



Monthly Newsletter



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Here's what has happened in the last month!

Last month we reopened our door to the general public for an exciting 2025 season, plus it is our 40th Year Anniversary year too!!

To celebrate this we had our lovely Anniversary Tote Bag and Mug, plus some other items from the Museum in a window display in the Tourist Information Centre (TIC) window for the month of April, (hope you all got to see it).



April also saw the start of talks in the Salvation Army hall, first one on the evening of 8th April about the Battle of Britain. Dom Pound and Chris Wiseman presented the talk. The evening started with public coming into the Museum to purchase their ticket and have the chance of looking at the Battle of Britain display within the Cottage gallery of the Museum before heading over to the talk in the Salvation Army hall.

The evening talk started at 7.30 with Chris Wiseman giving a short introduction then handed over to Dom Pound, who talked about the Hawker Hurricane as well as introducing Pilots such as FO J. Cook and Sgt Butterfield, during this section on the combats that took place over Portland on August 11th & 13th 1940.

Dom then hand over to Chris who introduced us to Jacques Philliport who shot down a plane over Exmouth.

We heard an audio file by a gentleman called Dennis Southard who talked about his experience of being a young lad and watching a dogfight over the Exe estuary and Exmouth from his location at Dawlish Warren during WW2.

Then we went back to Dom talking about 601 sqdn who contained a few pilots from Poland as replacements for many of the casualties and their first loss at Exeter was one of these Polish pilots. The squadron had already suffered terribly at RAF Tangmere.

601 squadron were know as the millionaires pilots as they came from backgrounds like bankers and other high class jobs.

The talk was a tribute to those who were lost in action from RAF Exeter during the Battle of Britain in 1940,

The talk will be repeated on July 8th if you missed it, however on the 8th May Dom will begin a new special six part talk on the Battle of Britain from 10 Groups perspective including personalities.

LEST WE FORGET,



The evening was enjoyed by 47 members of public, there was time at the end for question with teas & coffee supplied by the Museum.





Easter Bunny Hunt!

In April we had Easter, and at the Museum over the Saturday and Monday we had the Easter Bunny Hunt completion, where children had to find the hidden bunnies around the galleries, and on finding them they received a Chocolate Bunny courtesy of Tesco Community, and a certificate.



Other News



We are going out to do many more talks and visits to care home and clubs here are some of the pictures from some last year to give you an insight as to what we do, Firs Residential home in Budleigh we took items like egg beaters, shoe last, pictures of old Exmouth to name but a few.



Residents love having a go, it brings back old memories.

Rose Lodge Care Home was another place we visited this April, and the residents saw and handled items like old early electric razors, spice jars and electric irons.

Memory Café at Imperial hotel is a regular visit we have been asked to attend. The Stroke Society, in the All Saints Church hall Pam Langford and Pete Hayes went, they took items

and the members of the club were asked question like how heavy do you think this canon ball is.

If this is something you would like to have a go at please let a committee member

know as we need different volunteers to help as its a lot to keep asking the same volunteers all the time. Its just handed out items for the people to talk about their memories, you do not have to stand and give a talk. You would not be alone as a member of committee will be with you, it normally for about 90 minutes long in an afternoon or morning.



VOLUNTEER WEEK

Volunteer Week

2nd - 8th June is National Volunteer Week and we will be joining many other business and charities celebrate the work that our Volunteers do to keep the museum running smoothly.

As the Stewards Coordinator I (Jacky) will be making cupcakes for everyone to enjoy with a mid morning cuppa or an your afternoon cuppa.

It also gives me a chance to say thank you to Volunteers that has helped with little extras from doing their normal stewarding duties.

May 2025

Event Dates

08th May 2025 VE DAY Fish and Chip Luncheon 1.0pm at the Salvation Army Hall, see poster for details

08th May 2025 Battle of Britain Evening Talk, in the Salvation Army Hall, see poster for details

15th May 2025 Coffee Morning, at the Axis Centre, Markets Street, (behind the cinema)

29th May 2025 Quiz night at the Wings Bar, Imperial Road, Exmouth, 7.15 for 7.45 start.