



Worthing Veterans Newsletter April 2026



Hot off the press from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



Veteran's News May's Breakfast Club IS **NOT** on the 1st Saturday in May – Due to Rick being away that weekend we will be holding breakfast on Saturday the 9th of May.

Veteran's Buddies Recent events have made us realise that we as veterans need to do more when it comes to veterans in need (hospital, isolation, friendship etc) so under the direction of Ron we are hoping to set up a list of people willing to volunteer a little bit of their time to look in on veterans stuck at home, do some shopping for them, veterans in hospital who would love a visit to keep them company..... So, if you can spare a small amount of time and would like to be on Ron's list then please get in touch - I'll go 1st, "Ron, add me to your list" ...

CC1 – Calling all call signs. With the drop out of the Huey helicopter for Armed Forces Day we need to fill some space, if anyone knows someone, who knows someone, who.... Then please can you ask them if they would like to showcase their pride and joy at Steyne Gardens?



Navy News **Sacking of former Royal Navy chief demonstrates challenge facing the Armed Forces, says 1SL.** The former First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Ben Key, was sacked in July last year following an investigation into an alleged relationship with a female colleague.

The First Sea Lord has said the sacking of the former head of the Royal Navy for inappropriate behaviour demonstrates the challenge facing the Armed Forces. In his first comments about the dismissal of Admiral Sir Ben Key, General Sir Gwyn Jenkins, who replaced him, told MPs it shows the Armed Forces have "some way to go" when it comes to making the changes needed across defence.

Admiral Sir Ben Key was sacked in July last year following an investigation into an alleged relationship with a female colleague.

Gen Sir Gwyn spoke publicly for the first time about Adm Sir Ben's sacking while facing questions from the Defence Committee. Former RAF officer-turned-Labour MP Calvin Bailey asked him to share his thoughts on what happened and his concerns about prevailing conditions in the Armed Forces. "I draw two main lessons from the circumstances in which I took the service over," Gen Sir Gwyn said. "The first is that there are no excuses, that the standards we set and that we expect apply to everybody, and it doesn't matter if you're a service chief or whether you're the most junior rank within the Navy. We will apply our standards to anyone. "We expect all of us to uphold those standards, particularly as senior leaders," he added. "But the second is, and we shouldn't be shy of this, is that it is a demonstration of the challenge that we still have ahead of us. That a service chief can be dismissed tells us that we have some way to go on the systemic change that we need to make within our own services and across the Armed Forces."

He was appearing before MPs alongside his fellow service chiefs as they were asked about the conditions for women serving in the Armed Forces, five years on from the Atherton report, which highlighted serious concerns. The report's author, former defence minister Sarah Atherton, was also watching the exchanges.



She told BFBS Forces News: "That was interesting because it's the first time we've heard about Ben Key from any senior figure, and I think it's an acknowledgement.

"I think all the service chiefs acknowledge and the minister acknowledges there is a problem... it was good to hear that that was acknowledged because I believe that once you acknowledge something, it's the next step to improving it. "They absolutely have got a long way to go. So particularly with confidence in the system, in the complaints system and particularly around culture."

Overall, five years on from her report, she wasn't happy with the progress made.

"I was disappointed in what I heard. There was a lack of measurable outcomes and data to demonstrate that the raft of initiatives have had meaningful improvement for the lives of women in the Armed Forces. Has there been progress? Well, yes, there has been, but it's been agonisingly slow and not at the scale that's needed to benefit women in the Armed Forces now or new recruits or indeed to build trust and confidence in the system."

She added: "The direction is right, the pace is wrong and, let's be honest, most service women on the ground won't feel any benefits over the last few years, despite all these initiatives and policy changes."

This was the second year in a row the service chiefs have appeared before MPs to update them on their progress. MPs on the committee stressed the importance of making sure it remains a regular opportunity to hear the latest from the MOD.



Wallace: UK risks being laughed at by Putin if it fails to act after latest Russian incursions. "It's not enough to say we see you and then let almost on the same day, let a Russian shadow tanker bumble down the channel", argued Mr Wallace.

Former Defence Secretary Ben Wallace has warned that the UK "risks being slightly laughed at by Putin" if it fails to act decisively in the wake of yet more Russian incursions into British waters.

His remarks to BBC Radio 4 follow the unveiling of a month-long operation monitoring a Russian attack submarine and two spy submarines from the Kremlin's Gugi programme in the North Sea before they withdrew.

