



The Borneo Confrontation

Speaker: Rupert Hague-Holmes

Date: Wednesday 15th July 2026 7:30pm

Venue: Woodcote Village Hall

Described at its conclusion by Denis Healey as “as one of the most efficient uses of military force in the history of the world”, this talk on the Confrontation with Indonesia will cover the geopolitical context to the conflict, its origins, key events, the leading personalities on both sides, each side’s tactics and equipment/weapons, the factors that brought it to a successful conclusion in August 1966 and the subsequent British military withdrawal from east of Suez.