

Museum Services



Adopt an Object

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is introducing a new 'adopt an object' scheme for Friends and Supporters to help us look after the collections and inspire all our visitors to learn more about our heritage.

What's included:

- An adoption certificate.
- Write your own adoption label which will be displayed alongside the object in the Museum. Objects not on regular display will feature as Object of the Month when 'adopted' alongside your label.
- A high quality digital image of your adopted object.
- Invitation to an exclusive evening event with the SOFO Team where you can handle your object (where possible) and meet other adoptees.
- Acknowledgement on our Supporters page on the website.



Research Services

Would you like to know more about a relative who served with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry or the Oxfordshire Yeomanry? We offer a bespoke Research Enquiry service, with Standard and Advanced options. Standard Enquiries will provide you with an outline record with basic service information for your soldier, while advanced enquiries include a full report and history, along with copies of relevant images and documents.

Standard Enquiry: £50.
Advanced Enquiry: £100.

See www.sofo.org.uk/research for full details and use our Soldier Search to find out if your relative may have served with the Oxfordshire regiments.

- All the benefits of SOFO Friends membership.

In this introductory year we will be offering this scheme for a minimum donation of £50. It's a perfect way to help our conservation efforts.

Why not adopt an object as a gift or in someone's memory?

Please contact us at museumdirector@sofo.org.uk for further details.

Family Activities

Grandparents and grandchildren: why not visit the museum together!



A Family-Friendly Museum

All year round our permanent displays pack in plenty for families and children of all ages to get involved with. Sit in the back of a D Day glider, or walk through a Great War trench with interactive exhibits, or try your hand at code-breaking with one of our activity trails. Get stuck into the Kids Art Cart and make your own souvenir to take home, or try on wartime costumes at the Dress-Up Station. Plus, little ones can crash out in the Under 5s Den.

We'll Meet Again Collections Day

Saturday 2nd November
10am - 5pm

Can you help us tell the military stories of Oxfordshire from WW2 up to the 1980's? The museum is preparing its Reminiscence display and wants your help in bringing alive the key moments and memories of life in Oxfordshire from the outbreak of the Second World War and onwards.

On the day:

Have a cuppa and slice of cake with our volunteer story-catchers and share your memories with them for our Reminiscence exhibit. Handle real objects from WW2! Be creative and join our 'Make Do and Mend' activity. Investigate what objects can tell us about life

on the Home Front. Hourly 'Bootcamp' for children with a little R and R for the adults. Enjoy refreshments from our Iron Rations café.

Flying Machines Day

Saturday
7th September,
10am - 5pm

Could you fly military aircraft? Drop into the museum and find out, as the Air Force Cadets invite visitors to have a go on a flight simulator. See website for details and prices.



Family Open Afternoons

2pm - 4pm • £2 per child

Walk down memory lane with your grandparents at SOFO this summer! Every Wednesday and Thursday during the school holidays, come and explore our makeshift air raid shelter, take part in make do and mend activities, and just enjoy the simple things in life! Create a work of art together, cooking up a sweet treat or discover something new in one of our nostalgia trails. Parents and guardians welcome too!

31st July & 1st August

Wartime Cooking

Come and make some afternoon tea using wartime recipes!

7th & 8th August

Wartime Garden

Make a plant pot from recycled materials and plant your own vegetables to start your 'Dig for Victory' Garden.

15th & 16th August

Make Do and Mend

Learn (or revisit) some useful skills, including darning and rag rugging. Bring your own holey socks if you want to!

22nd & 23rd August

Poster Making

Create a protest poster with your own twist!

28th & 29th August

Flying Things!

Make something that flies and try the 'Flying Egg' challenge!



Events

Book at www.sofo.org.uk
or call us on 01993 810 211



Saturday 24th August
10am - 5pm

**Pegasus Bridge Revisited:
War Games Day at Soldiers of
Oxfordshire Museum**

Just in time for our exhibition commemorating the events of D Day and the Normandy Campaign, SOFO will host South Oxfordshire Generals War Game Club as they put on special demo war games in the museum. Visitors can participate in, and find out more about, the county regiment's involvement in the Normandy campaign as they see battles play out in table-top sessions throughout the day. Standard admission prices apply.

Wednesday 13th November
7pm • Tickets: £10

**'The Road to Peace is Paved with
Headstones' – The Commonwealth War
Graves Commission: Its History and
Legacy**

As we commemorate the many anniversaries of The Great War and The Second World War there has been much focus on remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Dick Richards highlights the role played by those far-sighted men and women who established an organisation, now known as the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, so that remembrance of their sacrifice will endure in perpetuity. We will look at the architectural and physical characteristics of the cemeteries and memorials as well as the underlying principles that govern their design.