Mr Wallace said that the UK is vulnerable in the face of Moscow's Gugi capability – a secretive military programme that answers to the highest level of the Russian state, specialising in surveillance, reconnaissance and clandestine operations. "Our navies have effectively diminished over the last 30 to 40 years, while at the same time, this organisation [Gugi] has never stopped growing," he warned. He added they now have an impressive capability, "and we're all trying to play catch-up."

While he acknowledged there may be elements of deterrence not being disclosed by the MOD, he emphasised "we've got to show Russia we have a follow-up". It's not enough to say we see you and then let, almost on the same day, a Russian shadow tanker bumble down the channel."

His words referenced the recent sighting of suspected shadow fleet oil tankers Universal and Enigma, which passed through the English Channel, closely followed by the frigate Admiral Grigovich, on 8 April. As reported by The i Paper, the Universal sailed past the English coast carrying "military-relevant" cargo for the direct use of Russia's army, and marks at least the sixth incident of a vessel of this significance being escorted by a Kremlin warship in the past twelve months. "Despite the Prime Minister's statements, he's going to do something about the shadow fleet; nothing at all is done," said Mr Wallace.

Sir Keir Starmer previously announced new powers that will allow British forces the authority to halt, board and detain sanctioned vessels from Russia's suspected shadow fleet. Despite this, those powers have yet to be utilised. "We risk being slightly laughed at by Putin if we're just all words and no action," he added.

Separately, it was announced on 9 April, that the Royal Navy had mounted a 10-day operation to monitor Russian vessels in British waters. Portsmouth-based HMS Mersey worked with a Wildcat helicopter to report on the movements of Admiral Grigorovich, Aleksandr Shabalin, a Ropucha-class landing ship, and Krasnodar, a Kilo-class submarine.

Elsewhere, HMS Somerset, a Type 23 frigate, intercepted Severomorsk, a Russian Udaloy-class destroyer, and Kama, an accompanying oiler, near the coast of Brittany, France. 'We're ready to take action'

Despite criticism of the Royal Navy's current state and readiness, Defence Secretary John Healey, speaking at the London Defence Conference, said the month-long operation demonstrates that the UK Armed Forces are ready to meet these sustained threats.

He said it involved around 500 UK personnel, with aircraft logging more than 450 flight hours, and a Royal Navy warship covering several thousand nautical miles. "This was a big operation, alongside allies, particularly our Norwegian colleagues, to track, to deter and then to call out what Putin was trying to do as a secret submarine operation," he said. "I hope it's also a reassurance to the public that whilst people are rightly concerned about the conflict in the Middle East, we're not taking our eyes off Putin."

He added that the operation demonstrated the UK Armed Forces' capabilities to track and deter, and if necessary, respond.

Elsewhere, Defence Minister Luke Pollard appeared on BBC Breakfast and was asked if President Donald Trump's jibes that the Royal Navy is "too old" and dismissing its aircraft carriers as "toys" were warranted. He replied: "No, we've got a strong Royal Navy...we're adding to that Navy with new autonomous capabilities, creating a hybrid Navy. "Our Royal Navy, the Air Force and other military units have been involved in monitoring and deterring Russian submarine activity against our undersea cables in the Atlantic."

Mr Pollard added that the UK has a "unique convening role" that it can use to bring its friends and allies together to work out military and non-military solutions to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.



Army News **No bribes, no shortcuts: Searching for the next generation of Gurkha soldiers.** Each Spring in Nepal, something extraordinary happens: the search begins for the next intake of Gurkha soldiers, young Nepalese men, many still teenagers, all with an ambition to join the British Army.

For many hopefuls, the opportunity to join the British Army leaves them vulnerable to bribery and corruption. For those who succeed, it will mean leaving their homeland and flying across the world to serve a foreign land and a faraway king. But as possibly the most competitive selection process in the world, the odds are stacked against them. And with the competition so intense and the stakes so high, some will do anything to find a way in.

For these hopeful individuals, gaining a place in the British Army could transform not just their own fortunes but those of their families, or even their whole communities. The children of future Gurkhas will grow up in modern Western society, with easy access to education and technology. With pressure on their shoulders, it leaves many open to corruption and bribery.

The Gallwalas are retired Gurkha soldiers with the task of spreading word across Nepal, and their message is simple: Selection is open to all, regardless of region, caste or creed,

and no one should be paying money to anyone for a place in the British Army. It is not just middlemen claiming they "know someone" who can secure their son a place for a princely sum of rupees. A plethora of training academies across Nepal offer preparation for selection which, of course, come at a price.

