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Veterans Central West Raynham SHQ

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Cadet Services Day 2nd May 2026

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Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday from 10 to 3. We open at other times by prior arrangement.

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If you know someone who would like the newsletter sent direct to them, please ask them to email us info@veteranscentral.co.uk. You can also forward to folks of course, but it is better to ask them to contact us so that they can be added to the distribution list. The newsletter currently goes to around 1,000 people.

Follow us on social media!
Facebook: West Raynham SHQ Veterans Central
Email: info@veteranscentral.co.uk
Website: Our new website – https://veteranscentral.org.uk – will be launched in June.

Our Logo
The Veterans Central West Raynham SHQ logo was designed to graphically represent our aim of supporting each other. This is represented by the hands and arms being linked. The four colours of the hands represent the 3 military services (Red, Dark Blue, Light Blue) and the Emergency Services (Green).

Help Requests *(and please do read this bit!)*

Veterans Central is 100% volunteer. There are no paid staff. However, in 2026 we have picked up increased cost with rent, service charges, building insurance, business rates, utilities. To cover such costs, support our work with veterans, and the restoration of SHQ, we rely on the support of individuals and organisations.

Donations can be made to our account:

Account Name: **Veterans Central**
Account #: **62664344**
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These are areas that **YOU** may be able to directly help - and also 'influence' others to help:

- **100 Club:** Slowly increasing take-up of this important fundraising element for us. It is only £10 a month by Standing Order and we can send you the form to complete. You can hold a maximum of 2 tickets.

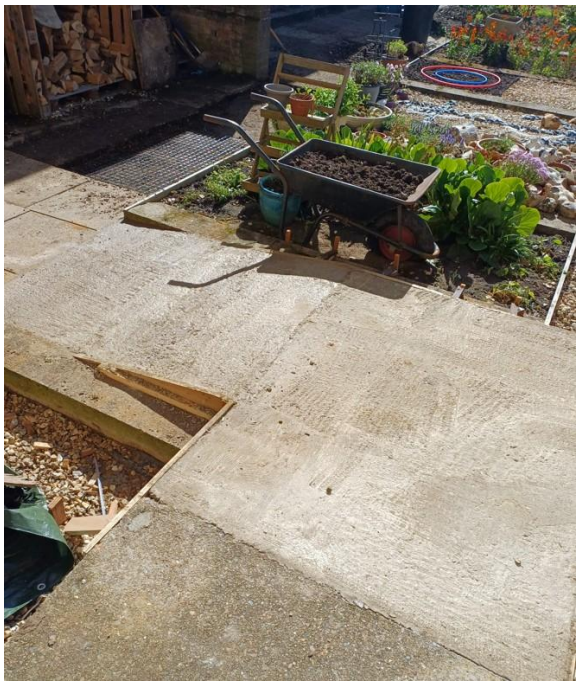
- **Room Sponsorship:** This is a great scheme but has yet to get real traction! So far we have 8 rooms with sponsors and it is a struggle to get more on board; so **if you can help drive this it would be most appreciated.**

Materials and direct support: Our current main materials requirements are:

- **Electrician.** This is an urgent need for someone / company
- **Garden shed** to help ease our storage solutions (even with 50 rooms we are out of storage!)
- **Wood bark** for the new garden area
- **Turf and Gravel** for the new garden area
- **Donations to Helping Hands** – see news item

NEWS

Disabled Ramp



As part of our mobility access improvements we have built a new ramp from the West door of SHQ down to the garden space near the Memorial Garden. This will make it easier for all visitors to have more convenient access to all parts of the gardens at SHQ.

The ramp still needs to have the rails added.

We are also looking at replacing the current ramps on the East side and at the main entrance.

WRB Ride-out

The WRB Group (our West Raynham Bloodhound bike group) is now well established and growing in membership. Once a month (on a Saturday) they have a quick meeting (and cake) at SHQ and take to the road on a ride-out.



