgement, meddling, retribution and betrayal.



## James Campbell 'The Drawings of EH Shepard'

**Wednesday 8th March**

Ernest Shepard has delighted generations of children with his charming drawings of Winnie the Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore and Tigger. Now it has emerged that before he had found his fame as AA Milne's illustrator, he used his artistic talent to document his time in the trenches during the First World War through a series of humorous caricatures.



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## Shabrini Basu 'Queen Victoria and Abdul Karim'

**Wednesday 12th April.**  
**Tickets £15**

The tall, handsome Abdul Karim was just 24 years old when he arrived in England from Agra to wait tables during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. Soon he found himself becoming a powerful figure at court. This talk examines how a young Indian Muslim came to play a central role at the heart of the Empire, and his influence over the queen. Yet, at its heart, it is a tender love story between an ordinary Indian and his elderly Queen – a relationship which survived despite the best attempts to destroy it.



Full details of these events can be found on our website [www.sofa.org.uk](http://www.sofa.org.uk)  
All events are held on Wednesdays at the Museum from 7.00-8.30pm unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 6.45pm. All Tickets £10

# Activities for families

## SOFO SATURDAY KIDS CLUB

Two and a half hours packed with games, arts and crafts for ages 6-9 years. NO PARENTS!



**Saturday 26th November**  
1pm-3.30pm

**Kids Club does Christmas!**  
An afternoon of messy fun creating all things Christmassy to take home!

**Saturday 4th February 2017**  
1pm-3.30pm  
**Amazing Egyptians!**  
Creative fun inspired by the land of the Pharaohs.

**Saturday 4th March 2017**  
1pm-3.30pm  
**Mum's The Word!**  
Take away something extra special for Mother's Day.

**Saturday 1st April**  
1pm-3.30pm  
**Easter Eggstravaganza!**  
An afternoon of creative fun to get you in the mood for Easter.



## SOFO HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB

A morning of parent-free fun for 6-9 year olds.

**Thursday 13th April**  
10am – 12.30pm

**Kids Club does Easter!**  
Try our Easter egg hunt and much, much more...

**Friday 20th April**  
10am – 12.30pm

**Spring Into Action!**  
We get colourful as nature gears up for the season.



## HOLIDAY FAMILY DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

£2 per child - includes entry to the galleries. Sessions run jointly with The Oxfordshire Museum. For ages 3 – 9 years. NO NEED TO BOOK.



**Tuesday 14th February**  
2-4pm **Who do You Love?**  
Whatever or whoever you love, make them something special today.

**Tuesday 11th April**  
2-4pm **Brilliant Baskets!**  
Create your own amazing Easter basket to take home.

**Tuesday 18th April**  
2-4pm **Perfect Prints!**  
Make an incredible inky print from your own design.

**BIRTHDAY PARTIES**  
SOFO children's parties include up to 1 hour and 30 minutes of games, activities, trails and craft. £10 per child.



For further details ring  
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email [education@sofo.org.uk](mailto:education@sofo.org.uk)

## So much at SOFO!



DRESS UP



TRAILS & QUIZZES



ARTS & CRAFTS



TODDLERS' DEN

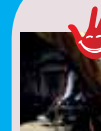


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## Cloister Gallery - Changing Exhibitions



Under 5s Den



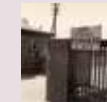
**REPLICA SECTION OF HORSA GLIDER**  
Step into our own piece of D-Day history



**THE SECRET WAR**  
Join the Resistance and step into the world of the Special Operations Executive, uncover morse code and become a radio operator during your visit!



**PRISONERS OF WAR AT HOME AND ABROAD**  
Life behind the wire experienced both in Oxfordshire camps and those in Germany. Discover the real Great Escape story and find out more about the work of the Red Cross.

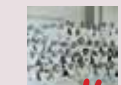
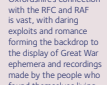


**THE OXFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY AT THE LIBERATION OF BERGEN-BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP**  
Listen to the testimonies of both liberators and survivors recorded especially for the exhibition.

**MODERN CONFLICT 21ST CENTURY SOLDIER**  
What is life like on the front line today? Emergency packs, dealing with IEDs and how British troops have encountered foreign lands throughout the 21st century.



**CHURCHILL AND THE QUEENS OWN OXFORDSHIRE HUSSARS**  
Many of the objects on display depict the life-long connection Winston Churchill had with the regiment from photographs of summer camps to the Henley Squadron albums, all depicting a richly colourful social life for the QOOH.



BLOOD & WAR, LIFE ON THE FRONT LINE  
Charting the medical and technological advances of the front line from the Boer War to modern day theatres of war.



Reception & shop

Regimental and County Time Lines

Garden Gallery

Medal Display



**Can you see me on the map?**  
That's where you'll find hands-on activities



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Through interactive displays of social history, archaeology and art, the Oxfordshire Museum explores the unique history of the County and its people. A programme of changing exhibitions and activities complement the permanent displays. Admission is free. [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshiremuseum) T: 01993 811456