Some have even begun offering no-win, no-fee type charging systems. Boys who are unsuccessful pay nothing, but those who are successful can begin their new careers saddled with years of debt. Potential recruits between the ages of 18 and 21 have three attempts to gain a place. If they attend an academy for all three years and are then successful, the fees can rack up to huge amounts.



Last year, 14,000 men applied for just over 300 places.

"They [middlemen] try to manipulate the parents and the individual potential recruits," he explained. "We are telling the message to the people here that they absolutely need to be clear. "British Gurkhas Nepal do not get involved in bribes or advising on training academies. It's their choice if they want to attend an academy, but it has nothing to do with us."

He added that if they have "the willpower", they can make it without attending.

In a country where money can buy almost anything, getting this message out is a constant uphill struggle for the British Army. And it's not one that can be solved by a social media misinformation debunking campaign. Although many recruits now come from towns and cities, others still hail from the remote hilly districts of Nepal. The only way to spread the word is by doing it face to face, and this is why the very first phase of the recruiting cycle sees teams in Land Rovers bursting across Nepal.

The country is divided into four regions, and teams spend a full month on the road, each covering what is known as a "cluster". Together, they visit every area – standing on football pitches, in parks, and in cafés – repeatedly explaining the truth and fairness behind selection for the British Army.

The selection criteria are very strict, worlds apart from the requirements for British applicants into the Army. Print your documents on the wrong size paper, or spell the name of your village incorrectly, and you're out.

Boys must be a certain height, with near-perfect limbs – that includes no hyper-extending elbows or knees – as well as healthy teeth, hearing, and uncorrected vision, standards that apply even to those who have had laser eye surgery.

Candidates must also meet academic requirements in maths and English, which those from the hilly regions struggle with more.

Often from farming backgrounds, they are used to heaving heavy doko baskets up and down unyielding hills, but education is often more difficult than it is for the boys from the lowland plains.

Every year, British Gurkha Nepal turn thousands of strong candidates away, many who have passed all the minimum requirements.

The latest batch of successful Gurkha recruits arrived in the UK earlier in the year. In such a competitive environment, selection becomes the best of the best: The faster you run in the Doko race, the more you can lift, the more pull-ups you can perform and the higher your altitude in maths and English, the more points you attain.

This is why the very first phase of the search for the Gurkhas is so extraordinary.

The Gallawalas do not visit every region to find the highest quality candidates – they visit every region to ensure that the process is as fair and transparent as it can be, in a selection process that will determine the futures of only a very small number of these young men from Nepal.



Army pushes battlefield robotics as autonomous UGVs reshape frontline ops. The British Army has awarded a contract to ARX Robotics UK to manufacture autonomous ground systems in the UK, as it looks to grow its adoption of robotic and autonomous capabilities.

ARX Robotics' systems are widely deployed in Ukraine and have been integrated into Nato and Joint Expeditionary Force exercises. The uncrewed and autonomous systems can support reconnaissance, logistics, force protection, route clearance, and casualty evacuation in contested environments.

The British Army and the European robotics firm have been working together for months, during which the Gereon UGVs were put to the test in trials (Picture: ARX Robotics)

The contract, which was given through task force Rapstone, will see the firm deliver an initial order of UK-manufactured Gereon uncrewed ground vehicles (UGVs) equipped with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance payloads, alongside technical support to enhance the Army's recce-strike experimentation activity. "The British Army's adoption of autonomous ground systems is a clear signal that the UK is serious about modernising its land forces and staying ahead of our adversaries," Minister for Defence Readiness and Industry Luke Pollard said. "ARX Robotics' decision to begin manufacturing in the UK is exactly the kind of investment we want to see."

The British Army and the European robotics firm have been working together for months, during which the UGVs were put to the test in trials and operational experiments. The trials in Kenya and the Baltics saw the UGVs demonstrate how they can keep soldiers out of danger, improve situational awareness and speed up decision-making in difficult operations.

Uncrewed systems increasingly important to land warfare. The robots are designed to combine with existing military systems and can be integrated with several mission payloads. The robots are designed to combine with existing military systems and can be integrated with several mission payloads supporting systems for combat, electronic warfare, and counter-UAS.

"As Armed Forces across Nato seek to increase mass, survivability and operational tempo, uncrewed systems are becoming an increasingly important component of modern land warfare," David Roberts, ARX Robotics UK's chief executive officer, said. "Uncrewed systems can deliver significant operational value at lower cost than traditional crewed platforms, while reducing risk to personnel and enabling rapid upgrades as technology evolves. "The rapid delivery of UK-manufactured platforms also demonstrates how new defence technology companies can work alongside the Army to bring capability into service faster."