Wednesday 11th September

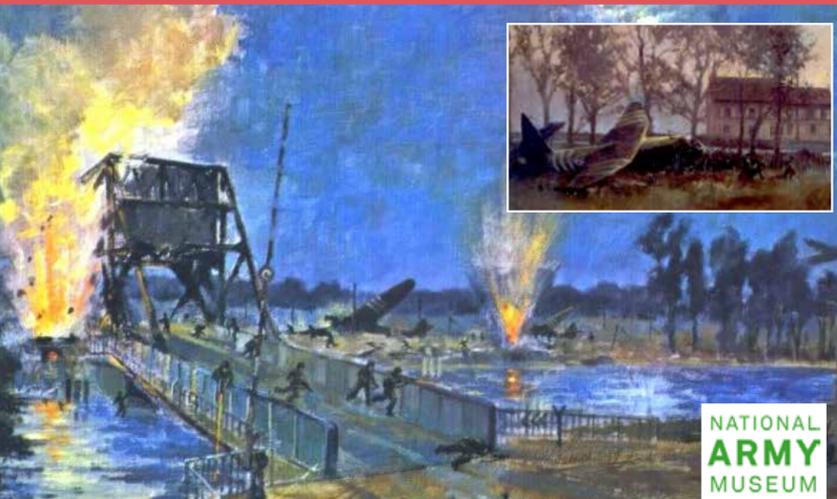
7pm • Tickets: £10

The Red Fox of Colditz
Brigadier Guy De Vere W. Hayes

discusses the many escapades of Lt Mike Sinclair KRRC - captured at Calais May 1940, killed at Colditz September 1944 on his ninth escape attempt. He never made 'a home run' but he spent more time free in occupied Europe than any other POW.



Exhibitions



NATIONAL
ARMY
MUSEUM

7th August to 3rd November 2019

Normandy 75: Oxfordshire to the Orne

Exhibition charting the Second World War invasion of Normandy by allied forces. Combining information panels from the National Army Museum with the regimental history and artefacts from SOFO's own archives to give an Oxfordshire perspective on D Day and the events surrounding it.

6th November 2019 - 9th February 2020

'Oh, What a Lovely War!' Humour in Times of Conflict

An exhibition that explores the ways in which humour and fun were used to spur on both troops and the people back at home - before, during and after war. Objects, music, posters, art, and testimonials from Oxfordshire people all illustrate how some of those who lived through times of conflict still managed to put a smile on their faces.

19th October 2019 - 5th Jan 2020

3945 Portraits Exhibition

Photographer Glyn Dewis exhibits his photographic portraits of Second World War veterans. Explore his work, find out about their medals, and hear about the veterans' experiences through Glyn's interview recordings.



Galleries

Visit the museum galleries which include:

- Blood and War, Life on the Front Line
- 21st Century Soldier, Modern Conflict
- The Secret War of 1939-1945
- Prisoners of War At Home and Abroad
- Winston Churchill and the Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars
- Oxfordshire Airpower, the Airmen and Airfields
- The Liberation of Bergen Belsen by the Oxfordshire Yeomanry
- Battles, the Stories of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

Walk through the recreated Great War trench dugout and sit inside a section of a replica D Day glider.



Visiting SOFO

Opening times

Tuesday to Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 11am - 5pm
Sunday 2pm - 5pm
Last admission 4.15pm
Check www.sofo.org.uk for bank holiday changes.

Park Street, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, OX20 1SN
(Enter through The Oxfordshire Museum reception)

SOFO is fully accessible, with baby changing facilities and shop.
Café on site at The Oxfordshire Museum.

Admission charges

Adults £4.50 / Concessions £3.80
Children 5-16 years £2.50
Family and annual tickets are available.
Please see website for details.

Getting here

- By road - via A44 Oxford to Evesham
- By bus - S3 and 500 from Oxford city centre. 242 from Witney. For bus time tables see www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk
- By train - nearest station is Long Hanborough, four miles away.
- Coach turning space is at the Park Street entrance to Blenheim Place.
- Disabled parking is located directly outside The Oxfordshire Museum.
- FREE public car park a short walk away in Hensington Road and limited on-street FREE parking in Park Street.



STORIES OF
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Galleries & Events

Summer to Winter 2019



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www.facebook.com/SoldiersOfOxfordshire

Park Street, Woodstock
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Visitor access to SOFO is through the Oxfordshire Museum.



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust is a registered Charity, No:1145408



WOODSTOCK & MUSEUM FLOOR PLAN

Cloister Gallery - Changing Exhibitions

Under 5s Den

REPLICA SECTION OF HORSIA GLIDER

BATTLES, THE OXFORDSHIRE AND BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY

PRISONERS OF WAR AT HOME AND ABROAD

THE OXFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY AT THE LIBERATION OF BERGEN-BELSEN CONCENTRATION CAMP

THE SECRET WAR

BLOOD & WAR, LIFE ON THE FRONT LINE

MODERN CONFLICT 21ST CENTURY SOLDIER

MOTORISED CANCE

CHRUCHILL AND THE QUEENS OWN OXFORDSHIRE HUSSARS

AIRPOWER, THE AIRMEN & AIRFIELDS OF OXFORDSHIRE

Reception & shop

Regimental and County Time Lines

Garden Gallery

Medal Display

Trench

