

Monthly Newsletter



**WELCOME BACK TO
THE MUSEUM &
TO A NEW SEASON,
IT'S OUR
40TH ANNIVERSARY
LET CELEBRATE AND
MAKE IT A GOOD ONE**

April 2025

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In this newsletter
you can expect:

**Battle of
Britain**

**Easter
Bunny**

**New Years
Honour List**

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Window**

The Battle of Britain Model Project 2025-2040

The Battle of Britain Model Project 2025-2040, the group is made up of 3 dedicated historians and modelers: Dom Pound, Chris Wiseman and Jerry Bird. The group is exclusively for the fifteen year Battle of Britain Project covering museums, associations and private collectors. The project is to create a long series of dedications that will be unveiled and treated solemnly and with reverence, in memory of the 'Few' and those who supported them. The project will also look to tell the story of the Luftwaffe aircraft who fought against them and the development of Exeter Airport into RAF Exeter.

In 2025, the year of the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day – Thursday 8th May 2025); Victory in Japan (JV) Day 80th Anniversary (Friday 15 August 2025) and the 85th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain (Monday 15 September 2025). Exmouth Museum & Heritage Centre and The Battle of Britain Model Project 2025-2040 in liaison with the Exmouth Salvation Army and the Exmouth Royal British Legion are hosting a series of events to mark these phenomenal dates.

The museum will be receiving/displaying some of the models which will be dedicated to the squadrons serving at RAF Exeter along with a couple of those of neighbouring units serving elsewhere to tell the story on this areas part in the Battle of Britain

There will be a display in the Museum, featuring models of aircraft and details of the planes and the airfields and a series of talks (in the Salvation Army Hall), with the Museum open before and after on the following days:

Tuesday 8th April, Thursday 8th May (TBC), Tuesday 27th May and a model and Dedication Plaque will be officially unveiled on Sunday August 10th 2025

Dom is making the models that will be displayed in cases and in flight. The following is a list of airmen who flew the planes that will be displayed at the museum. Dom will also include a pair of German aircraft confirmed shot down by Exeter squadrons. The pilots and their squadrons:

Sgt S Butterfield 213 Sqdn

Wing Cmdr. J Dewar RAF Exeter Station Commander

PO J Phillippart 213 Sqdn (also the pilot described in the audio recording)

FO R Beamont 87 Sqdn

Fo J Cock 87 Sqdn

PO T Wade 92 Sqdn (spitfire crashed near Exeter during a patrol from RAF Pembury Wales).

Sqdn Ldr M Robinson 601 Sqdn

PO R Lawson 601 Sqdn

The main focus of the talks will be on the beginning of Exeter Airfield in 1937 up to becoming RAF Exeter officially on the 6 July 1940. The talk will then cover three combats that the Exeter Squadrons were involved in during August 1940. There will also be audio and film recordings and an outline on the Project, models and dedications. There will be time for questions and the speakers have a knowledge of the bombing of Exmouth, the Exe Estuary, Exeter and East Devon.

This presentations was written by Pete Hayes

EXMOUTH MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE NEW YEARS HONOURS LIST 2024

ALBION COBBLERS

Barry, Laura & the Team at 'THE EXMOUTH ARMS'
Karen, Alan, Gerry & the Team at THE RAFA CLUB, WINGS BAR
Sue & the Team at THE GWRSA RAILWAY CLUB
Andrew & the Team at EXMOUTH SALVATION ARMY
Kath, Doug, Nick & the Team at THE STRAND
YANNICK MONROE - RESEACHER
THE IVES LETTING COMPANY - DONATION
PAUL RADGICK - RESEARCHER
CAROL CLAYTON - COSTUMES (repair and design)
MIKE MENHENITT - FORMER COMMITTEE MEMBER
TRICIA CASSEL-GERARD - COFFEE MORNINGS & RESEACH
THE MEN'S SHED
THE TOURIST INFORMATION TEAM
WILSON'S PAINTS
PETER COWPER - DONATION
KRISTINE NORTON - CHEESE SCONES
JANE CARROLL - DONATION & RAFFLE PRIZES
PAM JASPER - RUNNING OF COFFEE MORNINGS
MARGARET WEST - HELP at COFFEE MORNINGS
JOAN FELLOWS - Baking & assistance with stewards meetings
WITHYCOMBE FISH SHOP - DONATION
MOORE'S PASTIES - DONATION
TESCO COMMUNITY CHAMPION (Lisa)
CO-OP BRIXINGTON - DONATION

Tourist Information Window

During the month of April the Museum will be having a small display of information posters on how it all began back in 1985 to the present day, plus some artefacts to celebrate our 40th Anniversary.



EVENTS

1st April 2025 April Fools Day

8th April 2025 first of the Battle of Britain Talks in the Salvation Army Hall

17th April 2025 Coffee Morning 10.15 - 12.15 at the Axis Centre, Market Street, Exmouth

18th April 2025 Good Friday Closed

19th & 21st April Easter Egg Hunt at the Museum

21st April 2025 Easter Monday

24th April 2025 Quiz Night, 7.15 at The Wings Bar, Imperial Road, Exmouth



EASTER BUNNY HUNT

Saturday &
Easter Monday

we are doing again Hunt the Bunny Competition, Children that visit with a paying Adult will be able to do the hunt and win an Easter Chocolate Bunny. Sponsored by Tesco.

Like the Dinosaur Hunt the Bunnies will be hidden around the galleries, 5 in each. At the end the children will receive a certificate and an Chocolate Bunny.

