VETERANS AND FAMILY HUB

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Family Fun Day 2023

A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended the Family fun day at our Mannamead site. We raised an impressive £497!

We would like to thank all those who volunteered on the day, we could not hold events like this without your dedication and support.

It was lovely to see so many organisation's join us, if you would like more information on those who attended please click the links as follows; <u>Plymouth Energy</u> <u>Community</u>, <u>Defence Medical Service</u>, <u>Age UK</u>, <u>Devon and Cornwall Community Police Team</u>, <u>City College Plymouth</u>, <u>Aggies</u>, <u>Woollcombe Yonge</u>.

We also had a great turn out from our community sellers, click on each name to see their pages, <u>Caroline, Kirsty</u>, <u>Louisa</u>, <u>Jodie</u>, <u>Amy</u>, <u>Georgia</u>, <u>Sally</u>, <u>Lisa</u> and <u>Annette</u>.





USEFUL CONTACTS

NHS Non-Emergency 111

Police Non-Emergency 101

South West Water 0344 346 2020

British Gas (Emergency Number) 0800 111 999

Western Power Distribution (Contact in the event of a power cut) 0800 678 3105

Adult Social Care 01752 306900

Livewell Plymouth mental health support (24 hours) 01752434922

Veterans Gateway 0808 802 1212

Samaritans 116 123



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Are you an Unpaid Carer?

Would you benefit from support with the organization of their shared caring role? Jointly is an app that has be created with the intention of making caring for someone a little easier, less stressful and a lot more organised by making communication and co-ordination between those who share caring responsibilities simpler.

Devon STP has teamed up with Carers UK to offer carers in our organisation free access to a wide range of online resources to help make caring easier.

To use Jointly for free, you must first create an account on the Jointly website and redeem the access code.

- 1. Visit www.jointlyapp.com and click 'Sign up'
- 2. A new page will appear, complete the form, and press 'Sign up' again at the bottom
- 3. Click 'Create a new circle' and select 'Use Free Access Code'
- 4. Enter the code DPCN9123 and click 'Redeem' Then you can download the app and log in with the details you used to register. (Or you can just use Jointly via the website)



"Looking after someone can be so complicated. Jointly helps me stay on top of things and share information easily with everyone involved in my son's care"



"I think it's a great idea -a great way of sharing information with the people I choose. This app helps me to keep everyone in the loop. Thank you!"



"I'm a junior doctor who has just started using your excellent app for the care of my grandfather, and it's been a really useful tool."

information and imagines sourced from https://jointlyapp.com/



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Veterans Railcard

You may be eligible for a Veterans Railcard providing you have served for at least one day or more in His Majesty's UK Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve). UK Merchant Mariners who have seen duty on legally defined military operations are also eligible.

You can buy a Railcard from anywhere in the world, although we can only delivery plastic Railcards to addresses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

The Railcard can be used to get discounts on rail travel in England, Wales and Scotland.

The new Veterans Railcard gives 1/3 off most rail fares including Standard and First Class Anytime,



1/3 off rail travel for Veterans. Roger that!



Off-Peak and Advance fares to Veterans across England, Wales and Scotland, whether they are visiting family and friends or simply enjoying a day out.

You can also nominate a companion to get 1/3 off when travelling with you and up to 4 children travelling with you get 60% off.

If you have served for at least one day in His Majesty's UK Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve) or have been a UK Merchant Mariner who has seen duty on legally defined military operations, you may be eligible.

A 1-year Veterans Railcard costs just £30. If you want to get more for your money, the 3-year Veterans Railcard is great value at £70, saving you £20 on the cost of renewing your 1-year Veterans Railcard for three consecutive years.

The Veterans Railcard is available to buy online and by post, and you can choose to have it on your phone (digital) or to have a plastic card posted to you.

For more information please click here





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support services available at Improving Lives Plymouth



One to one free legal clinic supported by Woollcombe Yonge Solicitors at the Veterans and Family Hub.

Please call to book an appointment 1st Tuesday of the month from 09:30 - 12:00

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One to one appointments available for support with energy advice, grants to make your home warmer, or assistance to talk to your energy supplier if you are in difficulty and much more.

Please call to book an appointment on Fridays 10:00 - 12:30.

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Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs



The Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Clubs (AFVBC) is now the single largest veterans organisation in the UK, and membership growing weekly.

With over 400 clubs nationally and 15 overseas, the AFVBC seeks to end social isolation for veterans. The clubs bring people with a connection to the UK Armed Forces together and offers a chance to reminisce, share stories and interact with a community that is missed by most when leaving the Armed Forces.

The AFVBC is also conducting five pilot programmes in HM prisons across the UK, building a Armed Forces community within HM prisons. These pilot programmes help with social interaction, rehabilitation and a support structure for veterans who are currently within the criminal justice system.

