

# Sculptures sum up struggles of service

**TWO members of VIC are creating sculptures for an inspirational new art installation being launched in Salford.**

Bravo 22 Company Manchester is running The Art of Recovery exhibition and sculptor Al Johnson has been working with 10 veterans to create the life-size sculptures.

Dave Joddrell and Graham Limb, from VIC, spent three weeks creating sculptures that reflect their personal experiences.

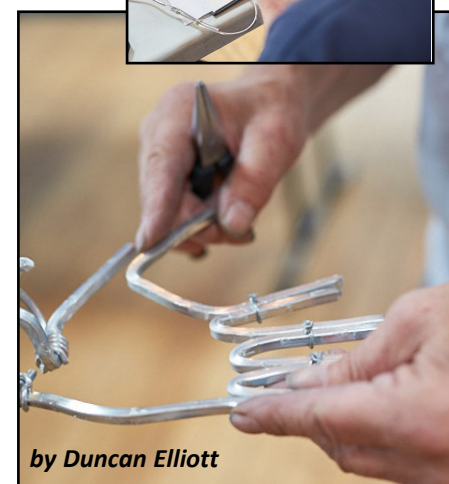
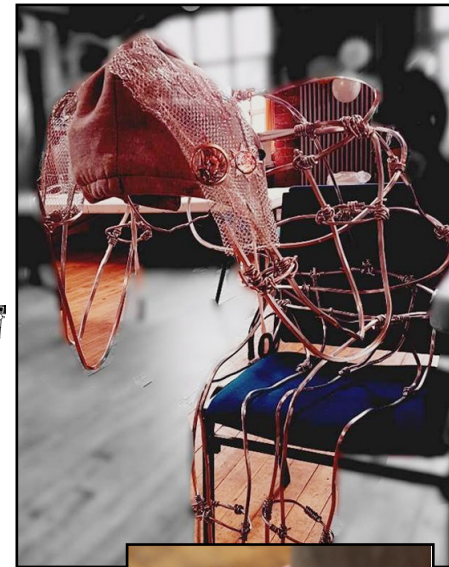
Graham's is based on a painting from 2012, when he first started at VIC, entitled 'History of a Broken Man'.

Graham, 42, said: "I saw the work of artist Craig Davidson and I asked him if I could use his ideas as inspiration for my painting and he agreed."

The painting shows a man seated with his head in his hands and surrounding him are a three men, a soldier, a legionnaire and a firefighter with their hands resting on his shoulder; these reflect Graham's service history.

Using newly acquired sculpting skills, he has recreated the man on the bench using wire and mesh; on his arm are Graham's service cap badges.

Dave, who created the willow sculptures on Healey Corner for VIC, is known for his creativity and his sculpture shows a man with pieces of a mortise lock in one hand and a fully operational lock in the other.



by Duncan Elliott

Dave, 65, said: "I made a willow sculpture of a mill worker that is in Stubbins and I used a similar technique to construct the arm.

"This has been a good project to be involved with. To make a sculpture just of me didn't really say anything, but the locks represent putting things together and unlocking my internal feelings."

Both Graham and Dave have been filmed and interviewed and their stories have been documented in biographies.

The exhibition is open at the Lowry Hotel in Salford from June 22 to July 11 and from October to February it will be at Bethlem Museum of the Mind in Croydon. The project is funded by The Royal British Legion.



## Combined concert for VIC

**AN AMAZING concert combined musicians and singers to raise money for VIC.**

Veterans and Voices was held at St Mary's CE Church, Rawtenstall, and well attended by the community.

Operations Manager Bob Elliott said: "It was a fantastic night and it was a real privilege to have

Haslingden and Helmshore Band, Veterans' Sweetheart Sarah Dennis and St Mary's CE School Choir from Rawtenstall joining our very own VIC Singing Group; the singing group gave their best ever performance.

"MC for the night was Pete Sweetmore and I would like to say thank you to everyone who came along."

