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Combat Stress

three new events for 2021

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Here's some good news from the HGS Combat Stress Committee! We're very pleased to announce three fundraising events which will hopefully be happening in the second half of the year. All depend on government Covid restrictions at the time, but we are crossing our fingers that we'll be able to welcome you all once again and raise badly needed funds for Combat Stress:

Clothes and Book Sale
Saturday 24th July, 10am-5pm
Main Hall, Fellowship House
Come and have a rummage through a great selection of really good quality nearly new clothes & accessories - Women's, Men's and Children's. For the bookworms amongst you there will be a large selection of books at great prices, many of which are new.

Private Garden Opening – Caroline & David Broome's Award-Winning Garden
Sunday 1st August, 2-6pm
79 Church Lane, East Finchley, N2 0TH
A great way to celebrate midsummer. Caroline and David Broome are very kindly opening their award-winning garden in aid of Combat Stress. Come and visit this delightful hidden gem of a garden, full of innovative planting and colour, and enjoy tea and home-made cakes and

scones. There'll also be a raffle, and plants and garden-related crafts for sale.

Winter Concert with the North London Military Wives Choir and the Royal Naval Volunteer Band Northwood
Saturday 20th November, 7.30pm in the Free Church
By popular demand, we are delighted to welcome back the North London Military Wives Choir and the Royal Naval Volunteer Band Northwood HQ. After a very difficult year, come and enjoy songs from the Military Wives Choir album 'Remember' and a variety of music from military marches to stage and screen favourites. Information about ticket prices will be circulated soon.

HGS Combat Stress Committee:
Gerlinde Crossley, Marjorie Harris, Mike Milner, Yvonne Oliver, Angela Phillips, Emma Rodwell, Ruth Smith

Stephens House and Gardens

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On St George's day in April Stephens House & Gardens hosted their first event of 2021. Watching those attending there was a sense of joy and, yes, liberation and it occurred to me that the Gardens were at that moment probably the only place in London where people were able to dance (all be it at social distance) on the huge expanse of the Lawn, and dance they certainly did.

As the summer brings hope of a return to normality, we are bringing a packed season of performance and activities which not only raise the spirits and help keep the Gardens open for all to enjoy, but also give a helping hand to artists and performers to get back on their feet.

Tours of the house will also be restarting in summer and the Stephens collection will be re-opening. Our events include the Beatles, Gilbert and Sullivan, Beatrix Potter and Shakespeare. We are also offering street food and Sunday roasts, as well as drawing classes. For something completely different you could drop in to the Knit Outdoors Day on Saturday 12th June.

We are continually adding events and activities. Our website, www.stephenshouseandgardens.com, lists everything we are offering this summer and though we have to charge for some of them, all proceeds go towards keeping the Gardens open for all to enjoy.



Knit Outdoors Day



North London Military Wives Choir

Photo: David Crossley



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