



Friends Newsletter

Spring 2009

Volunteers Christmas Party

A Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2009 from all the Staff and volunteers at Cheshire Military Museum

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A good time was had by all at the volunteers Christmas party! Staff and volunteers got together on Thursday 18th December 2008. This years event was funded by you the friends in recognition of the invaluable contribution volunteers make each year throughout the organisation. All those present would like to say a big thank you for your support. Our thanks also to Dave for preparing the food.

Exhibitions and Events 2009

The museum will continue to produce temporary exhibitions in 2009. We hope that they will be of interest to you! The current exhibition is 'Forget me not' looking back at the tender moments of service life. The exhibition runs until the end of March. This year a number of

themes have been selected including: D-Day, 'Odd Cheshires' and General Wolfe. We are hoping that students from Chester University will produce our Summer exhibition following the success of last years display highlighting the lives of Prisoners of War.

There will also be a number of events to look forward to in 2009 including The Big Draw and Heritage Open Days. So keep an eye on the local press for dates and details.

The newest arrival is..... A Pillbox

The latest arrival at the museum is a small pillbox or observation post dating to the Second World War. We know very little about it at the moment, so look out for more information in subsequent newsletters and press releases.

The pillbox was kindly donated by Airbus who also arranged and paid for its transportation from their Hawarden airfield.

If you have any information about this structure and how it was used feel free to let the Museum Officer know!

Work on interpretation has yet to begin. However the museum team is confident this object will make a great addition to the collection.



Spirit of Normandy

For those of you who served at Normandy; for those with relatives who fought and for those with a genuine interest in the campaign for freedom c1944; your attention is drawn to The Spirit of Normandy Trust. The Trust was founded by Major General Peter Martin CBE, late the 22nd (Cheshire)

Regiment, and General Sir John Mogg GCB, CBE, DSO, DL. The Trust has 2 objectives, Benevolence and Education. The Charity has an excellent website: www.spiritofnormandy.org.uk . and it gives full information on its activities. This is worth a look, especially in light of the 65th anniversary this June.

It is also noteworthy that Colonel Tony Gauvain, another ex Cheshire of whom many of you will know, is a Trustee. Further details can be sought from RHQ and the Museum.

Keith Skempton

News in Brief

VAQAS

The museum has recently been assessed under the Visit Britain Quality Assurance Scheme. We passed with flying colours and received a great deal of positive feedback.

Cheshire Military Museum will now be included by Visit Britain in promotional material which guarantees that our museum offers a

good level of service and an enjoyable experience for all. It is hoped that it will encourage more of Chester's many visitors to visit us in the future.

Charisma Card

Chester residents who have registered for the Charisma card can now gain entry to the museum at the concessionary rate.

British Cyprus Memorial Trust

An appeal has been launched to provide a granite memorial to honour the memory of the 371 British servicemen who died on active service in the Cyprus Emergency 1955-1959 and to

mark the 50th anniversary of the end of that Emergency. The memorial will be placed in the old British cemetery in Kyrenia and a Roll of Honour Memorial Book in the British garrison church near the military cemetery at Wayne's Keep

where almost all the dead are buried. The appeal committee are seeking to raise £200000.

For further details, contact the British Cyprus Memorial Trust, 26 York Street, London W1U 6PZ or look at the website: www.britishcyprusmemorial.org

CRA Stock currently on sale in the shop includes:

Item	Price
Regimental Tie	£6.25
Call to Arms (book) New	£15.00
Mouse Mat New	£1.50
'Zippo' Lighter	£10.00
Road to Vitez (cassette)	£3.00
CRA Medallion	£3.00
2000 pin Reduced to	£0.50
China Plate Reduced to	£5.00
China Coaster Reduced to	£1.00
Slate Coasters Now 6 for	£1.00



Don't forget that you can mail order CRA items as well as Regimental or Museum stock directly from the museum. Just telephone RHQ on 01244 327617 and we can send out your order within 24 hours. (subject to availability + p&p)