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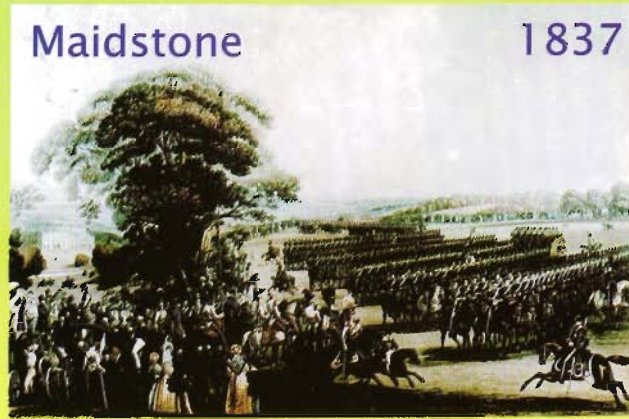
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Kent and
Sharpshooters
Yeomanry

Museum Appeal 2008/9



Dear friend of the Museum

We would like to invite you to consider making a donation towards the renewal of our Museum at Hever Castle in Kent.

Since its opening by Princess Alexandra in 1985 it has become one of the most visited army museums in the Country. We want to keep it that way.

The funds you donate will enable us to modernise the layout, extend the range of exhibits, and keep alive the proud story of those who have served the Regiment from its formation up to the present day.

Thank you for your kind support.

Barney White-Spunner
Major General
Honorary Colonel Kent & Sharpshooters Yeomanry

Background

The museum is based in the armoury, on the top floor of the castle keep, by kind permission of Broadland Properties Ltd.

Yeomanry in East and West Kent were formed in 1794 when the county was in the front line of a possible invasion by the French. The Sharpshooters were formed as Yeomanry in the County of London at the time of the Boer War. By the time the Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry amalgamated as a reconnaissance regiment in 1961, both sides had seen extensive action in the Boer, the First and the Second World Wars.

Changes have continued and today our serving squadrons are C (KSY) Squadron, based at Croydon, and 265 (KCLY) Support Squadron (Sharpshooters) based at Bexleyheath, with recent action in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Every two or three years the Regiment parades at the castle to celebrate the role of the Kent Yeomanry and the Sharpshooters in the Battle of Alam El Halfa in 1942, a turning point in the war in the Western Desert.

Our plan for the future

The trustees wish to see the Museum become a living archive of the Regiment, using the latest display techniques to inspire visitors of all ages with the lives and achievements of the serving Yeomen of Kent and the County of London.

We want to display much more of our collection than we are able to today, and to bring to life the story of the Regiment in a vivid and imaginative way.

We have £20,000 in the bank. Our plan is to raise an additional £100,000 to renovate the Museum and to fund new purchases.

We are looking to complete the renovation during the 2008/9 winter. Look out for details of our 2009 Reopening Ceremony and other events on our Museum website, www.ksymuseum.org.uk, which is also packed with more information on the history of the Regiment.

For more information about Hever Castle, dating back to 1270 and once the home of Anne Boleyn, the second wife of Henry VIII, visit: www.hevercastle.co.uk



How can you be involved?

All donations large and small will be most welcome, and we will record the names of all donors in a book in the museum.

Each of the 20 largest donors will be commemorated by a plaque on one of the 20 main displays.

If you are a UK tax payer, please consider making your donation under Gift Aid.

Please fill out the Response form and send it to:

Michael Donnelly,
Hon Treasurer,
KSY Museum Trust,
69 Haverstock Hill,
London NW3 4SL

together with a cheque made out to KENT & SHARPSHOOTERS YEOMANRY MUSEUM TRUST

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