

Sussex Military History Society - Study Day

LAND, AIR & SEA

Saturday 26th May 2012 10.00am – 5.00pm

Newhaven Fort, Newhaven - East Sussex

In aid of *Help for Heroes*

Please complete this booking form in BLOCK CAPITALS and return with your payment to: - Stewart Angell (SMHS Study Day)

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Bookings will be acknowledged by email. If you require acknowledgement by Royal Mail, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The cost of attending the 2012 Study Day (including tea/coffee/biscuits) is £15.00 per person. Lunch may be obtained from the Newhaven Fort Searchlight Café at reasonable cost, or feel free to bring sandwiches.

Payment: - Cheques payable to Sussex Military History Society

Email enquiries to: - enquiries@sussexmilitary.org.uk

Telephone enquiries call: - 07714923925

Venue information can be found at: - <http://www.newhavenfort.org.uk/>

Every effort will be made to adhere to the advertised programme however, last minute changes may occur.

No effects arising from this activity can be accepted by the organizers.

SMHS would like to thank all the speakers for donating their time to this event free of charge.

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Speakers include: -

Geoff Bridger, Andy Saunders, Peter Hibbs and
Simon Bellamy, covering WWI and WWII related subjects
plus a guided tour of Newhaven Fort by Ed Tyhurst.

Tickets cost £15.00 per person (including tea/coffee/biscuits)



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9.15am – 9.50am **Registration and refreshments**

9.50am – 10.00am **Introduction by Bob Peedle**

10.00am – 11.00am

The Great War Medley

'A collection of little known and unusual aspects of the conflict'

Speaker - Geoff Bridger

Over 100 pictures appertaining to the Great War, each with an explanation and often a strange tale to tell. They illustrate many unusual facets of this war, taken from the speakers extensive personal collection.

11.00am – 11.10am

Comfort Break

11.10am – 12.10pm

One Day in Sussex during the Battle of Britain

'Friday 16th August 1940'

Speaker – Andy Saunders

An in depth study and analysis of events in the county of Sussex on Friday 16th August 1940; the air battles, the air raids, the civilian casualties and losses suffered by both the Luftwaffe and RAF.

12.10pm – 1.10pm

Guided Tour of Newhaven Fort

Guide – Ed Tyhurst

The current Newhaven Fort structure was built around the 1860's and is the largest work of defence ever constructed in Sussex. It has stood firm as a vital element in Britain's coastal defence through two World Wars.

1.10pm – 2.10pm

Break for Lunch + Opportunity to explore Newhaven Fort further

2.15pm – 3.15pm

The Battlefield Beneath Your Feet

'East Sussex 1940-1945'

Speaker – Peter Hibbs

Peter Hibbs examines the anti-invasion defences of East Sussex during World War Two. A fast-moving visual presentation explains the different phases of construction and explodes a few popular misconceptions along the way.

3.15pm – 3.45pm **Afternoon break with refreshments**

3.45pm – 4.45pm

The Channel Dash

'Tactical Defeat, Strategic Victory?'

Speaker – Simon Bellamy

The escape of the German fleet through the Dover Strait is one of the most dramatic and controversial naval actions to have taken place off our coast. This presentation will recreate the action, focusing not only on the heroism of the participants but also how it altered the course of the war.

4.45pm – 5.00pm **Thank you from SMHS and event finish**

Our speakers in order of appearance:-

Robert Peedle MBE, TA

Bob had a busy career through the ranks as a Police Officer with the Metropolitan Police rising to the position of Chief Inspector. On retirement he joined the Royal Military Police, before embarking on a raft of social activities. Bob has a regular Sunday evening slot on radio Seahaven FM with his military band show 'Forces on Parade' from 6.00pm until 7.00pm.

Geoff Bridger

Geoff is well known for his research into aspects of the Great War.

A published author and military consultant he often assists in identifying bodies that get recovered from the former battlefields. A former specialist Royal Engineer, Geoff also has excellent knowledge of firearms and other weapons.

Andy Saunders

Andy is a freelance writer and researcher specialising in military aviation history, with particular emphasis on the Battle of Britain and the air war over North West Europe 1939 – 1945. He has been involved in the recovery and preservation of military aircraft and artefacts since 1969 and was both the founder and originator of the concept of an aviation museum at Tangmere and the museum's first curator. As a published author Andy has written many aviation books and regularly contributes to magazines and television documentaries.

Ed Tyhurst

Ed has been working at Newhaven Fort for nine years. Having grown up in Newhaven he always had an interest in its history and spent many happy days there when he was younger. Since working there he has gained a great deal of knowledge relating to the fort. His role includes undertaking group tours and educating school visits.

Peter Hibbs

Pete has been interested in military history since childhood, leading to a degree in War studies and time with the Territorial Army. His historical research places a heavy reliance on IT, as will become apparent during his talk that will be based on his *Defence of East Sussex Project*.

The projects website can be viewed at <http://www.pillbox.org.uk>

Simon Bellamy

Simon is a member of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies and of the Sussex Military History Society. As an officer in the Royal Naval Reserve, he has served around the world, including the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the South Atlantic and the Northern Gulf during operations in Iraq.

Sussex Military History Society

The Sussex Military History Society was formed in late 1998 to encourage regeneration of county militaria, aeronautical and naval material.

As a group we have a good mix of members with a variety of interests in all aspects of military history.

We meet up on the third Wednesday of every month for 7.30pm in the Royal Oak Inn (function room), Station Street, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 2DA. The evening speaker starts at 8.00pm and is followed by questions, a raffle and general chat between members.

Monthly newsheets are available at meetings, with topical news and information, plus future projects.

Why not join us?

For further information visit www.sussexmilitary.org.uk