Roof Work

The Infrastructure Team (4 of our volunteers) have been focusing on the on-going challenges of our roofing areas (remember? Lead stolen, leaking for 20 years, £150,000+ estimate to fix – not doable). After much research the team settled on the Lava 20 system, as this was something what was doable by our team and at a reasonable cost. It still involves a great deal of work, especially in the preparation of the roof surface and the edges and upstands. The first roof, the one over the Events Room has now been completed. This involved fabricating new outlets, setting new vents, major prep work, and then the actual Lava 20 laying. By the end of May the final coat will have been put onto this roof. In the meantime, the team has been doing prep work on the next roof (the top one) and once that one is done they will move on to the two large roof areas. Work is also underway on pointing the front face of SHQ.

The work has been possible thanks to a number of donations to enable us to buy the Lava 20 and associated materials and tools.





Volunteers – and 47,500 hours!

The Veterans Central group of volunteers continues to grow; each month we welcome new participants (veterans and non-veterans) – and it has been great to have a few new people for the catering and garden teams in particular. Veterans Central could not exist with the volunteer pillar; **we have NO paid people in Veterans Central and everything we do is driven by our fantastic group of volunteers.**

Great to see an increase in our Army and Navy volunteers in recent weeks. On an average Wednesday at SHQ we now get between 25 and 30 volunteers on site, which means more gets done (and more cake gets eaten!).

The increase in volunteer numbers also means that our total of 'hours done' has accelerated and we recently passed the 47,500 mark … well done to all the team for the work on SHQ and gardens, the veterans and public activities and events, the outreach programme, and everything else that goes into making Veterans Central a success.

New ‘Sculpture’ … Wings .. and a name?

Last year we were given an old home built aircraft. Other than the wings, this was in very poor condition and had to be destroyed. We stared at the wings for a long time and eventually decided to mount them as a sculpture in the garden. They have now been put in place on the mound behind the new Herb Garden. There is still more landscaping to door but for that we need gravel (20mm) and turf .. and we are seeking donations to help with that cost.

In the meantime, we need a name for the new sculpture and would welcome ideas! However, we have banned anything using ‘Angel of…’ (as we want to avoid ‘Angel of the North copying!). Send your ideas to info@veteranscentral.co.uk. We will create a short list of ideas and then out them out to vote. The winning name will go on a plaque at the sculpture.



Breakfasts – and Cakes

Breakfast Sponsors. Great news that all our 2026 breakfasts now have sponsors! Many thanks to the individuals and organisations that have come forward to sponsor these events (£150), it makes a big difference. We are now accepting sponsors for 2027.

Christmas Lunch Sponsor: The 2026 Christmas Lunch is still looking for a sponsor (£350) or contributions towards the total.

Several people asked if there were other similar aspects they could sponsor and we suggested a **'sponsor the cakes for a month'** - £50 helps support the cost of the cakes. We have already signed up the first four – but others still need sponsors.

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Veterans Voice Project

Information for Veterans

We have created a useful Quick Reference Guide that hopes to help answer most of the 'frequently asked questions' that we, and others, have picked up from veterans in recent months. The handbook has been send to all our charity contacts and is also used by Veterans Central volunteers on outreach visits and at SHQ.

Did you know that there are over 1,900 registered 'military' charities in England? Around 500+ are heritage or museum related but that still leaves an 'impressive' number from the national big ones, such as Royal British Legion, RAFA and others, to a swathe of small local or very focused charities. It is a real challenge finding out about many of these and an even bigger challenge getting in contact with many of them. If YOU have experience of any charity we would like to hear from you, as that will help us build our contacts and enable us to continue to improve the Information Book.

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PUBLIC EVENTS: April and May

Spring Fun Day

The 19th April event was blessed with sun for the most of the day. The first sets of visitors were actually veterans and families, which was great, as several were new to SHQ (and the veterans signature panels had more new entries).

We had fewer children visit than last year but those that joined us enjoyed a range of games in the garden and in SHQ, as well as the cakes in the cafe, and the book and toy sale. The 'mobile cow' and other activities by North Elmham Countrysiders proved popular.

Many thanks to all those who took the time to come to SHQ and to the friends who brought games and vehicles for display. The Canberra cockpit was as popular as ever! We even had a large blue rabbit trying out as a pilot for the Canberra!









