

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 like to loan or gift materials for this special exhibition, 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 just some of the highlights for 2016/2017.**



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Worcestershire

#### 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 Archives,  
The Hive, Sawmill Walk,  
The Butts, Worcester. WR1 3PD  
Tel: 01905 766352



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& Map 2016

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# EVENTS 2016



## 1 EXHIBITION

12 March 2016 – March 2018  
**A Happy Convalescence**

County Museum, Hartlebury Castle, Worcestershire, DY11 7XZ

Tue–Fri 10am–5pm,  
Sat–Sun 11am–5pm

Adults £5, Seniors £2.50,  
Children (aged 5–16) £2.50,  
Family Ticket £13 (admits 2  
adults & 2 children)

Discover the stories of the  
injured soldiers sent to recover at  
Hartlebury Castle Hospital.

## 2 EXHIBITION

21 March – 30 May

**Qatia & Oghratina –  
the aftermath**

Worcester Soldier Gallery,  
Worcester City Museum and  
Art Gallery, Worcester,  
WR1 1DT

Mon–Sat 10.30am–4.30pm.  
Sun and Bank Holidays: Closed

**FREE**

A special exhibition giving a  
full account of Worcestershire  
Yeomanry at the Battle of Qatia  
and Oghratina remembering  
their gallantry and sacrifice.

## 3 EXHIBITION

18 – 29 April

**Qatia 100**

St Johns Library, Glebe Close,  
Worcester, WR2 5AX

Tue 9am–7pm, Mon, Wed–Fri  
9am–5pm, Sat 9am–4pm, Sun  
Closed

**FREE**

A special exhibition giving  
the history of Worcestershire  
Yeomanry at the Battle of Qatia  
and Oghratina.

## 4 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

23 April 11am

**Qatia 100 –  
Cathedral service**

Worcester Cathedral, College  
Yard, Worcester WR1 2LA

**FREE**

The Worcestershire Yeomanry  
will commemorate the  
Centenary of the Battles of Qatia  
and Oghratina which saw the  
loss of 9 officers and 101  
other ranks.

## 5 EVENT

23 April From 2pm

**Qatia 100 – sculpture  
unveiling and dedication**

Cripplegate Park, Worcester  
**FREE**

Members of the public  
are invited to join the  
Worcestershire Yeomanry in  
the unveiling and dedication  
of a bespoke memorial created  
by sculptor and mosaic artist  
Victoria Harrison.

## 6 TALK

27 April 6pm

**A Countryside at War:  
Rural England 1914 – 1919**

Talk by Professor  
Alun Howkins

The Hive Studio, Sawmill  
Walk, The Butts, Worcester,  
WR1 3PD

**FREE**

More info and booking via  
the What's On pages on  
The Hive website.

## 7 PERFORMANCE

28 April 7.30pm

**Shakespeare: Henry V  
by Antic Disposition**

The Quire, Worcester  
Cathedral, College Yard,  
Worcester, WR1 2LA

Tickets: £20 – £30 (reduction  
for students) from Ticket  
Source 0333 666 3366 (£1.50  
booking fee applies).

Set in a WWI military  
hospital "This full-bodied,  
full blooded First World War  
Henry." THE LONDONIST.



## 8 INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

Throughout 2016

**Worcestershire &  
World War One**

Worcester Cathedral, College  
Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA

Mon–Sat 9am–5pm,  
Sun 12.30pm–4pm

**FREE**

Three touch screens and a  
mobile App tour to download  
and follow are available for  
visitors to access covering  
Woodbine Willie and Worcester;  
Worcestershire Soldier;  
Remembering conflict today.

## 9 EXHIBITION

25 March 2014 –  
31 October 2018

**Malvern in World War One**

Malvern Museum of Local  
History, Abbey Road, Great  
Malvern, WR14 3ES

Tickets: Adults £2; 7–18 50p;  
under 7 free

Malvern Museum is running a  
programme of exhibitions and  
activities to commemorate the  
momentous years of the Great  
War as it affected the inhabitants  
of the Malvern area.

## 10 FAMILY DAY

1 May 10am – 5pm

**Worcestershire Wildlife  
Trust Open Day**

Tiddesley Woods, Pershore,  
WR10 2AD

**FREE**

Find out about WWI Home  
Front life and food production in  
Pershore, and the foundation of  
Pershore WI.

Part of WW1 in the Vale.

