

Monthly Newsletter

September 2025



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A High Society Wedding In Exmouth

(going down memory lane)

It's hard to believe, but in 1906, one of the most important weddings in the locality took place in Albion Hill. The church where this wedding took place was where a humble Nissen Hut now stands.

It was a rather small Roman Catholic Church built by the Rev. John Grainger in 1892 when he built a house at the junction of Albion and Windsor square. He had moved there from where he lived at the Lawn, now known as the Park Hotel, and where he had a private Roman Catholic Chapel within the house.

As he was the family priest for the Bryce family who lived at Bystock, it was decided this was where their daughter Mary Mercedes would get married to an officer of the Coldstream Guards (Harold Phillips), it being the only Catholic Church in the area at the time.

It was quite an attractive

little church, and suitably decorated with a profusion of flowers from the Bystock greenhouses.

Such was the importance of this marriage, that 300 of the distinguished guests were invited to the wedding with many Counts and Countesses and the cream of Parisian Society present. It is hard to imagine how they all squeezed into this rather small Church, particularly as the Westminster Choir performed there as well.

It would have made quite a picture with all the carriages needed to transport the guests to and from Bystock, where the reception was held.

written for this months
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If you would like to know more on this story it can be found on page 10 of The Bystock & Marley Book (a copy of which is available in the museum for reference).



The Nissen Hut as it is
today

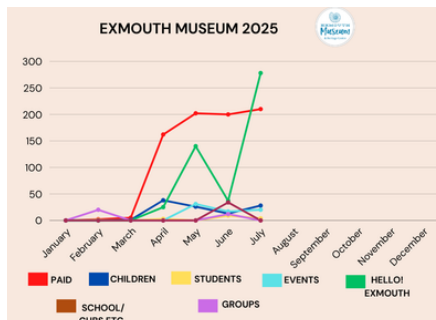
Museum AGM is to be held on Saturday 6th September 2025 at 10.30 am at the Exmouth Chapel, Exeter Road, Exmouth EX8 1PN all welcome.



Sunday 10th August Rev. David Arnott did a small service of dedication, and the unveiling of the plane in memory Sgt Sam Butterfield's Hurricane. Rev. Arnott said a few words in remembrance of all the fallen and at the end of the short service Rev. Arnott read out "For the Fallen", the poem read on Remembrance Day.



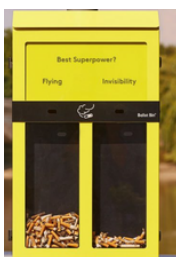
Tuesday 26th August we saw the unveiling of PO Phillipart's Hurricane and plaque and again a small service of dedication was held. Followed by Battle of Britain Talk part 4 in the Salvation Army Hall.



Museum Visitor Numbers - Here we can see how the museum numbers are growing in entries and group visitors so far for 2025

SHEPPARD'S ROW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Working party of Exmouth Town Council have kindly agreed to pay for a Ballot Box for the Exmouth Arm, The Salvation Army and Exmouth museum (The Sheppard's Row Community Partnership). The box will be installed on the newly painted wall of the Exmouth Arms. A competition (see poster) to decide what our ballot will be is being held, see events dates for draw date.



Volunteering Spotlight

Beginning of August here at the Museum we held a Recruitment Morning which resulted in some lovely new volunteers coming along to chat with the Steward Coordinator and meet other volunteers that were on duty to show them around the museum and share their experiences of being a volunteer. We would like to welcome Sue, Janet, Richard, Jan, Gail and another Janet to the museum family.

If you would like to join our volunteer family then please get in touch with the Steward Coordinator Jacky, you can email her on exmouthmuseum@gmail.com



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Event Dates

6th September 2025 - Museum AGM 10.30 at the Exmouth Chapel, Exeter Road, Exmouth, EX8 1PN

9th September 2025 - Sheppard's Row Community Partnership Ballot Box Competition Draw at the Exmouth Arm At 17.30

11th September 2025 - Battle of Britain Talk part 5

18th September 2025 - Coffee Morning, at 10.15 -12.15 at the Axis Centre, Market Street, behind the cinema,

18th September 2025 - Battle of Britain Talk, Bomber Command in detail Command, and the early years 1939-mid 1940

25th September 2025 - Quiz Night 7.15PM for 7.45 PM start at The Wings Bar, Imperial Road, Exmouth

30th September 2025 - Chris Wiseman will be giving a talk in the Salvation Army Hall, The History from the humble beginnings of Exeter Aerodrome to an RAF Fighter Station, under Fighter Command.