Wargames Weekend

The weekend of 2nd /3rd May saw SHQ hosting a weekend of table top wargames from World War Two to Vietnam. Participants were a mix of veterans and enthusiasts and the event was organised by Anschluss Wargames. They also hosted visits of teams from our Cadet Services Day. On Sunday a massive multi-player D-Day wargame took advantage of the large table in the Events

Room. An amazing and complex game that engaged the players all day. The good news was that, despite some setbacks, the Allies won and established a beachhead.





Cadet Services Day

Veterans Central believes it is important to engage the Cadet forces as they could be considered part of the **'Armed Forces Community'** along with Serving Personnel (and families) and Veterans. Several of the cadets had relatives who had served (one mentioned here Grandad had been a Hampden pilot), others have serving relatives, and some plan a Service career. So very much a 'joined up' family.

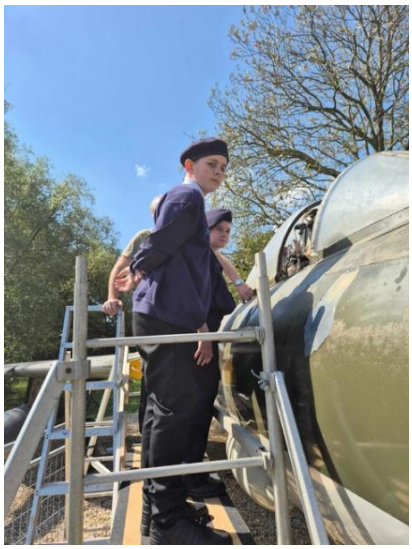


May 2nd was the first time we have run this event for uniformed cadet services and it was fantastic to have over 70 participants from local Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, army Cadets and the Scouts. The participants were divided in Groups and teams (of 6) and during the day took part in several teamwork and leadership exercises run by Veterans Central. They also looked at, sat in (aircraft) and were given briefs on, the Canberra and Hunter aircraft, the Bloodhound Missile system, a selection of military vehicles (many thanks to our friends from the NMVG) and Amateur Radio around the world (thanks to our friends from the KL group), as well as time with the Veterans

Wargames teams who have a gaming weekend at SHQ. And of course they were fed and watered in the usual fantastic SHQ fashion by the catering team.











A great bunch of youngsters who were engaged and energetic throughout the day. It was very successful (but hot) day and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Many we hope will return either on a cadet visit or with friends and family.

The Cadet Services Day will be repeated in May 2027 when we hope to see even more cadets (and Scouts) taking part. For details email ops@veteranscentral.co.uk.

Cold War History Day

A ‘somewhat warm’ (touching 30 degrees) 24th May for the Cold War History Day. A fantastic turnout for our Cold War History Day - a wide ranging audience with several veterans who have not been to SHQ before, plus relatives of people who had served at West Raynham, plus enthusiasts, and families. Plenty to keep everyone engaged during the day.

A huge thank you to all the groups who supported the event, including our friends at the Norfolk Military Vehicles Group and the Tramps in Armour Group, the brilliant presenters of our talks in the Presentation Room (British nuclear weapons, Tornado Nuclear ops, Ejection Seat development, Bloodhound SAM development, two ‘panel discussions’ (one with Armourers and one with Navigators, our other exhibitors such as the Ejection Seat display, space models, wargames, Army shooting medals, and more. Plus the always amazing catering team, the bookshops, over 50 RAF unit (Cold War) photo albums, Hunter and Canberra briefs and cockpits, aviation artist (and ex Canberra and Jaguar pilot) Mike Rondot, and many more things to see and do. Plus the amazing gardens, with welcome shade under the trees.

Thanks to all the Veterans Central volunteers who helped plan and run this very successful day, which more than met its aim of awareness of Veterans Central, and finding and engaging more veterans.




Left: View from the roof as the vehicles roll into position. Right: The PR.9 was popular again.




Left: Future PR.9 Navigator (still smiling after door shut?) Right: Viewing the Hunter.




