



Slough Fort News



It has been a busy couple of months, with 2 large companies holding volunteering days at the fort, undertaking a huge amount of important tasks. These vital events not only allow companies to give back to community projects, but also allows the teams to build connections with each other. With the winter months approaching, Sunday tours have now finished until April 2020 but there are lots of events still to come.

Orbit Homes

Orbit recently held their first volunteering day at Slough Fort, which was of such success that they have pledged their continued support in upcoming months and years. Orbit staff and some of their suppliers helped to paint the new magazine windows and doors that have recently been installed, chipped out the concrete on top of the wing battery so that the magazine can be sealed from water ingress and fitted mesh on the handrails for added safety.



National Grid Grain LNG

National Grid Grain LNG held their second community day at the fort. This year, 25 National Grid staff were tasked with repairing concrete, putting up guard rails and tidying up the gun pits. They also held a celebration BBQ for all the employees involved in community activities this year and invited other organisations that they have helped such as whoo cares, Medway Council, Medway Queen, (Historic Paddlesteamer) and Snapdragons Special Needs Nursery.

Slough Fort was proud to supply the venue for this inspirational event.



Slough Fort would like to thank Orbit and National Grid for their amazing effort and support in carrying out vital restoration works which will help secure the fort for future generations to enjoy. If you feel your company could help Slough Fort in this way by holding a volunteering day, please do contact the secretary@sloughfort.org.uk

Thank you!

New Windows and Doors

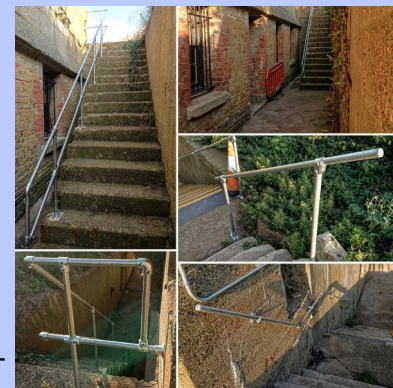


After successfully receiving a grant, we have now worked extremely hard to install new sash windows and doors to the magazine, recreating how the magazine would have looked in its hey-day. These new additions have totally transformed the look of the magazine and smartened the exterior.



New Handrails

Handrails have recently been fitted in vital places around the fort, providing stability especially for our young and elderly visitors and those with disabilities. This has made the fort a much safer place to explore and will also allow more places within the fort to be accessed during our tours starting in April 2020. Handrails have been installed at



the top of the main fort and at the top of the right hand wing battery and the stairs of the magazine, opening up parts of the magazine that have been off-limits to our visitors.

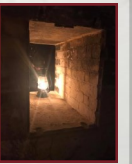




An Evening Of Scary Stories

As our latest ghost story walk was such a phenomenal success with over 48 visitors, it has been decided to hold another creepy family-friendly event with added spookiness on 26th October and tickets can be purchased via the Slough Fort website, Facebook page and Ticketsource.

Are you brave enough to take on the Fort's ghosts and ghoulies?



August Open Day



After a very wet start to our August Open Day, the sun eventually emerged along with a host of visitors, leading to another successful event. With a varied display of vintage fire engines and cars, there was lots to see and explore. The children thoroughly enjoyed the family friendly games and as usual,



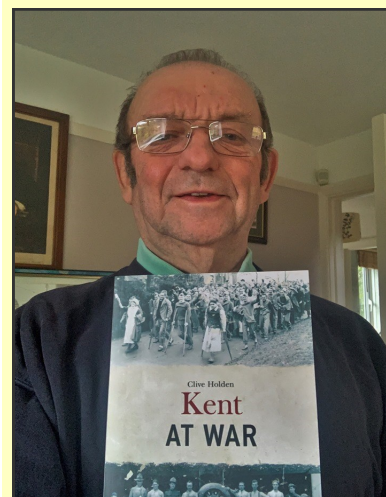
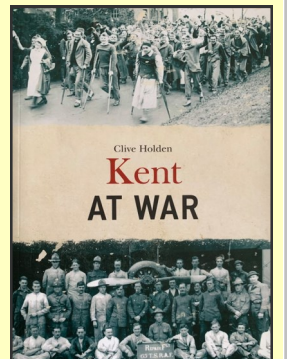
there were home-made cakes and refreshments including

Keith's famous fruitcake which proved exceedingly popular with our visitors.



Volunteer Story

Clive is one of our original volunteers and has been volunteering at the Fort since the Trust was set-up. A wealth of knowledge, Clive has written many books including 'Kent at War' which can be bought on-line on Amazon, eBay or at local bookshops. Clive has had a keen interest in local military history for many years and has been involved with volunteer restoration projects at Fort Horsted, Fort



Borstal and Fort Luton in the past. When the opportunity came up to join the volunteers at Slough Fort, he jumped at the chance and is at his most happiest when he is digging out and clearing vegetation to expose the fabric of our historic fort.

Fort Fact



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English Heritage designated the fort as a Grade II listed building in 2009 in recognition of its unusually good state of preservation and for the way that it embodies both technological developments in armaments and coastal defence during the late C19 to early-C20 as well as the changing views of the perceived defensive need on the north Kent coast at this time. The wing batteries have been listed separately, also since 2009, as a scheduled monument in recognition of their rarity.

Events Calendar

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

- **5th Oct — Paranormal night** — Riverside Paranormal (Private Hire)
- **12h & 26th Oct - Work days**
- **25th Oct— Paranormal night** - Ghost Hunter Tours
- **26th Oct—Halloween Special A Night of Ghost Stories**
- **9th Nov — Paranormal Night** — Ghost Hunt Events
- **9th & 22th Nov - Work days**
- **23th Nov — AGM** — Open invitation
- **9th Nov - 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

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

This will be held on 23 November at 7pm at Allhallows Parish Hall. This is your opportunity to listen to the Trustees review their management and progress of Slough Fort in the past 12 months along with future ideas and events. Feel free to attend and participate in the future of Slough Fort.



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.

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