The Highlanders Museum

(Queen's Own Highlanders Collection)

Newsletter

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Hello! Happy New Year and welcome to our latest Newsletter.

We had a busy 2025 here at the Museum, our VE DAY exhibition opened and has been extremely well received.

We were presented with a full replica uniform and kit by the 78th Fraser Highlanders Ceremonial Regiment headquartered in Montreal Quebec, Canada. It was an honour to meet their Captain, Hugh Nicholson, M SMF and his party in person here at the Museum as they presented their generous gift to us. It has been added to the Nick Ridley room cabinet on the ground floor.

Now as the New Year begins it's time for us to reflect on our achievements, plan and prepare for our next chapter, exciting projects, and carry out some much-needed repairs and TLC on our Museum and Collection.

Museum Shop: As the New Year begins, we are focusing on bringing more products into the shop, expanding our regimental range and adding interesting and unusual gifts for our visitors.

Why not treat a friend or family member to some regimental badges, cufflinks, a Hector brooch or an interesting book for those warm, cosy nights by the fire.

As always, one of the finest ways for you to support the incredible work here at the Highlanders Museum (Queen's Own Highlanders Collection) and the amazing collection we look after, is to purchase items from our gift shop, from military history books and soldier biographies, regimental items, military toys to mugs and pins. There is something for everyone.

We are also excited to offer printed copies of the medals received by your ancestors; these can also be laminated and framed. Replica medals can also be purchased both full size and/or in miniature and we can include mounting of the replica medals in a bespoke case.

If you are interested in purchasing something, you are welcome to browse our catalogue on our museum website, where you can also order online. https://shophldrs.com/

You can also phone in to enquire at **01667 457791** or simply come in person. That way you also get to see the museum and the incredible collection housed within.

Volunteers: Our amazing volunteers continue to be backbone of all our achievements here at the Museum. From driving and guiding our unique Highlands & Jacobite Tours, to welcoming visitors to the Museum, and completing various research and archival requests. Completion of all these tasks would not be possible without to our fantastic volunteers.

We hope that you share our gratitude to those volunteers, without whom, the museum simply could not function.

Would you be interested in helping us here at the Museum? We are currently looking for anyone to assist us at Front of House and with general museum maintenance and conservation.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering at the museum, then reach out to Alyson at 01667 457792 or resolvcoordinator@thehighlandersmuseum.com

Minibus Tours: Our minibus tours are still proving very popular. Are you visiting the Highlands over the winter period to visit friends or family? Or are you luckily enough to live here in the Highlands and have friends or family visiting you? Then why not book a private tour to create an unforgettable day out that will allow you and your friends/family the opportunity to experience a tour of the Highlands, full of interesting facts, gripping stories and great laughs and memories with our amazing guides.

Your exclusive tour will be aboard our comfortable heated/air conditioned minibus with our knowledgeable guides and drivers. and will include a trip along Loch Ness with Jacobite Cruises. Whilst we have a broad itinerary in mind, we can make minor alterations to suit requests or preferences to personalise the tour and give you the best possible experience.

By booking a tour, not only will you explore the incredible and stunning homeland of our Regiments, but you will also learn the history of its people and will play a major role in keeping their legacy alive. Hopefully we will see you on the minibus soon! Tour capacity is from 2 to 6 pax.

For more information or to book, please visit our website http://Tinyurl.com/Highlandtours

Further Information:

If you haven't visited us for a while why not plan a visit.

We are now on winter opening hours 10.00 – 15.45 (last entry 15.15)

Entry to the Museum is Free, but there is a charge to enter Fort George (free, if you are a Friend of the Museum). If your Friend of the Museum membership has expired or is due to update soon, you can renew it with ease, either on the website or in person at the Museum shop where a member of our team will be only too happy to assist you.

We also offer Group Visits and Private Tours, for schools, local clubs and organisations or any visiting family groups that would like a personal tour on their visit. These tours include the hidden Collection rooms where we store items not currently on display.

If you are interested in a private tour or organised visit, please contact **Gavin Wilkie on 01667 457789** or adminofficer@thehighlandersmuseum.com

Upcoming Events:

We have lots of exciting activities, events and exhibitions for you to enjoy:

All year	Lego Highlanders Trail
All year	Virtual Shooting Gallery (Glock pistol and a SA80 assault rifle)
Early Spring	Opening of revamped Queen's Own Highlanders Gallery
Spring	New exhibition 'Battle of the Somme'

Keep your eyes on our website and social media for details of our upcoming talks, a series of informative and interesting talks led by Gavin Wilkie to be held within the Fort throughout the year.

Our next newsletter will be issued in the Spring but for now may I thank you all for your support of The Highlander's Museum, without your support, we could not do what we do.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best Wishes

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