## Stunning art as care homes unite



**OUR art group at Jubilee Court in Helmshore grew with the addition of members from nearby Highfield Hall Care Home in Haslingden.**

Arts and Crafts Co-ordinator Darren Horsnell said: "Some of the new members live with dementia and Alzheimer's, but they produced some amazing work.

"This would not be possible without the help of Tracey Vick, who is a widely respected and knowledgeable community carer.



"I would like to say a massive thank you to the management of Jubilee Court for allowing us to use their wonderful facilities."

## VIC to benefit from keepsakes



**HASLINGDEN business Rossendale Bespoke Timber is offering to raise money for VIC when customers order laser printed products.**

Owner James Stroud is donating 10 per cent of the price to VIC. For more information see the company's Facebook page.

## Great turnout for museum trip

**A POPULAR trip to the Fusilier's Museum in Bury was attended by 15 veterans.**

They first stopped off at the Bury Veterans' Breakfast Club, before joining tour guide Paul Dalton who showed them around the Fusiliers Museum explaining the exhibits and artefacts.



**OUR indoor shooting range, complete with Nerf guns and targets, was test driven at the VIC stall at the 1940s weekend in Rawtenstall.**

**VIC will be setting up a stall at future Clog Markets to sell arts and crafts created at the centre.**



Admin Assistant Tracy Keir organised the trip. She said: "He was really informative and we hope to organise a further trip when it is nicer weather because there is also a really nice memorial garden at the museum."



## Awareness course

**A LEVEL 1 certificate in Mental Health Awareness is being offered by Accrington and Rossendale College in partnership with VIC.**

The 14-week course is 3 hours per week and is for VIC members and volunteers. It is free to people in receipt of PIP, JSA and ESA and actively seeking employment.

The course will be run at the VIC Centre in Haslingden and for more information contact admin assistant Tracy Keir on 01706 833180.

## Fundraising ceilidh

**GET your dancing shoes polished for a fundraising ceilidh on Friday September 29 at St Christopher's High School in Accrington.**

Frolicking Pete and the Fumbling Fingers Concertina Ceilidh Band will be playing and tickets will be available through VIC.

## Greenhouse donation

**VIC is making arrangements to collect a donated greenhouse from Great Harwood for our allotment in Helmshore.**

An appeal for volunteers is also being made as the allotment needs a team to look after it.

If you can help contact 01706 833180.



## Flower inspires song

**A POEM written by Falklands veteran Steve Butterworth has been set to music and is set to be released.**

'The Pale Maiden; is the national flower of the Falkland Islands and is also the title of Steve's song.

Steve, an Outreach Worker with VIC, served in the Royal Navy from 1976 to 1983 and returned to the islands in 2014 when he visited the memorials and also came across the flower growing on the mountain and hillsides.

More details on the song's release will be in next month's VIC Newsletter.



## Congratulations to our Tony

**A HEARTY congratulations to Volunteer Outreach Worker Tony Stubbs for being nominated in the volunteer of the year awards run by Rochdale CVS.**

Tony also picked up a long-service award for his voluntary work with the NHS.

As part of volunteering week, he took part in a live You Tube Webcast to explain his personal benefits he has experienced as a result of volunteering, how it has assisted his health and the opportunities and training courses he has undertaken in the last few years.

He was also invited to London to deliver a speech as a Royal British Legion ambassador.

## Museum visit proves popular

**A PARTY of 10 from VIC enjoyed a social inclusion visit to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester.**

VIC member Bill Ogden organised the trip and veterans who attended had served in Afghanistan, Iraq, Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Malaya and one had also been a firefighter.

The next social inclusion trip will be on Thursday July 6 to Crosby Beach, Merseyside, to



see the Antony Gormley statues Another Time Another Place. The Crew Van leaves at 9.30am and places must be prebooked by calling 01706 833180.

A further social inclusion trip will be held on Thursday August 19 to Eden Camp, a former Prisoner of War camp that is now a museum, in North Yorkshire.