Great set of vehicles and weapon displays from Tramps in Armour.




A few of the Cold War vehicles from the Norfolk Military Vehicles Group.





Left: The brilliant Recce Truck. Right: Canberra Room and Ejection Seat display.





Left: The Russians take over! Right: The Avon engine team discussing firing up the engine!

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Listen in! Veterans Central is on radio.

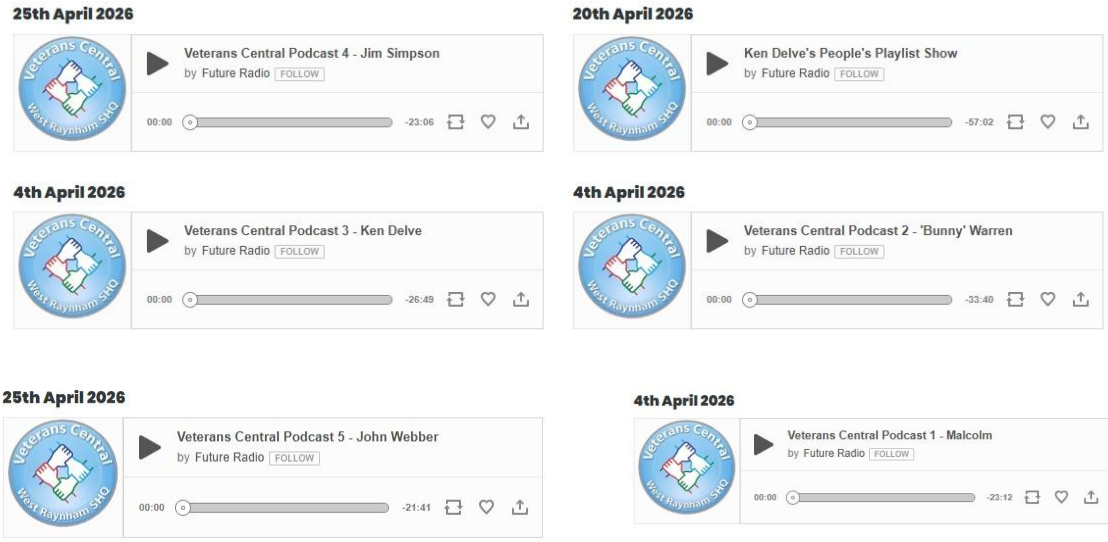
Veterans Central is working with the Norwich-based Future Radio on a series of radio 'programmes' this year, all very exciting and YOU can be involved. The '**my story'** lets you select 10 to 12 of your favourites and then go to the studio the play (with help) and talk about your experiences, and why some of the music has meaning for you. We have two done so far (one by Richard and one by Ken) and are 'hunting' for other folks to do one – it is great fun!



Podcasts where you come to SHQ to be part of a short, recorded experience. These are going well and we have now recorded several that are available of the Future Radio website. There were so many people at the Cold War History Day that we would like to have sat down for a podcast but the day was just too busy; we have, however, lined some up for a visit and chat.







CLICK this link to go to the web page – and listen to the voices from Veterans Central!
https://futureradio.co.uk/podcasts/creative-connections

Outreach

The Veterans Central team, as part of its Veterans Voice participation, has been 'on the road' a few times over the last two months, taking part in a number of shows and events, including:

Stradsett Rally May 3rd / 4th.
Friends of Fakenham Library talk on 20th May.



The gazebo at Stradsett. If you see us at any event, come and say hi!

We have several planned for summer 2026 and are **always in need of people who** can help run the gazebo. If you cannot help, but attend the event – do come and say hello!

June and July are looking busy for outreach, with the following already booked or pending:

- Breckland Armed Forces Group presentation
- Armed Forces Day Northrepps (27th June)
- Armed Forces Day NEST Norwich (27th June)
- Coltishall anniversary (28th June)
- Poppyland Radio interviews (29th June)
- City of Norwich Aviation Museum event (4th July)
- Marham Families Day (23rd July)

Veterans Central Helping Hands

As part of the Veterans Help Awareness Day at SHQ in March we launched our Helping Hands support. This arose from a couple of recent cases where, working with charity colleagues, we were able to support veterans with items that helped them overcome specific issues. The Veterans Central team saw that this was an area in which we could provide more help, and some of the volunteers formed the Helping Hands team. See report on the Veterans Help Awareness Day.