The company has invested in the UK to help build up to 1,800 robotic vehicles each year. ARX Robotics is a defence technology company that creates software-defined UGVs, and its technology is already in use in several unnamed European armed forces.

Task force Rapstone is a British Army initiative intended to accelerate the delivery of new equipment and technology.



RAF News The Supermarine Spitfire: A British icon, a legend and an all-round exceptional design. The Spitfire must be the most well known aircraft in UK aviation history – and one of the people behind the Spitfire90 project has explained just why the type was so successful.

Matt Jones, whose team is making nine flights around Britain to mark 90 years since the prototype made its first flight, told BFBS Forces News how the aircraft was designed around the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine, why it had wooden propeller blades, not metal, and why so few two-seat trainers were built.

The aircraft making the round-Britain trip is a two-seat Mark IX Spitfire that's been specially painted in the colours of K5054, which was the prototype Spitfire flown on 5 March 1936 by test pilot Mutt Summers.

The birth of a legend: History remembered as Spitfire made first flight 90 years ago An exceptional design. Mr Jones, the CEO of Spitfires.com, said: "We're doing this trip because we think it's really important to keep these aeroplanes in people's lives and imaginations and to keep them flying. "The 90-year mark for this exceptional piece of design is something that we think should be commemorated. "The differences between this Mark IX Spitfire and the original K5054: it's got four blades on it. It's got a much more powerful engine. "The first engine in in the prototype developed slightly more than 900 horsepower. This engine in here develops up to 1,750 horsepower, and to make most of that power needs more blades – so this propeller has four blades [while] the original prototype only had the two. "So the blades are made of wood for a number of reasons.

Metal was in short supply during the war. Also, it meant if the aeroplane crashed with the wheels up, it didn't shock-load the engine too much. "[This] meant all they had to do was replace the propeller before it could fly again. If it crashed with a metal propeller it would have broken the engine at the same time – shock-loaded the engine – so a big advantage there."



The first Spitfire flew with a two-bladed propeller which transitioned to three and then four – made in wood (Picture: BFBS)

A wing and a prayer – plus an engine. Mr Jones highlighted two key features of the Supermarine fighter – the elliptical wing and the Rolls-Royce Merlin engine. "The Spitfire was always designed with the Rolls-Royce Merlin in mind – in fact, it was designed prior to the prototype being flown," he said. "[An] enormous amount of development happened in a very short time, from the 900 horsepower I mentioned earlier, to 1,750 horsepower. "After that the Merlin was replaced with the Griffin unit, another Rolls-Royce engine, which took the aeroplane up to 2,500 horsepower. "That iteration of Spitfire came later on in the war and it's really the Merlin-powered aeroplanes – they're the ones that people know and love the most."

Along with the engine, he said the wing was probably the most famous part of the aircraft. "The wing... is another reason we look to keep flying them. From here [on the ground] you can't really see its beautiful elliptical shape, but of course when one flies over you can.

"So it is important that we keep flying, so that not only can you hear the engine and that stunning sound that it makes, but also see the shape of the wing."

An aircraft not originally made for two. The Spitfire being flown round Britain did not start life as a two-seater. As Mr Jones explained: "The original was a single-seater. In fact 21,500 Spitfires roughly were built – all single-seaters. There were only ever 20 two-seaters built. "During the war there were quite a few take-off and landing accidents and the RAF went to the Air Ministry and said 'hey, we need a trainer of this aeroplane'. "So they went away and designed it during the war and came back and said 'yeah, we can do it – but for every one that we build, we won't be able to build you 10 fighters'. "And the requirement for fighters was greater than the training requirement, so the plans were shelved until after the war at which point the UK started selling Spitfires around the world. "The countries they were selling them to wanted to have a two-seat trainer, so the plans were pulled back out and the first one flew in 1946, with most of them being delivered in 1948." For thousands of pilots, their first experience of the Spitfire would be solo, with an instructor flying alongside.

He also explained how, as part of the 90-year commemoration, he had permission from the Royal Air Force to use the prototype's scheme and from the Civil Aviation Authority which gave its approval for passengers to be flown.

"Our business is taking people flying in Spitfires – and we do probably 1,000 flights a year.

"That's our way of commemorating, but in this case wearing the K5054 registration that its forefather and the father of all Spitfires flew 90 years ago in March 1936."



Typhoon tests rocket system that could cut cost of downing a drone from \$1m to just \$20k.

