

Discover stories from Aldershot's history over the Heritage Open Days weekend

Special events organised by the Friends of the Aldershot Military Museum

14-15 September 2019
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Stories from Aldershot's fascinating history will be put in the spotlight for the annual Heritage Open Days. This year is the 25th Anniversary of Heritage Open Days, and once again the Friends of the Aldershot Military Museum have organised special events to celebrate our unique local heritage. The Aldershot events will take place over the weekend of 14-15 September and are free of charge.

On **Saturday 14 September** there will be a guided tour of the historic and beautiful **Royal Garrison Church of All Saints**, the oldest of the Army churches in Aldershot. The Royal Garrison Church of All Saints opened in 1863, and it contains a wealth of memorials to Army units and individuals. The tour will start with a short talk in the Church, which will give an insight into the origins and development of this magnificent building, followed by a walk through the Church highlighting some of the significant features. After time for visitors to look around the interior, the tour then moves outside for a look at the memorials in the grounds, including the Somme Cross, the Airborne Forces Memorial and the Deane memorial.

Meet at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Farnborough Road, Aldershot, GU11 1QA, at 10.00, the tour will finish by 12.00. Follow signs to the Royal Garrison Church from the roundabout at the junction of the Farnborough Road (A325) and Wellesley Road. There is a large car park by the Wellington Statue, from there walk around the road and up the avenue leading up to the church.

On **Sunday 15 September** will be "**Local Heroes at the Aldershot Military Museum**", a chance to discover the amazing stories of three great local heroes, Samuel Cody, Maurice Toye and Field Marshal Montgomery, told through items in the Aldershot Military Museum and talks on their remarkable lives and connections with Aldershot and Farnborough.

The tour will begin with a short introduction, after which visitors will be taken to the reconstruction of Cody's workshop in the Museum. Cody was the first person to make a powered flight in Britain, in 1908 over Laffan's Plain, Farnborough, and visitors will hear about his amazing life from an expert on this great aviation pioneer. The tour will continue into the military gallery, where the story of Captain Maurice Toye's courage in the First World War will be told. Toye was born and raised in Aldershot and had a remarkable military career, during which he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his outstanding bravery. Finally the tour moves to the Montgomery Gallery, originally built by the Field Marshal to house his command caravans. Montgomery was Britain's most famous Second World War commander and he had strong connections to Aldershot military town. There will be two tours, in the morning at 11.30 and in the afternoon at 14.00, with each tour approximately 1.5 hours in duration.

The Aldershot Military Museum is in Queen's Avenue, Aldershot, GU11 2LG, on the corner of Queen's Avenue and Evelyn Wood's Road. The No. 1 bus service runs from Aldershot and Farnborough and there is a stop in Queens Avenue, just a short walk from the museum.