

Monthly Newsletter



Happy Birthday
TO THE MUSEUM 40 Years

The Garden & Home Shop

Exeter Road (going down memory lane)

The Garden and Home shop in Exeter Road, was previously know as F. L Joyce's an Electrical/TV shop, where a Mr. Molland was their Television engineer. Then an elderly couple transformed it into the Garden/Hardware shop that it was when Kevin Twemlow acquired it it under The Garden and



Home name, in 1973. Although gardening, plants etc. were an important feature for the shop, it was also the type of shop where you could buy most household items, such as kitchenware, electrical, electric

kettles. light bulbs, 5 / 15 amp plugs before they became 13 amp plugs. but Kevin's speciality was lawnmowers, and the servicing thereof, plus sharpening shears and scissors, whilst his wife Barbara's skill was catering for the garden plants. Sales varied of course with the seasons, for example, during the winter months the sale of paraffin (which was from a petrol pump), bags of coal/coalite, and Calor gas. Lawnmowers servicing early spring. Then bedding plants and compost also in spring. During the summer, it would sell sun loungers, Barbeques, charcoal, you name it they sold it and adapted to the seasons. Occasionally there would be supply problems, outside influences prevailed, such as the Miners strikes, when supply of coal etc. became difficult. When there was the 3 day week for supply of electricity. That in turn put the pressure on paraffin, coal and Calor gas supplies, which meant Kevin would frequently make a trip to Exeter to get supplies.

Paraffin became in short supply and customers would leave their cans in ready for when the shop had a delivery, and even rationing took place. It's hard to imagine now as we take central heating for granted.

One thing this shop endeavoured to do was to have a lovely flower display at the front of it, which Barbara did, her hanging baskets were a sight to behold. Each year they entered in the Exmouth in Bloom competition and in 1980 that they won First prize for their display.

As with personal shop owners, you worked hard, but there was always a sense of achievement when playing a part in the retail trade. Customers became friends, and in Kevin's case he could remember what make of lawnmower they had.

Eventually, out of town stores appeared, such as B&Q and garden centres, which affected their business. Kevin & Barbara decided that after 25years it was time to sell up, Garden & Home became Knobbles Cycles shop. But Kevin still looks back fondly of his time there, along way from taking the leap of faith from being a worker at Hancock and Wheeler (Ironmongers) which is now known as Garners Home Hardware, after being the Manager there for 10 years. Kevin can tell you a story or two from his days in the shop but that will be another tale for another month.

Garden & Home story by Kevin Twemlow, (adapted for the newsletter)

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SPECIAL EDITION

July 17th 1985 40 years Anniversary July 17th 2025

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE!

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Thursday 17th July 2025 marks the 40th year of Exmouth Museum & Heritage Centre. To mark this special occasion we start the day with our very popular Coffee Morning at the Axis Centre, then we continue the fun at the Museum, with Cakes, 3 Key game and Treasure Hunt & much More!!

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 17th July 10.15 - 12.15
At the Axis Centre, Market Street, (behind the cinema)

FUN & GAMES

In the Museum fore court
Thursday 17th July 12.00 - 16.00

MUSEUM OPEN FOR VISITORS

10.00 - 17.00

EXMOUTH MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE,
Sheppards Row, Exmouth,
01395 266339



Happy Birthday to the Museum

As the Museum is celebrating 40 years of preserving local history in Exmouth so we hope to have a fun filled day on the 17th July,

We start the day with our very popular Coffee Morning at the Axis Centre in Markets street, 10.15 - 12.15

Then the celebrations continue over at the Museum until 17.00, where the museum will be open an hour later than normal.'

In our front courtyard will be cake stall, fun with games, like table skittles, Treasure Hunt, Three key box, and more. Do come along and join in with our 40 years celebration, watch this space for more celebrations in the following months as we continue with our celebrations.

Battle of Britain Talks

The Battle of Britain talks continue through July with the first on

Tuesday 8th July

This is a repeat of the talk back in April 8th where we were introduced to pilots sure as FO J.Cook and Sgt. Butterfield and 601 Sqdn.

Thursday 24th July

Talk 3 The Battle Intensifies, Co operation with 11 Group
1st - 17th August 1940.

Sunday 10th August

Model and Dedication Plaque will be officially unveiled, attending will be by many dignities' of Exmouth town, and Rev. David Arnott will be conducting the blessing and unveiling,
TBA.

following on in to August will be more talks and Talk no.4 each of the talks will be in the Salvation Army Hall, from 7pm with the Museum will be open before and after for chance to view the Battle of Britain display in the Cottage gallery.

Volunteer Week

2nd - 8th June was national volunteer week and we here at the museum celebrated it with cupcakes for each shift and thank you cards for all volunteers from our Steward Coordinator, Jacky Stockhill. Arts and Culture East Devon (ACED) celebrated outstanding contributions and commitments of our dedicated volunteer who has gone above and beyond their role. Eligibility for this was residents of East Devon who perform a volunteer role benefiting the arts and culture sector in East Devon. Our lovely Pete Hayes was nominated for his commitment to the Museum, for the work he puts in for grants and the fund raising, monthly quiz nights, the treasure hunt to name but a few, a piece about Pete and his work he does was submitted and we had to list three words that describes him, ours were
1. Outstanding 2. Helpful 3. Friendly
Pete was in the shortlist of runners up beaten by the Curator at Seaton Museum, but he's a winner in our eyes. Well Done Pete !!



Event Dates

June 2025

5th July 2025 Armed Forces Day, in The Strand (Museum will be having a stall there)

8th July 2025 Battle of Britain Talk in the Salvation Army Hall Sheppards Row, Exmouth. This is a repeat of April's talk.

11th - 13th July 2025 Exmouth Festival, (Museum has a stall on Saturday 12th in The Strand)

17th July 2025 Birthday Celebration

17th July 2025 Coffee Morning, at the Axis centre, Markets Street, (behind the cinema)

17th July 2025 Birthday Celebration outside the Museum, Sheppards Row, Exmouth.

24th July 2025 Battle of Britain Talk in the Salvation Army Hall Sheppards Row, Exmouth. Talk 3 The Battle Intensifies, Eagle Offensive,

26th July 2025 Organ and Transplant Awareness Day in The Strand, (Museum will be having a stall there)

31st July 2025 Quiz Night at The Wings Bar, 7.15 for 7.45 start, teams of up to six, £2 per person.