Typhoons and F-35s have successfully shot down a number of one-way attack drones launched by Iran and its allies over the past few weeks, but this has come at a huge financial cost. However, BAE Systems has successfully completed the test-firing of a low-cost precision weapon launched from a Typhoon, demonstrating a far more affordable solution to counter UAVs like the Shahed-136.

RAF Typhoon FGR4s are currently armed with a variety of missiles that were largely designed for air-to-air combat against enemy warplanes, and while they may be highly effective, they are also highly expensive.

Hydra meets laser. The AIM-120 AMRAAM (Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile), for example, costs around \$1m, while AIM-9X Sidewinders are roughly \$450,000.

Typhoons also carry short-range missiles such as the IRIS-T (infrared imaging system tail/thrust vector-controlled) and the ASRAAM (Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile), and these are also costly. When a 617 Squadron F-35B shot down a drone with one such missile, Air Vice Marshal (Ret'd) Sean Bell, a former fighter pilot, likened it to someone using a "sledgehammer to crack a nut".

To offer a more cost-effective solution, BAE Systems and the RAF have been experimenting with the Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) laser-guidance kit, a system which is already in use on a number of US aircraft such as the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

This kit adds an additional section to unguided 70mm rockets like the Hydra, transforming them into precision-guided munitions. The system, which first went into production back in 2008, creates a weapon with better accuracy that can be deployed against air or ground targets.

As well as fixed-wing aircraft, the system can be fitted to helicopters like the AH-64 Apache, uncrewed aerial vehicles, static and mounted ground platforms, and maritime vessels.

How it works. The APKWS kit includes advanced distributed aperture semi-active laser seeker optics located on all four guidance wings on the rocket. These are protected by wing-slot seals prior to firing, avoiding the adjacent fire damage that can interfere with a nose-mounted seeker. Once the rocket is fired, the APKWS kit's wings deploy and the optics lock on to designated targets, guiding the rocket to the target.

System proven. The trial involving the Typhoon saw the aircraft fitted out with the kit at the flight test development centre in Warton in Lancashire. The Typhoon was then able to launch a successful strike on a ground-based target at a military testing range at an undisclosed location. BAE Systems official Richard Hamilton explained: "As the UK's

sovereign provider of combat air capability, we play a crucial role in supporting the UK Armed Forces, working closely with the Ministry of Defence to develop technologies that strengthen our national defence capabilities. "This trial with the APKWS laser-guidance kit on Typhoon demonstrates a game-changing capability and a cost-effective solution that would enhance Typhoon's already impressive range of weapons capabilities."

And now for some banter...

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That's all folks..... Submissions for inclusion gratefully received.

Useful Contact Info – Military

Worthing Veterans Association: Providing a “one stop shop” point of contact for anything veteran related in and around Worthing. Contact Steve on 07948920339.

Blind Veterans: Supporting veterans with sight loss to overcome their challenges. Website is www.blindveterans.org.uk or call on 01273 307811.

Boots on the Ground: The charity runs small activity weekends for veterans and their families, offers back to work programs, sign posting and support services. Tel: 08000 699 990 or <https://www.bootsonthegrounduk.org/>

Care for Veterans - a multi-disciplinary approach towards the care and rehabilitation of residents, which includes physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, and neuropsychology, as well as social and recreational activities – all delivered from our facilities in Worthing, West Sussex. www.careforveterans.org.uk/ 01903 213458

Help for Heroes Providing lifetime support to those wounded in the service of their country. No matter when someone served. <https://www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/get-support-today/> Or call Keith Rule on 07823882400 or email keithrule@pm.me

Royal British Legion: Website is www.britishlegion.org.uk or call 0808 802 8080.

Royal Naval Association With over 11,000 members across 250+ branches in the UK and overseas, we are a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy. <https://royal-naval-association.co.uk/>
Email: admin@royalnavalassoc.com Tel: 023 9272 3747

RAF Association. The charity that supports the RAF family. Tel: 0800 018 2361
Website is: <https://rafa.org.uk/>

SSAFA: The UK's oldest military charity, providing support for veterans and families.
Website is www.ssafa.org.uk or call SSAFA Sussex on 0800 169 9060.

Veterans Gateway: Point of contact for veterans and their families to access information, advice and support online for a range of issues. Website is www.veteransgateway.org.uk or call 08088021212.

Walking With The Wounded: Walking With The Wounded, a military charity for injured veterans in the UK, supports a pathway for vulnerable veterans to re-integrate back into society and sustain their independence. At the heart of this journey is employment. Website is www.walkingwiththewounded.org .

