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Day for Kent programme - MHS Home volunteers

"Remember, remember the fifth of November of gunpowder treason and plot. I know of no reason why the gun powder treason should ever be forgot."

As part of their commitment to the community, MHS Homes colleagues spend one day a year volunteering at a local good cause.



Colleagues can choose which charity or project they'd like to volunteer with. Sue O'Gorman nominated Slough Fort and we were very lucky to have such a dynamic and enthusiastic team to help us preserve our heritage.

The Day for Kent programme is an astounding volunteering scheme where the team can get together to do something good to the others and to Kent.



They worked really hard painting, limewashing and putting up more fences in the Wing Battery. We had a fantastic time together and we can't thank them enough for their efficiency and for looking after our precious Fort. *by Catharina Buonora Holgado, Slough Fort Volunteer Coordinator*



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Wassailing event



"Apple tree, apple tree we all come to wassail thee,
Bear this year and next year to bloom and blow,
Hat fulls, cap fulls, three cornered sacks fills..."

Slough Fort Wassailing Event Saturday 8th January 2022

Watch this space for more information!



Annual General Meeting



When:
Saturday
4th December
at 7pm

Where:
The Huffkins, Allhallows Leisure
Holiday Park, Allhallows Rochester
ME3 9QD

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2021 Donations - The newly rediscovered B17 armour plate

A genuine piece of the B17 44-6133, which crashed in Allhallows in 1944, was given to Slough Fort this year by Dave Brocklehurst MBE, the Curator of The Kent Battle of Britain, via Mitch Peeke.

Mitch Peeke has been passionately involved in the history of the B17 and has successfully helped to organise a Commemoration Ceremony gathering some of the relatives of the pilots who sadly died in the Thames waters. In fact, we now have a permanent memorial to those men, overlooking the place where they fell. This poignant memorial is situated in Allhallows Leisure Park, near the Yacht Club.



The armour plate measures 17 by 19 inches and weighs 10 kg.

It is said to be the seat base armour from either of the Pilots' seats. The plate was salvaged from the wreck site, a muddy, watery crater some 500 yards off the beach at Allhallows, in the late 1970's.

Today, the crater is still visible at low tide, as are the fragmented remains of the B17. Slough Fort has now two tangible pieces of the B17 44-6133 thanks to the kindness of remarkable history lovers who dedicate their lives to preserve and protect our heritage.

The full story of this glorious piece of history written by Mitch Peeke is on the Allhallows Life Community Magazine.



Meet Maurice & Sue, our long-serving volunteers

Maurice & Sue are our longest-serving volunteers. They provide so much help including cleaning and tidying up the Fort Caravan, helping on Workdays and Events and taking in deliveries. They are always available to lend a hand and are invaluable members of our team.

When and how did you start your collaboration with Slough Fort?

We became volunteers in 2016 after the first fort tour.

Can you tell us about a time when the restoration work has been challenging?

One occasion comes to mind, helping to dismantle the water tank, it was a very wet and windy day, trying to get very heavy panels down a wet muddy bank was challenging but as always everyone concerned entered into the spirit and made the most of it.

What is your goal for Slough Fort for the future?

To continue to help and give support wherever necessary.

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

Come along and join the Fort family team, help to restore the fort for future generations to enjoy.



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