



The Gurkha Museum Lecture and Curry Lunches 2018

Friday 20 April 2018 – 12.00pm

'The Genius of Leadership: Why did The Fourteenth Army fight for Uncle Bill' (Field Marshal The Viscount Slim)'



The Gurkha Museum are delighted to welcome Mr William Franklin who will be giving a lecture on Field Marshal The Viscount Slim and his leadership during World War 2. The talk will centre on Slim's achievements as a commander and what contributed to his success in commanding the Fourteenth Army from 1943-1945. Mr Franklin will concentrate on why the British troops under his command fought for him, examining his three foundations of morale: spiritual, intellectual and material that he outlined in his great account 'Defeat into Victory'.

Friday 4 May 2018 – 11.00am

Gurkha Everest Expedition 2017 – Major Andrew Todd MBE



On 15 May 2017, the Brigade of Gurkhas made history when three serving Gurkhas reached the summit of Mount Everest. Not only were they the first from the Brigade to be successful in climbing the highest mountain in the world, but with their Sherpa climbing partners, and in an unprecedented move in recent Everest history, they fixed the ropes on the route to the summit, thereby opening the mountain for the rest of the climbers. On 16 May 2017, a further team of 10 Gurkhas successfully summited the mountain.

"This was a truly unique collaboration of Sherpas and Gurkhas working together for success on Mount Everest — their mountain, in their country," said deputy expedition leader Major Andrew Todd MBE.

We are delighted to be joined by deputy expedition leader Major Andrew Todd MBE who will be giving a talk on the expedition from the planning, to the finish of this historic climb of the world's tallest peak.

Friday 16 November 2018 – 11.00am

Reflections of a Soldier in Hong Kong – Lieutenant General Sir Peter Duffell KCB CBE MC



General Duffell first went to Hong Kong as a young officer in the 2nd Gurkha Rifles in 1961 and served in the Territory with his Regiment at the time of Mao's Cultural Revolution and thereafter in various appointments in the 1970's and 80's including Commander Gurkha Field Force 1984-85. From 1989 to 1992 Sir Peter was Commander British Forces Hong Kong, Major General Brigade of Gurkhas and a member of the Territory's Executive Council, the Cabinet of Hong Kong – from the Tiananmen Square demonstrations to the arrival of Chris Patten. He was invited to attend the Handover ceremonies in 1997. He has been a regular visitor to Hong Kong and China over the last twenty years. In this talk the General reflects on some of the military and civil events and incidents that he has played a part in or witnessed as a soldier and civilian over 55 years of involvement in the Territory.

Tickets are priced at £35 per head (£32 for Museum Friends) and includes tea and coffee on arrival, the lecture and a two course curry lunch in the Gallery. Please call 01962 842832 or email

marybrown@thegurkhamuseum.co.uk to book.

June and October lectures are still TBC however we will have further details to provide in May.