VETERANS CENTRAL

HELPING HANDS

Charity # 1208763

Helping support people in need – when life hits hard!

Need Support?	Want to help?	Know someone who needs us?
Reach out in Confidence. We'll listen and help find the right support.	Donate, Fundraise, Volunteer – Every action helps someone get back on their feet.	Share this poster with them – a small nudge can make a **BIG** difference.

We are not looking to replace the many charities that already exist to provide help and support. We aim to work alongside them and offer both our care package of useful items and an invitation to visit us to benefit from the support that comes from Veterans Central.

AIM

To collect items to produce emergency care packages, to help support Veterans and their families who find themselves, for whatever reason, in situations of hardship.
This includes homelessness, financial difficulties in making ends meet, or unexpected emergencies that arise and cause problems.

DONATIONS REQUIRED

- ☺ Toiletries (for male and female)
- ☺ Household cleaning products
- ☺ Basic cooking utensils such as pots/pans, crockery/cutlery
- ☺ New warm outer clothing such as socks, gloves, hats, scarves
- ☺ New towels, fleecy throws
- ☺ Plastic storage boxes with lids

GET IN TOUCH

Follow us on social media:

Facebook: West Raynham SHQ - Veterans Central. Charity #1208763

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DONATIONS TO ACCOUNT

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THANK YOU

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY VETERAN WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM A HELPING HAND PACKAGE – PLEASE CONTACT US.

Group Visits to SHQ

Aviva Volunteers

We had a team of 7 volunteers from Aviva for us for one of their company volunteering days. For 6 of the team this was their second or third such day with us. Some of the team worked in the top floor rooms and the others helped with the new Herb Garden. We also found time for them to visit the Canberra cockpit. This 'Company volunteering' is very useful for us at Veterans Central and we would like to see more companies take part. Our Aviva friends are planning to return later in the year.



East Norfolk Militia Training Day

Our friends from the ENM held one of their regular training days at SHQ in April. This reenactment group is always popular at our Annual Open Day.





KL 'radio hams' (King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club)

KL 'radio hams' (King's Lynn Amateur Radio Club) with us in again (they are now regulars at SHQ and will be with us at some of our events) contacting like minded folks around the word. The first contact was with someone near Bruggen (familiar to all RAF Germany folks).



Norfolk Military Vehicle Group Convoy

SHQ was the last stopping point for a NMVG 'run out' on 10th May. A fantastic set of over 30 historic vehicles arrived at SHQ at 2.30 and around 60 drivers and 'crew' joined us for Sausage and mash followed by the usual copious SHQ cake, and tours of SHQ and the Canberra and Hunter. The NVMG are great supporters of SHQ and it is always a delight to host them. The work individuals do on restoring and displaying vehicles amazing.









Veterans Events 2026

Drop-in Days for 4C (Coffee-Cake-Conversation-Company): **Veterans Central stays open all year** and for now we will have our Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturdays for drop-in visitors between 1000 and 1500. We are also discussing options to increase our drop-in days from 3 a week to 4 a week in 2026; this will depend on having volunteers to open up SHQ on a Monday – if you are able to help with that, please contact us.

Veterans Breakfast: The breakfasts have been a huge success since we launched them in 2024; to the extent that we are usually fully booked a few weeks before the event, which is why it is important to get your request in early! Email catering@veteranscentral.co.uk We gather from 0930 for coffee and chat, and we sit down for breakfast at 1030.

Meal Sponsors: All the breakfasts are FREE and we are pleased to say that ALL the breakfasts for 2026 now have sponsors. This is fantastic and we very much appreciate the support from individuals and organisations. **Although 2026 is sponsored, we are happy to book sponsors for 2027!**

All the 4C days and breakfasts for veterans are FREE.

