



Friends of The FUSILIERS MUSEUM OF NORTHUMBERLAND

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St. George's Day
Greetings

From everyone at The
Fusiliers Museum of
Northumberland



50th Birthday Celebrations

Fifty years ago, on St George's Day, 23rd April 1968, the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers amalgamated with the Royal Fusiliers, the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers to form today's Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Trooping the Colours, St George's Day, Kirton Lindsey, 1968

The St George's Day parade in 1968 was described in the Regimental newsletter, the *St George's Gazette*, as an "historic month and year in the Regiment's history". The 1st Battalion of The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and its sister Battalions in the New Regiment "intend to carry into the future the traditions, accomplishments and prowess which span the last three hundred years. The process of change is no new phenomenon. The heart of the matter is as sound as ever."

Fusilier Family

Rita Benson visited the Museum in September 2017 to see the bread which belonged to her father, displayed on the first floor of the Museum. Rita's father was a Prisoner of War, he saved the bread ration which had been issued to him upon his release on Armistice Day, 11th November 1918.

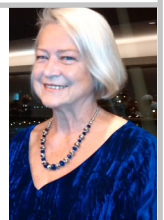


Rita's Son-in-Law wrote in our visitors' book:

"Brought my 88 yrs old mother-in-law to see her dad's bread on Floor 1. She is delighted"

Timely reminder

Don't forget **Kate Adie** is giving a talk on Tuesday 8th May in the Guest Hall at Alnwick Castle.



Author of "Fighting on the Home Front", Kate Adie is familiar to many of us through her work as Chief News Correspondent for the BBC. Amongst other high-profile assignments, Kate Adie has reported from both Gulf Wars, Northern Ireland and Kosovo.

Tickets cost £5.00 each and are available from Alnwick Castle's website.

Remember to insert the PROMO CODE: museum when you purchase your tickets online and Alnwick Castle will donate £1.00 from the sale of each ticket to the Museum.

Visitors to the
Museum last
season totalled
92,153

1968-2018
FUSILIER

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Regimental Colours



We plan to display the Colours of the 1st Battalion Royal Northumberland Fusiliers by May 2020, the 50th anniversary of their laying-up at the Museum.

The Colours were laid-up at the Museum on 4th May 1970, when the Museum was opened at Alnwick Castle by his Grace the Duke of Northumberland

We have a quotation from the textile department of the Bowes Museum, County Durham, for cleaning, rectification of areas of creasing, stabilisation and mounting of the Colours. We estimate the total cost to display the Colours will be £4,000; to help us go forward with this plan we would greatly value your support.

Please visit the 'Support' page of our website where you can find details about how to donate. Alternatively you can contact the Museum. Remember, UK taxpayers can Gift Aid donations so that the Museum will receive an additional 25% from the Government at no extra cost to the donor. To claim Gift Aid the Museum requires a signed declaration which cannot be completed online—please contact the Museum if you would like to add Gift Aid.



We couldn't do it without you ...

The Museum is very grateful for the generous donations from all our Friends and supporters. We have been able to continue the legacy of our recently completed redevelopment, in particular we have been able to employ a part-time Education and Outreach Officer who has provided activities to engage and entertain our visitors.

'You made the visit really great fun for my three aged 10, 8 & 6. All they wanted to do was go to the shop at the Castle but they were inspired by your staff and worksheet. Thank you'

J Dunne

'Guys upstairs (*volunteers: Chris, David and Steve*) were excellent. Loved the hands-on exhibits and information they provided'

Mark Sinclair, Kelly, William & Oliver,
Groton, Massachusetts

Generous grants received from the Army Museums and Ogilby Trust, Museum Development North East (Arts Council England), Association of Independent Museums (AIM), the Sir Francis Festing Fund, the Regiment and Samares Investments have recently helped us to purchase much needed equipment including a radio-controlled environmental monitoring system, three computers and some electric heaters.

Thank you!



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We've had a busy Easter and look forward to welcoming you this season. Closes: 28th October 2018