## Charity ball

**A CHARITY ball with bands, bagpipes and a meal will be held on October 14 in Pendle to raise funds for VIC.**

Pendle Councillor Neil Butterworth, who is the Armed Forces Champion, is organising the event and there will be 18 tables of 10 with tickets priced at £42.50.

For more information contact Neil Butterworth on Facebook.

## Walk is switched

**INCLEMENT weather led to a change from the proposed Pendle Hill hike to a more low level walk around Turton Tower, Jumbles Reservoir and the Last Drop, near Bolton.**



**A BEAUTIFUL day greeted the six VIC members on a social inclusion trip to the picturesque Brockholes Nature Reserve near Preston.**





## ROSSENDALE

All activities are held at the VIC Centre, Bury Road, Haslingden, BB4 5PL, unless otherwise stated.

### Outreach Service MONDAY-FRIDAY

10am-3pm

To book a home appointment call 01706 833180.

### MONDAY

#### Crafty Chatters

10.30am-12.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

#### Community Arts and Crafts

10am-noon

#### Computer Functional Skills

9.30am-12.30pm

#### Art Classes

2pm-4pm

Jubilee Court, Jubilee Road, Haslingden, BB4 4DD.

### THURSDAY

#### Rossendale Citizens' Advice (weekly)

by appointment only  
Singing Group (weekly)

6.30-8.30pm

### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

#### Art Group and drop-in

11am-3pm

#### Walking Group

Morning

Walks will be held on alternate **THURSDAYS**, weather permitting. Log on to VIC Facebook page to see where the next walks will be.

#### Outdoor Activities

Log on to our website and follow the link on *Projects and Activities* to see what we have planned and how to book a place. A full leaflet is available.

#### Positive Art

Our art shop is now based at the *VIC Centre, Bury Road, Haslingden, BB4 5PL, contact 01706 833180 for details.*

## HEYWOOD, MIDDLETON AND ROCHDALE

### Outreach Service

#### MONDAY

1-3pm

Sandon House, Taylor Street, Heywood OL10 4EF.

#### TUESDAY AND SOME FRIDAYS

11am-3pm

Allotment, Latrigg Crescent, Langley, Middleton M24 4LU.

Call Tony 07534 381723.

#### THURSDAY

9.30-10.30am Rochdale Breakfast Club, Rochdale Town Hall Bistro OL16 1AB.

10.30am-noon

#### VIC Outreach

1 Riverside, Rochdale OL16 1UB.

#### THURSDAY

11.30am-1.30pm

Lighthouse Project, Unit S6b/c Middleton Shopping Centre, Limetrees Road, Middleton M24 4EL.

#### Walking Group

Walks will be held on alternate **THURSDAYS** and are combined with Rossendale.

## HYNDBURN

### Outreach Service

### MONDAY

1-3pm

First floor Accrington Market Hall.

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### NHS Military Veterans Psychological Therapies Service (NW)

0161 253 6638

### The Royal British Legion

0808 802 8080 7 days a week 8am - 8pm

### SSAFA

email Lancashire@ssafa.org.uk

01772 260 462

### Rossendale Citizens' Advice

0300 456 2552 Mon to Fri 10am-4pm

### The Samaritans

01706 830999 Freephone 116 123

### Mental Health Helpline

0800 915 4640 Mon to Fri 7pm - 11pm Sat

& Sun 12 noon to 12 midnight

### Royal Air Forces Association

01772 426930

### Veterans UK Free Helpline

0808 1914 218

### East Lancashire Single Point of Access via GP or self-referral

01282 657116

## PENDLE

### Outreach Service

10am-noon

#### MONDAY - first week only

Place de Creil, near Wilkos, Nelson.

#### MONDAY - second week only

Market Place Car park, Town Square Colne.

#### MONDAY - third week only

Town Square, Albert Road, Barnoldswick.

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