

It's been a busy period over the last couple of months for the fort, having been awarded a number of grants. The 12pdr gun has been taken away to be refurbished, delivery has been taken of the magazine windows and doors ready for installation and the Brimp road has been repaired. The Fort was lucky to experience the 75th D-day anniversary fly past by 38 Daks and there has been another successful open day.

Brimp Repair



After years of trying, the Brimp access road has been repaired with the help of Conway's. Conway's supplied 60 tons of road scalpings to fill in the potholes in the Brimp. The tailings were located near the Blackwall Tunnel in the morning and laid at the fort straightaway. Conway's even supplied the machinery and manpower to carry out the works. Thank you so much for helping us!



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Dakota Fly Past



On 5th June, the Fort became an unexpected location to watch the D-Day 75th anniversary fly-



past by over 30 Douglas C-47 Skytrain or Dakota, DAKS for

short. With more than 70 people watching this amaz-

ing spectacle, we were not disappointed as the DAKS flew straight overhead the Fort. A fitting tribute to D-Day and all those involved.



Educating School Children At The Fort

Over 110 pupils from years 3 & 4 of Kings School Rochester recently visited the fort for a tour and to learn about the Fort's history. The children even managed to persuade some of their teachers to go in to the fort stocks!



Honouring A Plane Crash

On 22nd July a few of the trustees and volunteers set up the Fort stall for an event honouring the fallen crew of a B17 bomber that crashed just off Allhallows beach. The bomber which belonged to the 379th bombardment group part of the Mighty eighth was heavily damaged after it's mission over France. Sadly it crashed losing 8 of its crew, with it's sole survivor being rescued by a passing boat.



B17, Flying Fortress

Slough fort are proud to be part of this event honouring those who gave us so much. Thank You!



Fort Display Stall

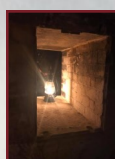
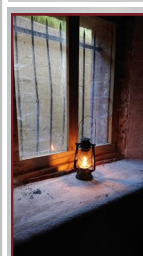


Crew of Stricken Plane

An Evening Of Scary Stories

In June, the Fort hosted an evening of family friendly spooky stories. Keith, the Fort Chair dressed for the occasion with his normal Saturday night attire but reframed from letting us know how true the stories were?

There will be another night on Saturday 24th August and tickets can be purchased via the website.



June Open Day

On 23rd June, the Fort held it's second open day of the year, and hosted a record number of vehicles than ever before from the last century. including an impressive display of Auxiliary Fire Service memorabilia. Our guests have been amazed at the progress of the Fort's restoration so even if you have been to the Fort before for a guided tour, please come back again to view the progress.



WW1 Vehicles



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Pop Up Cafe



Various Vehicles Display



Green Goddess Display



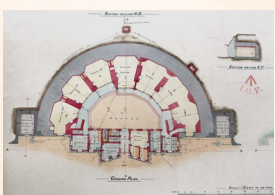
Fire Brigade Display



Our next open day will be on Sunday 18th August, please spread the word!

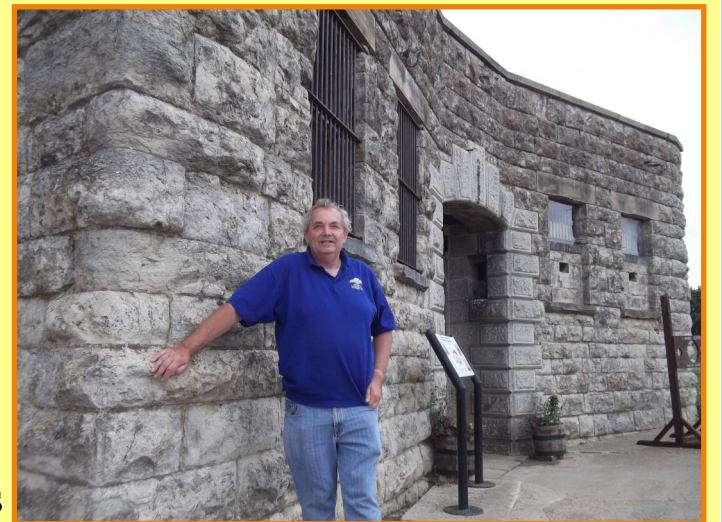
Fort Fact

The land for the fort was bought by the War Office in 1861 for £1,639, but it was not built until 1867. The estimated cost of constructing the fort was reported in 1869 to be £27,343 (equivalent to £2,480,940 today). It took the form of a semi-circular arc of seven casemates facing the river with a defensive ditch in front. Each casemate was faced in granite with magazines below providing ammunition via hoist shafts. A defensible block constructed of Kentish ragstone closed off the arc and provided the fort's domestic accommodation. The fort's main entrance is at the centre of the defensible block. A small stone-paved parade ground occupied the centre of the fort. After it was built, the ground behind the fort was raised and made into a glacis. On the roof of the fort, accessed from the ground level by two spiral staircases, there was an observation post protected by a banquette (an elevated step to facilitate rifle fire against attackers at close range).



Trustee Story

Keith's passion for Forts started as a child when he first visited Fort Luton. Since then, he has been involved in the restoration of Forts for the last 30 years. He first became involved with Slough Fort as a volunteer due to the Fort's close proximity to his house and he is now the Chair of the Trustees. Keith has written several books on Medway's military defences and is a wealth of knowledge, our go to person for any historical information. He also likes to take part in historical re-enactments in different countries



Events Calendar

Over the next 2 months, we have a number of events for you to get involved in

- **10th Aug — Paranormal night** — Riverside Paranormal (Private Hire)
- **10th & 24th Aug - Work days**
- **24th Aug—A Night of Ghost Stories**
- **18th Aug - Open Day 10am—4pm**
- **14th & 28th Sep - Work days**
- **13th - Paranormal night**— Ghost Hunt Events

Please note all Paranormal nights are not run by the trust who only supply the venue for the investigations, all bookings should be made via the relevant groups websites

We hope that you found this Newsletter informative. Please do contact us if you are able to provide any support to us in the form of tools/materials or time so that we may continue with our vital work to get Slough Fort back to its former glory.

Please find us on our Facebook Page—**Slough Fort Volunteers Group** and on our website www.sloughfort.org.uk

