

# 100 DAYS OFFENSIVE

The Hundred Days Offensive was the final period of the First World War, during which the Allies launched a series of offensives against the Central Powers on the Western Front from 8 August to 11 November 1918, beginning with the Battle of Amiens. The offensive essentially pushed the Germans out of France, forcing them to retreat beyond the Hindenburg Line, and was followed by an armistice. 📖

## EVENTS

Across Worcestershire we will mark the one hundred days with events and activities that focus on remembrance offering a range of ways for the people of Worcestershire to come together to remember the impact of World War One both at the Front and at Home.

### 1 EXHIBITION

Until November 2018

#### The People's Collection

Bromsgrove Library, Malvern Hills Library, Redditch Library, Gallery 8 Pershore, Broadway Museum & Art Gallery, Henry Sandon Hall, The Hive

For full venue details visit: [ww1worcestershire.co.uk](http://ww1worcestershire.co.uk)

FREE

The People's Collection is the culmination of the Worcestershire World War One Hundred programme and through exhibiting stories, artefacts and objects donated by people from across the County commemorates the role Worcestershire played in the First World War.

For details on talks and events at the different venues visit the website.

### 2 EVENT

Saturday 4 August  
Worcestershire Remembers

The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester, WR1 2EY  
10am – 4pm

FREE

Meet the organisations who have been involved in the Worcestershire World War One Hundred programme and other commemorative projects and find out what you can expect over the final part of the commemorative period. The Trench Choir will perform as part of this event at 10.30am and 12.30am.



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### 3 EXHIBITION

1 – 30 September  
Fields of Battle –  
Lands of Peace  
Cathedral Square,  
Worcester, WR1 2QE  
Daily

FREE

A stunning photographic exhibition by international, award-winning photo-journalist, Michael St. Maur Sheil. The healing power of time and nature are captured in these stunning landscape images of the battlegrounds of the First World War, all around the world, as they are today.

Exploring the theme of reconciliation to mark the centenary of the armistice, the images highlight the impact of the war on the nations and societies involved; commemorating the role played by people of diverse races and creeds in what was the first truly global armed conflict.

This is the final exhibition in a series of outdoor photographic displays which have sought to introduce the public to the issues and events of the First World War. The images are presented in large format on an impressive scale.

MORE EVENTS  
THIS WAY



Cultural and heritage organisations from across the county are commemorating the 100th anniversary of World War One with an outstanding four-year programme of events and activities under the banner Worcestershire World War One Hundred.

Led by the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service, the programme, which received one of the largest Heritage Lottery Fund Grants outside of London, commemorates the role Worcestershire played in World War One and tells the stories of Worcestershire people, their involvement with and personal legacy from the War.

Residents of Worcestershire are invited to be part of the project through sharing their own family photos, diaries, letters and artefacts from World War One for inclusion in the People's Collection exhibition. If you would still like to loan or gift materials about the First World War, contact us through our website.

You can see the full programme of what is happening near you, which venues are participating and how you can get involved at [ww1worcestershire.co.uk](http://ww1worcestershire.co.uk)

The map inside indicates key activities in the closing months of the centenary.



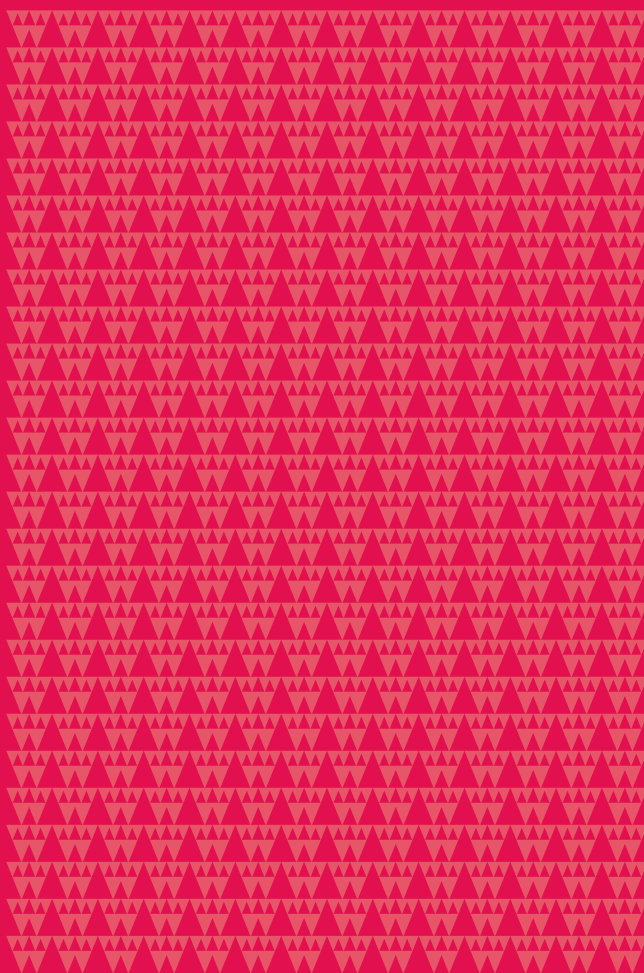
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#### PARTNERS:

Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service  
Museums Worcestershire  
Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings  
University of Worcester  
George Marshall Medical Museum  
Tudor House Museum, Worcester  
Museum of Royal Worcester Porcelain  
Elgar Birthplace Museum  
Worcester Cathedral  
Museum of the Mercian Regiment  
Worcestershire Yeomanry Museum  
Worcester City Council  
Worcestershire Libraries and Learning Service



#### Worcestershire World War One Hundred

[ww1worcestershire.co.uk/](http://ww1worcestershire.co.uk/)  
[ww1worcestershire.co.uk/enquiry/](http://ww1worcestershire.co.uk/enquiry/)

Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service,  
The Hive, Sawmill Walk,  
The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD  
Tel: 01905 845714



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& Map 2018

THE  
Hundred Days  
Offensive





#### 4 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Saturday 15 September**  
**Drumhead Service**  
Including bring your own Poppy  
Gheluvelt Park, Worcester, WR1 3EY  
Assemble from noon, service at 12.30pm.  
**FREE**

Join the Worcestershire Lord Lieutenant for an outdoor service of remembrance. Music, parade of standards and an Act of Commemoration. The final part of the ceremony will be to create a spectacle of ceramic poppies, purchased by people across the county after the Tower of London art installation in 2014, and brought to Gheluvelt Park for this day. Everyone who has a poppy is encouraged to bring it with them.



#### 5 FAMILY DAY

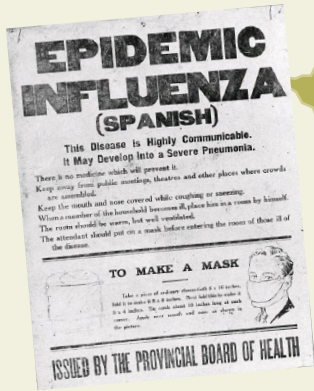
**Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September**  
**The Bell Tent at Lickey Hills**  
Lickey Hills, Warren Lane, Rednal, Birmingham B45 8ER  
11am – 4pm  
**FREE**

Part of the Lickey Hills Historical Society weekend open day, visit the World War One Bell Tent and find out the impact World War One had on Worcestershire.

#### 6 TALK

**Wednesday 26 September**  
**The Spanish Flu; story and science**  
The Chapel, The Infirmary, University of Worcester, City Campus, Castle Street, Worcester, WR1 3AS  
7.30pm – 9pm  
**FREE**

A talk from Professor Maggie Andrews and Dr Mike Wheeler to investigate Spanish Flu. What was it? What does it look like? Why did it spread? What was its impact after the First World War?



#### 7 TALK

**Wednesday 26 September**  
**The Final Battle: The Hundred Days' Offensive and the End of the First World War**  
Henry Sandon Hall, The Royal Porcelain Works, Severn Street, Worcester, WR1 2NE  
7pm  
Tickets available from the Worcester Live Box Office on 01905 611427 at £5 per person.

A lecture by Dr. Spencer Jones, award-winning historian and author. The Final Battle: The Hundred Days' Offensive and the End of the First World War lecture tells the story of these remarkable and largely forgotten battles, and reflects upon the colossal changes to Europe in the aftermath of the war.

#### 8 FILM SCREENING

**Thursday 4 October**  
**The Battle of Ancre film screening**  
Introduction by composer Laura Rossi  
Studio, The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD  
5.30pm  
**FREE**

The Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of The Tanks (1917), is a little-known masterpiece of British non-fiction cinema which documents the autumn and winter stages of the Somme campaign on the Western Front. Including the first ever scenes of tanks in battle, Battle of the Ancre also conveys, with power and artistry, the difficulties experienced by the British Army as it fought over ground beset in a sea of mud. The film is accompanied by a specially commissioned score by Laura Rossi.

#### 10 EXHIBITION

**5 – 11 November**  
**Studdert Kennedy Exhibition**  
Worcester Cathedral, 8 College Yard, Worcester WR1 2LA  
7.30am – 6pm  
**FREE**  
An exhibition of the life and work of "Woodbine Willie", Rev. Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy MC, vicar of St. Paul's, Worcester and Army Chaplain.