Veterans Breakfasts at SHQ

The monthly breakfast remains one of our key activities the first two of 2026 have been full, although we even managed to squeeze in the reserve list folks! On average we site 45 people but end up serving 50 meals. They are great social occasions and each one sees a few new people. The February breakfast included 3 veterans who are resident at the Oakwood Care Home in Fakenham and we would like to thank the team there for arranging to bring the veterans to SHQ.



A packed May breakfast at SHQ.

Our breakfast dates for 2026 are now set .. and bookings are open for any breakfast by emailing catering@veteranscentral.co.uk. The dates are:

- June 13th
- July 11th
- August 8th
- September 12th
- October 10th
- November 14th
- December 12th (Christmas Lunch)

Drop-in Centres

Our 4Cs concept (Coffee-Cake-Conversation-Company) is working really well and is proving of great benefit to an increasing number of people. Our main drop-in centre is West Raynham SHQ as we are open 3 days a week and the facility is particularly good. However, we now run monthly drop-ins in Swaffham, Fakenham and Dereham.

West Raynham SHQ is open every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday from 1000 to 1500 for drop-in visits (kettle is always on and there is always cake!)

Swaffham drop-in

The Swaffham drop-in centre at the Assembly Rooms has been a great success and we average over 30 at each one, with a few new people each time. This drop-in is part of our Veterans Voice programme. The following dates (**4th Tuesday of month 1030 to 1300**) are booked and we have now booked dates to the end of year.

- June 23rd
- July 28th
- August 25th
- September 22nd
- October 27th
- November 24th
- December 22nd




April Swaffham drop-in.

Fakenham drop-in: The Fakenham drop-in centre at the Fakenham Library started in February. This drop-in is part of our Veterans Voice programme and we have programmed them to end of April. The following dates **(1st Thursday of the month 1030 to 1230)** are booked and we will book dates through to August:

- June 5th
- July 2nd
- August 6th

Dereham drop-in: The Dereham drop-in centre will be at the Railway Tavern and we are just finalising dates.

Other Drop-ins

The team from **Dersingham** are planning to start their Veterans Drop-in some time in June, with two sessions a month. We will publish details as soon as we have them. Veterans Central is delighted to be supporting this new venture.

Coltishall. Simone from Help for Heroes popped in to SHQ recently and flagged up a new monthly drop in. Coltishall Village Hall (NR12 7HL) on First Thursday of the month from 10 to 1. More info from Simone on 01206 814882.

Spread the Word:

Help us reach veterans – spread the word about SHQ and the Swaffham, Fakenham, and Dereham drop-in centres, as well as all our other activities.

Veterans Events

All the Public Events we run are great for anyone, but some are more specifically intended for veterans, such as:

Veterans Central History Days

We run a number of these days and they provide an opportunity to veterans to get together and either share experiences stories with each other and with other visitors, including the relatives of veterans. History days run from 1000 to 1500.

June 21st : World War Two History Day.

August 16th: 'East of Suez' History Day.

September 26th: West Raynham Memorial Association Reunion
The annual get together and remembrance at the West Raynham memorial is attended by those who served at WR, or their relatives. It is hosted at SHQ and there is a ceremony at the West Raynham Memorial Wall.

November 8th Remembrance Sunday
Our annual informal ceremony at the Veterans Central Memorial Wall SHQ. Laying of wreaths and crosses, and unveiling of memorial plaques. Memorial Wall Plaques (and roses). You can sponsor a slate memorial plaque for the wall and a rose for the adjacent rose garden. If you would like details, email us for a form.

Public Events June to December 2026

Our Public Events have 4 main aims:

1. People who visit may have veterans in extended family or friends group, or as neighbours – and so can help us in trying to reach veterans.
2. Events inform visitors on the support that is available for veterans in the area, provide networking opportunities, and provide historical context that helps educate on the of veterans when they served
3. Each event raises funds (donations).
4. Visitors may turn into supporters or event volunteers.

It would be great if YOU could:

- Put these dates in your diary and come and join us.
- Spread the word to everyone that you know!
- Volunteer to help out at an event.