WWTW is not a crisis support organisation so all contact can be made through the website

Useful Contact Info – civilian

(If anyone wants to recommend a local tradesman or charities to other veterans please let me know and they will be listed here.)

Flamingo Rock: Launched by one of our own. Gifts for him and her with a classic feel. Also bespoke items can be purchased. See website: <https://www.flamingorock.co.uk/>

Carers Support West Sussex: Providing support for family and friend carers across West Sussex. Website is www.carerssupport.org.uk (you can chat online to them too) or call on 0300 028888.

Freedom Powerchairs Charity led mobility solutions, run by a RAF Veteran. 0800 0096631 or email info@freedompowerchairs.org.uk

Helping Hands at Home “No job too small” Home maintenance. Call Gerren on 07884 213613. Website is www.hhhworthing.com

Injury Treatment Centre: Chartered physiotherapist dealing with joint and muscle injuries, and back and neck pain. Website is www.injurytreatmentcentre.co.uk or call 01903 205599.

Wall Bros Carpets Local firm run by strong supporters of the Veterans community. <https://wallbroscarpets.co.uk/> call them on [01903 20503638](tel:0190320503638)

Painting & Decorating Services No job too small, special care for veterans. Contact Teresa Lee on 07494711276 or email teresalee309@gmail.com

Plumbing Services Son of one of our own James Heaton has his own Plumbing & Heating business. Any jobs, small or large and will offer a 10% discount on labour for all Veterans. If you need any plumbing or heating work please contact James on heatonsplumbing@gmail.com, or by phone on 07919948630.

Snack Shack Located in the Lancing Business Park, run by a former Royal Marine. With space for up to 60/70 bods, interesting décor and obviously he knows what a brekky should taste like you should check this place out if in the area.

Forecast of Events

May 2026	
Sat 2 nd	Army v Navy Rugby – Twickenham
Sat 2 nd	Breakfast Club – Cancelled
Mon 4 th	No Drop In – Elections...
Fri 8 th	VE Day
Sat 9 th	Breakfast Club – Snack Shack 0930 – 1100
Sun 10 th	3 Cdo RM Blue Plaque event – Smugglers Arms
Sun 17 th	“Black Sunday” Grenadier Memorial Day
Sun 24 th	HMS Hood Day
June 2026	
Mon 1 st	Drop In – Gordon Room 10:30 – 12:00
Sat 6 th	D Day
Sat 6 th	Breakfast Club – Snack Shack 0930 – 1100
Sat 6 th	SAMA Ride of Respect 1400 – 1500, Worthing Cemetary
Sun 14 th	Falkland Islands Victory Day
Thu 18 th	Waterloo Day
Sat 27 th	Armed Forces Day
Tue 30 th	The Day Sussex Died – Battle of Boar’s Head
July 2026	
Sat 4 th	Breakfast Club – Snack Shack 0930 – 1100
Mon 6 th	Drop In – Gordon Room 10:30 – 12:00
August 2026	
Sat 1 st	Minden Day
Sat 1 st	Breakfast Club – Snack Shack 0930 – 1100
Mon 3 rd	Drop In – Gordon Room 10:30 – 12:00
Sun 16 th	Canadian Memorial Day 10:30 onwards
December 2026	
Sat 5 th	Breakfast Club – Snack Shack 0930 - 1100
Mon 7 th	Drop In – Gordon Room 10:30 onwards
Sat 12 th	Vets Xmas Bash – Palm Court Pavilion

Annual Diary

A place for us to list annual events which may require observing at the Cenotaph, Parade, Dinner or visit to the pub. If anything is missing please let me know.

January	
27th	Holocaust Memorial Day
February	
March	
April	
1st	Formation of the RAF 😊
May	
8th	VE Day
24th	HMS Hood Day
June	
6th	D Day
14th	Falklands Victory
18th	Waterloo Day
30th	The Day Sussex Died – Battle of Boar’s Head
July	
August	
1st	Minden Day
15th	VJ Day
September	
13th	Battle of Quebec (1759)
15th	Battle of Britain Day
22nd	Battle of Arnhem (17th – 25th Sept 1944)
October	
21st	Battle of Trafalgar
25th	Charge of the light brigade (Balaclava) 1854 and Agincourt 1415.
28th	Formation of the Royal Marines
November	
5th	Battle of Inkerman
11th	Armistice Day
11/12th	Battle of Taranto
December	
17th	Lancaster Bomber crash

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