#### 11 DANCE PERFORMANCE AND FILM SCREENING

**Friday 9 November**  
**Remembrance at The Hive**  
The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD  
10am – 6.30pm  
Bell Tent: All day  
Performance: 12.30pm  
Film screening: 6.30pm  
**FREE**

Join the Worcestershire World War One Hundred team for a day of remembrance and commemoration including:

- The World War One Bell Tent and Discover History
- A performance by Bishop Perowne school
- Screening of The Battle of the Somme film with specially commissioned score by Laura Rossi.

#### 12 FAMILY ACTIVITIES, TALKS AND FILM SCREENING

**Saturday 10 November**  
**Drop-in Armistice activities**  
The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD  
10am – 4pm  
**FREE**

Drop in to The Hive to visit the People's Collection and see our Bell Tent and view the knitted wall of poppies. During the morning get involved with family activities including storytelling, music, poppy making and Fergus the Poet. From 1pm drop into three talks focussed on WWI including Paul Hudson talking on WWI research; Gillian Roberts exploring stories from Worcestershire's First World War featured in The People's Collection; and Sarah Ganderton talking about Worcestershire's Health and the First World War. There is also another chance to view The Battle of the Ancre and the Advance of The Tanks (1917), is a little-known masterpiece of British non-fiction cinema which documents the autumn and winter stages of the Somme campaign on the Western Front.

#### 13 CONCERT

**Saturday 10 November**  
**Voices of Remembrance with the Worcestershire Symphony Orchestra**  
Worcester Cathedral, 8 College Yard, Worcester WR1 2LA  
7.30pm  
Tickets available from 1st August from Worcester Live Box Office 01905 611427. £20, £15, £10. At least £5 from each ticket sold will be donated to support the work of military charities in Worcestershire.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI this concert features music by English award-winning Composer Laura Rossi, Orchestral and choral work as well as poetry readings. Worcester Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Keith Slade Worcester Cathedral Choir Children's choirs from the Rivers C of E Multi Academy Trust.

#### 14 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**Sunday 11 November**  
**Armistice Remembrance Service and Poppy Drop**  
Worcester Cathedral, 8 College Yard, Worcester WR1 2LA  
6am – Lone Piper  
10.30am – Service  
10.50am – Cenotaph  
**FREE**

A day of remembrance at Worcester Cathedral and Cathedral Square. 6am – 'The Battles Over: a Nation's tribute' lone piper playing at the Cenotaph.

10.30am – Remembrance Sunday Service, followed by the wreath laying service at the war memorial.

12pm – 4pm – half muffled Peal of bells on the harmonic minor for Remembrance Sunday, Armistice and the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War.

#### 15 REMEMBRANCE

**Sunday 11 November**  
**Wreath laying for 'Woodbine Willie'**  
St John's Cemetery, MacIntyre Road, Worcester, WR2 5LH  
3pm  
**Free**

Wreath laying at the grave of Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy "Woodbine Willie".

#### 16 FAMILY DAY

**Sunday 11 November**  
**Armistice Activities**  
Worcester City Museum & Art Gallery, Foregate St, Worcester WR1 1DT  
11am – 4pm  
**FREE**

Live music, WWI letters and hands on craft activities. Suitable for families. Timed activities include Harvey's War, music and words at noon and a Poppy Drop at 3pm. Throughout the afternoon you can join in with tours of the Worcestershire Soldier Gallery and take a look at the watercolours from the Mediterranean Campaign.

#### 17 REMEMBRANCE

**Sunday 11 November**  
**Ring out for peace**  
Churches across Worcestershire  
7.05pm  
**FREE**

Battle's Over – Ringing out for Peace. Simultaneous ringing of church bells across United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories as an act of commemoration.

#### 18 EVENT

**Sunday 11 November**  
**WWI Beacons of Light**  
Including Worcestershire Beacon, Malvern Hills, and Fort Royal Park, Worcester.  
7pm  
**FREE**

As part of Battle's Over more than 1,000 Beacons of Light will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories as an act of commemoration.

#### 19 FAMILY DAY

**Thursday 15 November**  
**The Bell Tent**  
Ombersley First Endowed School  
10am – 4pm  
**FREE**

Visit our World War One Hundred Bell Tent and meet re-enactors from Discover History to find out about the impact of WWI across Worcestershire.

#### 20 FAMILY DAY

**Saturday 17 November**  
**The Bell Tent**  
Ombersley Memorial Hall  
10am – 4pm  
**FREE**

Visit our World War One Hundred Bell Tent and meet re-enactors from Discover History to find out about the impact of WWI across Worcestershire.

## EVENTS MAP 2018



#### 9 CONFERENCE

**Saturday 3 November**  
**Western Front Association Conference**  
The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD  
Times TBC  
**FREE**

Come along to the Western Front Association, Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch Annual Conference.

Contact – whb.wfa@hotmail.co.uk for further information. Day will include advice on research as well as information and artefacts from the Western Front.

