

What's on!

January 2025



Diary Dates:

20 January. Floor Contractors Start

Floor Contractors. Vertigo's first choice for a floor covering on the ground floor was carpet, then in the computer-generated views of the finished room it appeared as though the floor covering was laminate. However, it now appears, after a couple of inspections of the floor, that there will be no covering but that the original flag stone floor will be uncovered and cleaned up.

I can only remember seeing part of the flag stone floor once. The last time we replaced the carpet the carpet fitters lifted part of the old carpet with the intention of removing it, took one look at the original floor and decided against it.

We have removed the carpet tiles and revealed a rather dirty looking carpet that is covering the flags. I don't envy those who are tasked to remove it. All we need to do is to make sure that every thing is removed from the ground floor room. Most of the clearing is complete just one more short session will complete the task.

WW2 Anniversary. 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 with 8 May 1945 being

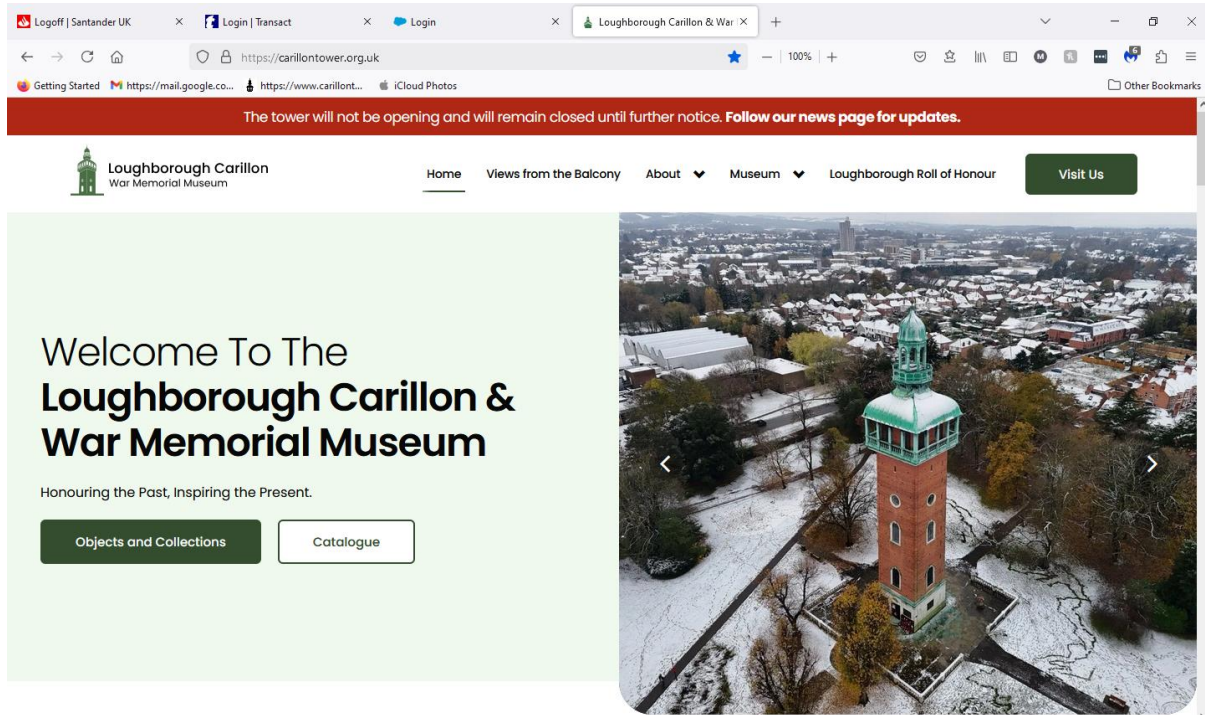


designated as VE Day (Victory in Europe) that being the day that Germany surrendered and 15 August VJ Day (Victory over Japan). We have been pretty poor in marking similar events in the past so we should make an effort this year.

I have spoken to Nick Shaw at CBC, I am unsure of his title but if there is an event to be organised then he is there, and CBC will be organising some sort of event to mark the anniversary.

In the new ground floor museum, there is a large glass cabinet in the centre of the room and I suggest that we devote the whole of the cabinet to WW2 and the end of that war. It will give us the opportunity to display objects relating to the military but we can also include the 'Home Front' and the celebrations at the end of the war (we have a number of A4 photographs of the street parties held to celebrate victory) We just need to be aware that as a war memorial any display should focus on the human cost on both sides.

The Website. We have now taken ownership of the new website and that moment cannot pass without me mentioning Mary's efforts in what has been a long and sometime difficult process, it is no exaggeration to say that she has exchanged hundreds of messages with Ben and Bobby, the two gentlemen from Dotwall. Everything was discussed from layout to colour schemes, she is to be congratulated for her patience and particularly for her attention to detail. However, whilst we still have Dotwall's attention if you see anything on the site that you think could be improved then let us know.



Neil has volunteered to manage the site in future but we do not want a repeat of the situation we found ourselves in before. First when Goff finally retired, apart from Mary's understanding of the online catalogue we were, for the most part, locked out. Secondly, on Peter's death he took with him the username and password to access both the Carillon and the Roll of Honour sites, hosted in America. I won't go into the trouble that caused but suffice to say I spent three weeks exchanging messages with a very apologetic but unhelpful 'Chatbot' in America.

The Fire Strategy. You will know that CBC asked us to arrange for a company to carry out an inspection and write a 'Fire Strategy Report'. Both myself and Cassie were present throughout and I am grateful to Cassie who has a far better understanding of these things than me. I have not shared the report as CBC paid for it so the document is theirs.

What I can say is that it is a very detailed report and perhaps not as gloomy as I was expecting with many of the potential problems tempered by an admission that structural change was not an option and that the limited number in the tower at anyone time negates some of the problems of evacuation in the event of fire.

Requirements for DBS. I have been asked if we need to register volunteers with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) which is designed to protect children and vulnerable adults. The short answer is no! We have asked the question in the past and have confirmed that it does not require us to go through the checks. There was a case in the past when we did a project with Rawlins Academy the school insisted on DBS checks for those volunteers involved.

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