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## Fundraising News

### Choral Concert In Aid Of NFA

The Brandenburg Choral Festival is staging a special performance of the beautiful Fauré Requiem on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct at the RAF Church of St Clement Danes, London. Proceeds of tickets purchased through The Not Forgotten Association will go the charity. Ticket prices from £18.

To book, email [info@nfassociation.org](mailto:info@nfassociation.org) or call 0207 730 2400.

### Donation From Atlas Elektronik

Our thanks to Atlas Elektronik UK Ltd for their generous donation of £10,000. Atlas's Managing Director Dr Antoni Mazur presented us with the cheque after the Reginald Fessenden sailing day.

### WWII Veteran Donates £3,000

Our friend and supporter Cyril Banks has donated £3,000 to enable us to put on an afternoon tea concert next year. Cyril was recently conned out of his life savings and two public campaigns were launched to replace his money. They raised far more than he had lost and so Cyril very generously gave the excess to a number of charities.

### Charity Boxing Night

An evening of boxing and entertainment is being held on 7<sup>th</sup> Oct at Wellington Barracks in London in aid of the NFA. Featuring former boxing champions Glenn Catley and Julius Francis, and with music from ex Drifters singer Ray Lewis and other guest appearances.

Tickets from £100 per person include a drinks reception, five-course dinner and wine. For details call 0207 730 2400 or email [events@nfassociation.org](mailto:events@nfassociation.org)

### This is what we do . . .

*"I've been struggling with my motivation and confidence since being medically discharged from the RAF; your event was the tonic I needed to realise I'm not alone. It's given me a spring in my step and inspired me to volunteer."*

The words of one young veteran, who recently joined us at Brands Hatch for a supercar racing day (see overleaf), illustrate the positive impact our work has on the lives of our injured service men and women.

Over the last eight weeks we have run eight separate events and activities, providing entertainment and leisure for 327 beneficiaries; quite an achievement for our small team. We are extremely proud to be able to offer this unique support which complements the great work of our service charity partners.

**James Stopford, Chief Executive**

## White Water Canoeing Holidays In France

Two groups of injured serving personnel and veterans, including single and double amputees, have taken to the rapids in the French Alps. These five-day holidays, kindly supported by our largest donor Help for Heroes, encapsulate our motto 'From Comradeship To Challenge'.



Both groups got on fantastically well, with any initial anxiety quickly giving way to the exciting challenge of canoeing down the river and rapids. Teamwork and mutual support was soon in evidence as the groups helped and encouraged each other.

For those who have left service, these holidays were an ideal opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie and banter of service life. Many new friendships were made and everyone has kept in touch since returning home: one group has now sent over 600 text messages to each other!

*"These last five days I will remember for the rest of my life" (Mr S.K.)*



### A Thrilling Day At Brands Hatch

We invited 80 injured serving and ex-service men and women for a day of thrills, fun and excitement at Brands Hatch. They spent the day being driven around the world-famous track in a spectacular variety of high performance road and racing cars, at speeds of nearly 200mph. In the evening they had dinner, swapping tales, enjoying each other's company and making new friends.

### Iceland Trek Challenge

A group of 21 injured service men and women travelled to Iceland for a five-day trek across some of the most spectacular, rugged and unusual landscapes in the world. Camping in tents overnight, they covered a distance of 53 kilometres passing snowfields, hot springs, lava fields, volcanic lakes and glacial rivers. Our Head of Events Rosie Thompson, who led the tour, said: "This was one of the most memorable trips we have run, both for the incredible scenery and the way the whole group bonded together to take on the challenge."



### The Reginald Fessenden Challenge

This annual sailing and fundraising event, held at the RAF Yacht Club Southampton, took place on 20<sup>th</sup> July, raising more than £13,000 for the NFA. Six crews from maritime defence organisations and one representing the NFA competed for the trophy. Our thanks to those companies who generously supported the event: Atlas Elektronik (UK) Ltd, QINETIQ, ULTRA Sonar System, SAAB Seaeye Ltd, THALES and AVRO Yachting Ltd; to Guest of Honour Lt Gen Sir Robert Fulton KCB and to Capt Tim Davies for organising the event.

### Country House Activities Weekend

A group of veterans and their partners gathered for our second weekend at Bradenham Manor, courtesy of Grant Thornton. This weekend in the Buckinghamshire countryside was non-stop fun with quizzes, team games and plenty of competitiveness. For many of our guests it was just the tonic they needed, sharing time together, restoring confidence, making new friends and returning home with smiles on their faces.



### Gatcombe Horse Trials

A group of 15 ex-service veterans and carers enjoyed a weekend at the Gatcombe Horse Trials. The tri-service group came from all over the country and they soon got to know each other and share their military experiences.

A wonderful day watching the Trials provided a welcome break for our guests away from their routines and an opportunity to meet some of the Royal Family in attendance.



## Future Events

Each year we put together a busy programme of events, holidays, outings and concerts. The following are just some of our planned activities for the rest of this year.

### September

- Dunkirk Little Ships outing
- Great Glen Way Walk (Supported by Help For Heroes)
- Farmhouse Holidays, Majorca
- 3 Peaks Challenge Majorca

### October

- Boxing at Wellington Barracks
- Concert & High Tea, Henley
- NFA Rockettes Commando Challenge
- Battlefield Tour, Normandy (Supported by Help For Heroes)
- Carp Fishing Weekend, Devon
- Brandenburg Choral Concert

### November

- Remembrance Weekend
- Ascot Race Day

### December

- Christmas Lunches with Entertainment (Supported by JTI)
- Christmas Party, St James Palace

For further info on any of the above please email: [info@nfassociation.org](mailto:info@nfassociation.org)

## Want to get involved?

You can donate, set up your own fundraising page, or sponsor one of our existing fundraisers on our **BT My Donate** page. Go to [www.btplc.com/mydonate](http://www.btplc.com/mydonate) ...and search "Not Forgotten"

## Or why not volunteer?

Join our amazing team of volunteers and find out more about what we do. Please email [volunteer@nfassociation.org](mailto:volunteer@nfassociation.org)

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