Lindsay Beadnall from the AFVBC, said:

"The AFVBC acts as a beacon of hope and a landmark for those who are at HMP Stocken. It gives them a community, purpose, a chance to learn new skills. And somewhere to head to when they leave HMP Stocken. Our young veterans are gaining awards and are developing their skills for employment on their release. It gives most a second chance."

Our local AFBC meets on Saturday 2nd September, 0900 - 1100 at Drakes Kitchen more details can be found at https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthAFVBC if you are unable to attend in Plymouth please find details of other locations here

information sourced from https://www.afvbc.world/#bc-search / https://www.gov.uk/guidance/veterans-news-and-communications-hub



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1st Cardiff Christmas Market £18



6th Christmas Bingo £1



7th Veterans Carers Support Group £0



8th Dec Veterans Carol Service £0



15th Dec Brew and Banter Lunch £12.50



22nd December Theatre Royal Panto £22*

*Max 2 tickets per household

Pre-booking is essential for all activities.

We are happy to assist you to spread payments, please call and see how we can help.

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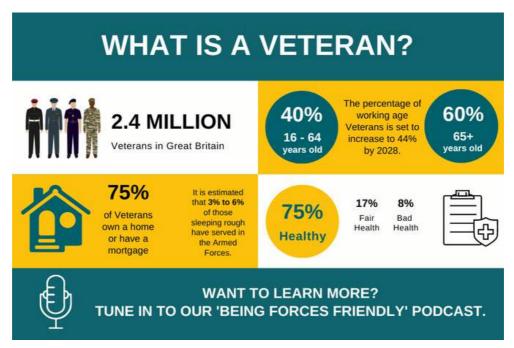






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What is a veteran?



Veterans are defined as anyone who has served for at least one day in His Majesty's Armed Forces (Regular or Reserve) or Merchant Mariners who have seen duty on legally defined military operations. There are currently 2.4 million veterans in Great Britain.

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Want to learn more? Tune in to our 'being forces friendly' podcast'.

<u>Listen to our team of veterans talk about their experiences</u>: transitioning from the UK Armed Forces and what the word 'veteran' means to them.

You can find and listen to all of our <u>Being Forces Friendly podcast episodes on Anchor</u>.

Share your story: what does the word "veteran" mean to you? Access the platforms below and use the hashtag #ProudToBeAVeteran:

<u>Platform X</u> (Previously Twitter) <u>LinkedIn</u>

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Mental wellbeing.

















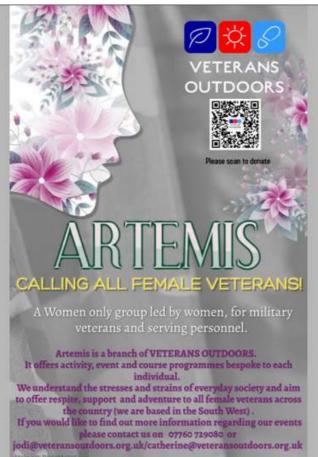




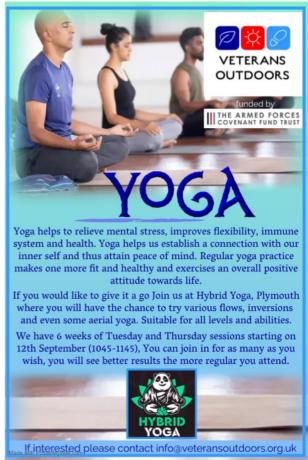














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Events August - December 2023

Saturday 12th August 11:30-14:30 Picnic at Buckfast Abbey -pre book

Saturday 19th August 9-11am Breakfast at Drakes Kitchen, Plymouth University

Saturday 2nd September 9-11am Breakfast ar Drakes Kitchen, Plymouth University

> Saturday 16th September BREAKFAST VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

Saturday 7th October 9-11am Breakfast at Drakes Kitchen Plymouth University

Saturday 21st October BREAKFAST VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

Saturday 4th November 9-11am Breakfast at Drakes Kitchen, Plymouth University

17/18th November Festive Party VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED

Saturday 2nd & 16th December 9-11am Breakfast at Drakes Kitchen, Plymouth University

Any questions, please contact us: 07568 148685 PlymouthVeteransBreakfastClub@outlook.com





HOW CAN WE HELP?

We're here to support over 50s in our community to love later life with dignity and independence. Our free and friendly counselling service is here to help Veterans access the support they need to build and maintain good mental health.

This flexible eight week programme supports people living with a range of challenges to their mental wellbeing including PTSD, low level depression and social isolation

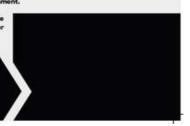
Our fully qualified, independent counsellor will guide and reassure you through your journey to better mental health, at your own pace and with full confidentiality

WANT TO TALK? WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN

Face to face counselling for individuals through a series of regular free sessions in a comfortable and confidential environment.

