

NEWS

Guardroom works update



In the walls are now two new door frames made by Colin Davis, respecting the historical style of the original lost ones.

Guardroom works are advancing thanks to Trustee Colin, Mark Boakes, Clive, Martin, and Julie & Mark.



The developer of the old Kitchener barracks in Chatham discovered two original Victorian cell doors in a rundown building.

Following the decision to demolish the building and by courtesy of Medway Council, the Victorian doors had been donated to Slough Fort to restore the guard room at its forgotten heritage.



Marc Rea, the regular volunteer, made three new sets of rifle loop doors in metal.

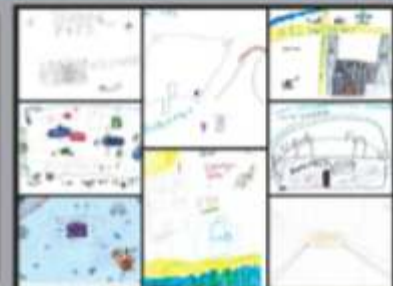
The guard room is progressing, and the Fort has a fantastic volunteer bricklayer working to rebuild the cell walls.

The Flag Design Competition

Children of Allhallows Primary Academy and Stoke School were encouraged to think about what gives Allhallows its identity, its famous landmarks, its people and heritage, in order to design a flag for Slough Fort.



The winner
Franklin Tarry



Open day 27th of June



Classic and Military vehicles | Live firing demonstration of a Brown Bess musket | Live firing of the 12 pounder QF gun | Static displays | Hourly guided tours | Interactive comedy cavemen | Pop up café | Museum Gift Shop |



Free entry to classic vehicle owners, register at trustee.team@sloughfort.org.uk

GUIDED TOURS ARE STARTING UP AGAIN

First tours coming up on **6th and on 20th of June at 11 am and 2 pm.** Please turn up 15 mins before the start of the tour.

For tickets visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/slough-fort-preservation-trust



Meet Catharina Buonora Holgado the new Volunteer Coordinator for Slough Fort



What attracted you to Slough Fort and how did you get into your actual role?

I absolutely love British History, especially anything related to WW1 and WW2. When I shared my enthusiasm about our local history with John Coltman, he told me about the projects going on at Slough Fort and he introduced me to Neil Ross, one of our incredible trustees. I was captivated by Neil's passion towards his archaeological, environmental and conservational projects. Coincidentally, in the very same week I met Colin Davis while he was exhibiting the local history of Allhallows and the history of Slough Fort at the church. I told him that I would be very happy to produce some educational activities for the fort and he invited me to come along on a quick tour, where he showed the historical guns around the fort and its wonderful museum. I was absolutely fascinated with his enthusiasm in showing me all the fantastic interactive activities for primary and secondary schools. I was also impressed with the construction projects for colleges or sixth forms. After preparing many educational activities for the fort, I asked Colin if I could take Dany, my daughter, to test the activities. She also loves history and she was as excited as I was when she saw the fort for the first time. We were asked if we wanted to become volunteers and we said yes straight away. Everyone who works there has so much passion for the fort and they really make you feel at home. We feel like they are our second family. Dany and I started looking after the museum, organising and listing our wonderful items, cleaning, cataloguing, updating and implementing some ideas. I was then asked to be a Trustee and when Dany said she would assist me, I accepted the challenge. My actual role is a Volunteer Coordinator, which means that I look after our amazing volunteers. They are all so lovely and I am so proud of all of them. Looking at the 'Before and After' pictures makes me very emotional, they have definitely given their heart and soul to make Slough Fort an extraordinary fort.

What was the most challenging project at which you participated?

I would say that the most challenging project was the Flag Design Project, where the lovely students from Allhallows Primary School and Stoke School were asked to design a flag for Slough Fort. They have put a lot of effort towards the project where they were asked to think about our landmarks, our heritage and our identity and they produced lovely designs for the fort. We want to keep developing Educational Projects that involve history, arts, maths and science and we want to promote environmental and sustainable projects.



We have many interesting things to offer, including school excursions where the students will take a trip to the Victorian Era, WW1 and WW2, and experience fun and exciting interactive activities. Slough Fort awaits you.



You will coordinate how many volunteers and what are the main targets to be achieved in 2021?

I currently coordinate about 30 volunteers and one of our main targets is to bring more volunteers to the fort. Slough Fort is a place where you can feel proud of your achievements through your hard work, dedication and commitment. It is also a place where you can have a cuppa, meet interesting people and have fun with your mates. We want to increase the number of young people who are willing to gain essential skills, experience and to build their confidence. Whether choosing to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award or choosing to develop life skills, Slough Fort is the perfect place to go.



What would you recommend for people who are wishing to visit Slough Fort?

I would certainly recommend coming to our Open Day, joining in our fantastic Sunday Tours and visiting our amazing museum.

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