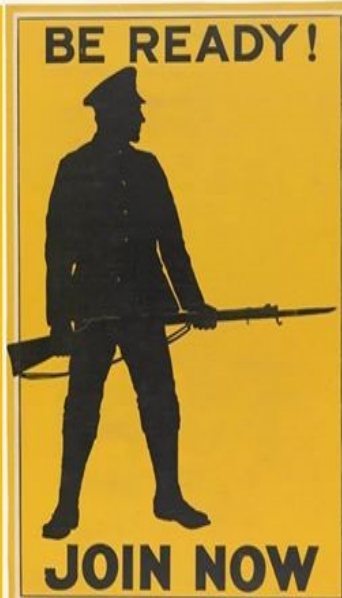


Work never stops at Slough Fort and after the Christmas break, we had our first work day of 2020.

The day focused on parts of the Magazine readying it for our Sunday Tours and Open days. Along with the work day, the Trust planned out the events that are being held at the fort during 2020 and beyond. You will be able to find more details on our social media and upcoming newsletters.

Volunteers Wanted!



Why not start the New Year volunteering?

Benefits of volunteering at Slough Fort

1. Make new friends and be part of the fort family
2. Volunteer at a unique Heritage location with a rich history
3. Social events including BBQ's and trips
4. Free bacon sandwich, tea/coffee and biscuits at lunch time
5. Earn Tempo Time Credits — *These can be used at venues all over the country*
6. Support your own health & wellbeing
7. Give something back to the community
8. Two workdays a month — *It's your time so you decide how much you do!*

****Tasks for all skill levels****

****We also need support on our Paranormal evenings, Open days & Sunday tours****

For more information, contact the Fort Volunteer Coordinator for more information

Justine@sloughfort.org.uk

Heritage Walks



Recently, the Fort gained some funding to provide free heritage walks on the peninsular. Our first walk was held on Sunday 29th December and took us around Yantlet Creek where our guide Keith explained it's rich history. The creek was often used by smugglers as a way to avoid capture from the Crown. We then followed the coast around before cutting across the field to a decoy oil refinery. The concrete structure was used when enemy bombers were on raids over England. Oil was lit in the dummy structure to fool the bombers and to guide them away from the real location of the nearby refinery. All fifty tickets were allocated within 2 days of being available. Our next walk is already full and will take in the history of Isle of Grain and it's forts. Look out for our March walk on Sunday 10th March, where tickets will be allocated via TicketSource.



'Fred' 1945 — 2020

Passing Of A Volunteer

It is with great sadness to report the recent sudden passing of Fred who was one of our valued volunteers. Fred took great joy in digging out some of the upper areas of the Fort to uncover additional viewing positions. Shortly, we will be planting a tree and naming it in Fred's honour. Fred will be sadly missed but will never be forgotten. Thankyou Fred for your support ♥



11am, Start at Grain Coastal Car Park, Isle of Grain, ME3 0BS Suitable for those reasonably fit, boots and wet weather gear required. Unsuitable for buggies and wheelchairs. Please note – Dogs **MUST** be on leads

Covering Defenses of the Isle of Grain throughout history
Tickets **must** be booked in advance
See our Facebook page for details or follow link for tickets

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/slough-fort-preservation-trust/t-yveggm>

Drone Film Of Heritage Walk

If you would like to see aerial footage taken of the Heritage Walk, please take a look at our social media pages.



Community Orchard

Slough Fort are again extremely grateful to A C Goatham for their continued support of our project and grounds. In wanting to put something back into the site, they have provided us with 20 apple trees, stakes and rabbit guards. It is hoped to have more in the future in order to create a community orchard.



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OUR FUTURE IS GROWING

Events Calendar

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

- **7th Feb — Paranormal Investigation — Ghost Hunt Events**
- **16th Feb — Heritage Walk — Tickets only (link on Facebook)**
- **22nd Feb — Paranormal Event — Psychic / Medium**
- **9th & 23rd Feb - Work days**
- **10th Mar — Heritage Walk — Tickets only (link on Facebook)**
- **7th Mar — Paranormal Investigation — Ghost Hunter Tours (Pro Night)**
- **9th & 23rd Mar - Work days**
- **3rd Apr - Paranormal night — Ghost Hunt Events**
- **5th Apr — First Sunday Tour Of 2020 — No Booking required
Tour starts prompt 11am**

Please note 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 or follow links from our Facebook page.

We Need Your Help

As the fort improves and grows, we need to attract new customers to support the restoration.

Many fort visitors who live locally do not know that the fort exists!

Social media is a cost effective way of promoting Slough fort.

Currently we have:

1030 likes

We would love for this to increase so please like and share our page with friends and family!!!



Social Media Platforms

You Tube

Did you know Slough Fort can also be found on

Instagram & You Tube



Search for Slough Fort Preservation Trust

Fort Website

Have you missed a newsletter or want to know when the next tour or open day is?

Do you want to enquire about a paranormal investigation?

Then please take a look at our website as it is regularly updated with items regarding the Fort.

<http://www.sloughfort.org.uk>

Slough Fort Christmas Party

To wish our volunteers a Happy Christmas and to thank them for all their hard work during the year, the volunteers downed tools early on the last work day of 2019, to enjoy a special themed Christmas Lunch. The team enjoyed a festive pigs in blanket baguette with stuffing, cranberry sauce and Christmas treats on the table. Before lunch started, a short presentation was given to showcase all of our joint achievements throughout 2019. Each of the volunteers also received a present and certificate for all their hard work. We were also able to give our volunteers a special Slough Fort jacket to keep them warm and dry while working at the fort. A lovely time was had! Well done everyone and the Trust are extremely honoured for all the hard work that has been done!

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



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