HELP? If you are involved with, or know folks, in the Military Vehicle, Re-enactor, military heritage / museums, or trade / craft stands, then we would be delighted to have you with us at appropriate events. Email events@veteranscentral.co.uk.

- **June 21st** **World War Two History Day**
  Military vehicles, re-enactors, music, sales stands, presentations on key aspects of the war, plus various themes.
- **July 19th** **Annual Open Day**
  Our Annual Open Day of displays and activities.
- **August 16th** **'East of Suez' History Day**
  Presentations, discussions, displays on Britain's military presence from the Canal Zone of Egypt, Persian Gulf, Aden and Far East.
- **October 24th** **Ghostly Airfields**
  More RAF tales and mysteries.
- **September 26th** **West Raynham Memorial Association Reunion**
  The annual get together and remembrance at the West Raynham memorial, all welcome.
- **November 8th** **Remembrance Sunday at the Memorial Wall**
- **November 21st** **Christmas Fair**
- **December 5th** **Walking Home for Christmas** (charity walk, Walking with the Wounded)

SHQ Building Progress

Roofing

The roof update was included in the News section.

Ground Floor

Other than a few ‘tweaks here and there’ the Ground Floor needs little additional work, although we are continuing to test and replace lighting in several rooms.

First Floor

Once the main roof has been ‘fixed’ we will be looking to repair ceilings in various rooms. In the meantime we have started work on the remaining rooms on this floor, with cleaning, plastering and painting. This includes the corridor leading to the ‘Art and Contemplation Room’, the room that will become the Model Railway Group room, and what used to be a small kitchen area btu will become a store room.

Second Floor

Good progress on two of the four rooms with the decoration almost complete. The first set of carpet tiles should be going in by early June. Work will then start on the other two rooms. Our major limitation on this floor, as it is with other areas of SHQ, is lack of electrics.

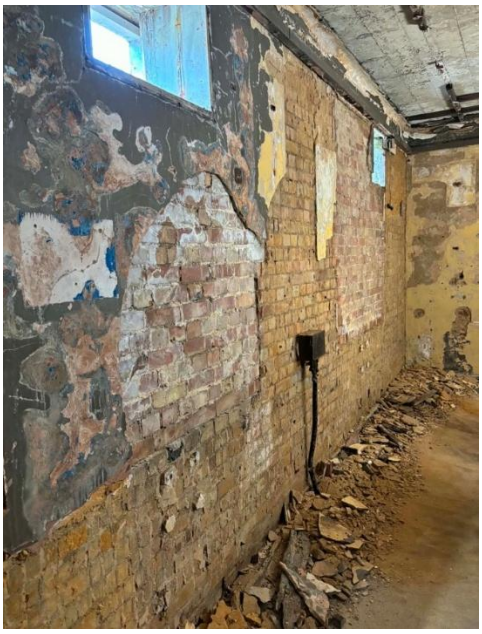


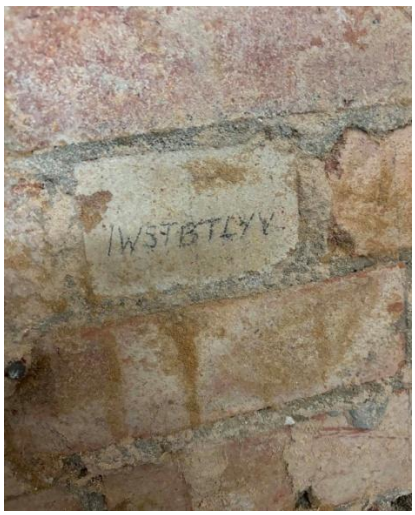




Ops Block

The Bloodhound Engineering Team have made great progress with clearing and preparing their room in the Ops Block. This has involved sorting through the 'stuff, various' that had been stored here and then cleaning down the walls ready for painting. The back wall had a thick layer of cement render that was in very poor condition; falling off in great damp chunks falling off. Once this was removed it showed that wall had originally had 2 large windows, which had been clocked with poor quality brickwork (unusual for SHQ). One brick also had a pencil code (below) 1WSTBTLYY – any ideas? We will not cement the wall; once it is dry we will seal it and leave it exposed as it shows part of he building's history.





