

**ANTON u3a AHA GROUP VISIT
to**

THE GURKHA MUSEUM

Peninsula Barracks, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO23 8TS

on Friday 27th May



This visit should appeal to most of our members, apart from being of interest it is also reasonably local and it is only a half day trip.

We will commence with a 45-minute talk about the culture, dress, beliefs, landscape, and history of the Nepalese. Their 200-year connection with the British Army will be explored, and reference will be made of some of the key incidents where Gurkhas played a prominent role giving examples of outstanding bravery of these soldiers. Gurkhas also provide soldiers for other countries, such as India, Singapore, and Brunei. Details of this visit are as follows:

- For car sharing we will meet at Wickes in the usual way and depart at 09.50 prompt. If any members choose to go direct, please advise the Organiser.
- The contribution towards fuel costs will be £2.50 per person.
- Parking is available on site and there should be plenty of space for 4 - 5 cars.
- We will congregate in Joe's Café - in the Old Guard Room at the site entrance. This is where we will meet at 10.20 and leave at 10.50 so that we arrive at the lecture room for the talk commencing 11.00 prompt.

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- Cost for lecture and Museum visit will be £10.00 with a minimum charge of £100.00 for our group. If less than ten attendees, this will increase slightly or more than ten the cost will reduce slightly.
- They have requested payment in a lump sum, and I will therefore collect your fee prior to entrance (please have cash available on the day).
- Following on, we will progress to the Museum, and provided sufficient members join the visit, a guide will accompany us to answer any questions we may have (apparently the museum layout does not lend itself to curated tours).
- A Risk Assessment for this visit has been completed, and no serious hazards are foreseen. In the event of rain, we are cautioned to take extra care when walking on grass; also keep an eye on vehicles moving on site.
- If any members are particularly interested in military history, The Gurkha Museum is in the centre of the old Peninsular Barracks, all beautifully conserved, and there are 5 other adjacent Museums. The museum of the Hampshire Regiment, now rationalized out of existence, may be of interest. A museum group ticket is available including entrance to the museums of the Royal Hussars, the Royal Green Jackets, and the Gurkhas. The entrance to the Museums of the Hampshire Regiment and Adjutant General's Corps are Free of Charge. It is emphasised that these additional establishments are not part of our planned tour but are well worth a visit.
- To complete our outing for those who desire, we could stop on the return journey for a snack lunch at the Fox at Crawley, SO21 2PR, which is conveniently located. **Please indicate whether you intend to join us for lunch so that a group reservation can be made when confirming your attendance of the visit.**
- Confirmation of interest, please reply **asap** to: -

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PS: If anyone is interested to visit all branches of the Armed Forces Museums on the same day, please speak with me prior to the visit to ensure you have the correct entry ticket.