Explore new possibilities, and enable the opportunity for change at your own pace.

INDEPENDENT. CONFIDENTIAL. **GET IN TOUCH...**



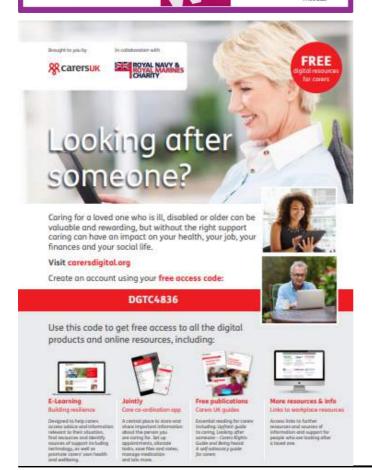






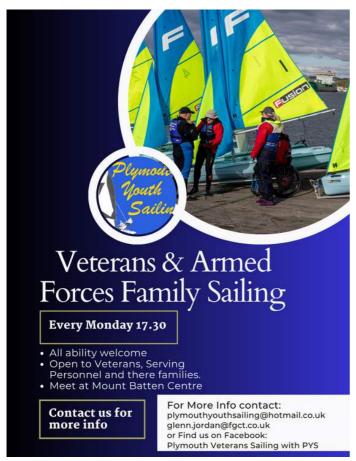


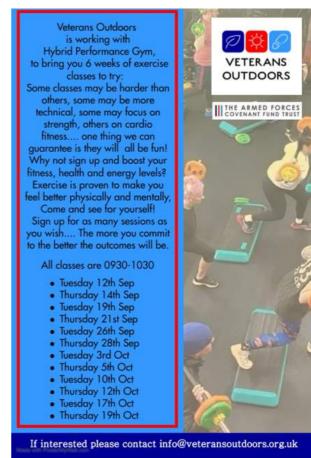




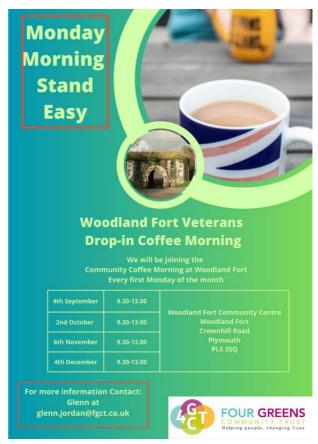














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What's On September

**Friday 1st - Brew and Banter - Union Rooms Wetherspoons 10:30 -12:30 prices start at £2.50 Saturday 2nd - Armed Forces Breakfast Club- Drakes Kitchen- 09:00 -11:00 *Monday 4th - Walking Football - Harpers Football Centre - 14:00 - 15:00 - £2 *Tuesday 5th - Age UK Veterans Sticky Bun Morning - Age UK Mount Gould 10:00 - 12:00- £2 Wednesday 6th - Bingo - Honicknowle Green Youth Centre - 17:30 - £1 Thursday 7th - Woollcombe Yonge Legal Clinic - Vets Hub pre booking needed Thursday 7th - Unpaid Carers Support Group - Cap "n" Jaspers Visit - 13:30 - 15:00 **Friday 8th - Brew and Banter -Union Rooms Wetherspoons 10:30 -12:30 prices start at £2.50 *Saturday 9th - Veterans Brunch - Age UK Mount Gould- 10:00 - 12:00- £5 *Monday 11th - Age UK Walking Football - Harpers Football Centre - 14:00 - 15:00 £2 *Tuesday 12th - Veterans Sticky Bun Morning - Age UK Mount Gould 10:00 - 12:00- £2 **Friday 15th - Brew and Banter - Cancelled due to coach trip. Friday 15th - Bristol Coach Trip to Oaklands Museum - Veterans Hub - £20pp Saturday 16th - Armed Forces Breakfast Club - Venue to be confirmed - 09:00 -11:00 *Monday 18th - Age UK Walking Football - Harpers Football Centre - 14:00 - 15:00 - £2 *Tuesday 19th - Veterans Sticky Bun Morning - Age UK Mount Gould 10:00 - 12:00-£2 **Wednesday 20th Fish and Chips evening - 17:00 - 19:30 - Vets Hub, must book in advance- £5 **Friday 22nd - Brew and Banter - Union Rooms Wetherspoons 10:30-12:00 prices start at £2.50 *Sunday 27th - Veterans Brunch - Age UK Mount Gould - 10:00 - 12:00 - £5 **Tuesday 26th - Visiting Podiatrist - Booking Essential - Ernest English House - 09:30 -13:30

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**Friday 29th - Brew and Banter - Union Rooms Wetherspoons 10:30-12:00 prices start at £2.50