Now the Cold War Event is over, the Bloodhound team will start stripping the 2 missiles and launcher and bring parts into the Engineering Room for restoration. The room will also contain the Bloodhound historical display.

Exterior

Once the weather cools down we will continue painting the exterior areas of the ground floor windows. There are also other areas we are looking at for improvements but those will depend on having volunteers able to undertake that work.

The Gardens

The better weather, indeed very good weather in April and May, enticed more people to help in the garden and there was great progress in several areas. The established gardens on the West side of SHQ (Memorial Garden, Herbaceous Border, Shrubbery, Herb Garden) have seen some expansion plus the never ending maintenance.

The major area of work has been on the East side, with the 2026 planting for the Sensory Garden, and the North side, where we have widened the path (for wheelchairs and buggies), and planted a Lavendar Walk alongside the path, and cleared a large area that is being developed into a new shrubbery and Herb Garden. A donation of turf enabled the first part of grass path in the new garden area to be laid (leading from the new lavender walk) . The path will go through more of the new shrubbery once we get the next set of turf; ideally we would like wild flower turf for the mound. As always, we rely on donations so it is an 'as and when!' **HELP?**





Widening the path and, no, not a WD sign – but a bird leaving it prints in the cement!

Below: The widened path, Lavendar Walk, and the new Herb Garden laid out and awaiting plants (most of that will be planted by the end of May). The wings have now been put in place (see news).



Garden Help! Whilst 'on paper' we have a few garden volunteers the reality is that we do not have enough for garden development and maintenance. If you can spare a few hours a month to help with garden work it would be most appreciated!

We are also trying to source (or have funded) an **10ft x 8ft (minimum) garden shed** so if anyone has contacts please try to be persuasive!

Help Veterans Central

Volunteer! Veterans Central is **100% volunteer led and delivered**, with volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds and experience (and ages and degrees of mobility!). Veterans Central provides opportunities for individuals to share, learn and enhance skills, and provides a socializing environment for volunteers (i.e. it is fun!) We also provide opportunities for volunteers to complete certified training course.

Fundraising

The need to generate funds never goes away and we are continually looking at sources of grants and sponsorship. **HELP? If you are interested in helping with fundraising please let us know – we could do with more support in this crucial area.**

Donations: Our main source of revenue is provided by individual donations from visitors ('money in the donations box' or as a donation for a specific part of the project e.g.(garden, breakfast, etc.)

Corporate Donations: If you are involved with a Company that wants to make a donation, having access to our Charity number may make it easier and better for you to support Veterans Central (and please do mention us to your Company!)

Sponsored Events: Many charities raise money when individuals undertake a charity activity .. so if you have any ideas (walk, cycle, wing-walk, or anything else) you can do and we can promote to get individual sponsors then do come forward.

Legacies: The provision of a donation as part of a will is not widespread in the UK, whereas in other countries such legacies are the main source of funding for charities. It is certainly something to consider as, in essence, this is money that could otherwise go to the Government. One of our team recently had this form of words added to a will. "*I give free of inheritance tax the sum of xxxx (in words) to Veterans Central (Registered charity number 1208763) for their charitable purposes absolutely.*"

100 Club

Join the 100 Club. This is a fantastic way to provide regular monthly support to Veterans Central. We assign 100 tickets a month at £10 each and you have a chance to win 20%, 15% or 5% of that month's pot! The 100 Club has grown more slowly than expected but recent additions have taken the total to around 50 a month .. but still a long way to go. If you would like an application form, email ops@veteranscentral.co.uk

Sponsor as Room

If your or your company/organisation would like to sponsor an SHQ room it would be most appreciated and very helpful! Email ops@veteranscentral.co.uk for details.

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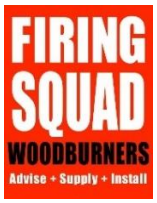














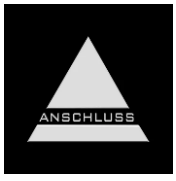


















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