## 11 TALK

9 May 2pm

**WWI talk to Pershore U3A  
History group**

St Andrews, Church Walk,  
Pershore

**FREE**

WW1 in the Vale talk to Pershore  
U3A History Group. Book via  
softbreeze123@btinternet.com

## 12 EXHIBITION

28 May – 17 July

**Vesta Tilley Exhibition**

Bewdley Museum, Load Street,  
Bewdley, DY12 2AE

10am–4.30pm daily

**FREE**

An exhibition exploring the life  
of Vesta Tilley.

## 13 FAMILY DAY

4 & 5 June

**First World War Weekend**

Avoncroft Museum of Historic  
Buildings, Stoke Heath,  
Bromsgrove, Worcestershire,  
B60 4JR 01527 831363

10.30am–5pm

Tickets: Adult – £8.80, Senior  
– £7.70, Child (5+) – £4.50,  
Student – £4.50, Family ticket –  
£25.00, Under 5s – Free

Living history event and  
World War One family activities  
as well as an Edwardian Cinema  
showing the film 'Battle of the  
Somme' (1916).

## 14 EXHIBITION

1 – 31 July

**Droitwich and the Somme**

Droitwich Library Gallery,  
Victoria Square, Droitwich Spa,  
WR9 8DQ

Mon 9.30am–5.30pm,  
Tue 9.30am–7pm,  
Wed 9.30am–5.30pm,  
Fri 9.30am–5.30pm,  
Sat 9.30am–4.30pm

**FREE**

Part of the Worcestershire  
Libraries project remembering  
the men of Worcestershire who  
gave their lives through the  
Battle of the Somme.

## 15 FILM SCREENING

2 July 10.30am

**The Battle of the  
Somme Film**

Droitwich Library, Victoria  
Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DQ

**FREE**

Film screening to launch  
'Droitwich's Sacrifice on the  
Somme' exhibition.

## 16 FAMILY ACTIVITIES

2 July 2pm

**Flo of the Somme –  
Chatterbooks**

Droitwich Library, Victoria  
Square, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8DQ

**FREE**

Flo of the Somme Chatterbooks  
session, focus on War Poetry and  
animals in World War One.





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## 17 EXHIBITION

1 – 9 July

### Bromsgrove and the Somme

Bromsgrove Library, Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8DA

Mon 9am–7pm, Tue 9am–5:30pm, Weds 9am–5:30pm  
Thu 9am–5:30pm, Fri 9am–5:30pm, Sat 9am–4pm

FREE

Part of the Worcestershire Libraries project remembering the men of Worcestershire who gave their lives through the Battle of the Somme. Part of the Bromsgrove Festival 2016.

## 18 EXHIBITION

1 – 31 July

### Battle of the Somme

Warndon Library, The Fairfield Centre, Carnforth Drive, Worcester, WR4 9HG

Mon – Wed 9.30am–5pm  
Fri 9.30am–5pm  
Sat 9.30am–4pm

FREE

Part of the Worcestershire Libraries project remembering the men of Worcestershire who gave their lives through the Battle of the Somme.

## 19 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

1 July 2pm

### Battle of the Somme – Cathedral service

Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA

FREE

A service to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, all welcome.

## 20 TOUR

1 July 3pm

### WWI: Cathedral connections guided tour

Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA

Tickets: £5.00 per adult (accompanied children free). Pay at Worcester Cathedral shop in the cloister before the tour.

Telling the poignant stories of the WWI soldiers commemorated in the cloister windows and in the Cathedral.

## 21 EXHIBITION

1 July – 1 November

### Worcestershire Regiment at the Battle of the Somme

Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA

FREE

Worcestershire Regiment at the Battle of the Somme.

## 22 FILM SCREENING & TALKS

### Battle of the Somme film

The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD

3 July 7pm, 6 July 11am, 9 July 12pm, 13 July 3pm

14 July 7pm – includes a talk by Somme expert Michael Stedman

16 July 12pm includes talk

FREE

UNESCO listed film The Battle of the Somme, shot and screened in 1916, it was the first feature length documentary reaching approx 20 million people in the year of its release.



## 23 FAMILY ACTIVITIES

2 July Morning

### Flo of the Somme – Chatterbooks

Warndon Library, Carnforth Dr, Worcester WR4 9HG

FREE

'Flo of the Somme' Chatterbooks session and history trail for ages 7–12.

## 26 EXHIBITION

1 – 29 August

### Dressed for Drama

Worcester Cathedral, College Yard, Worcester, WR1 2LA

Mon – Sat 10am – 4pm  
Sun 11am – 3pm

Tickets: £6.50 for adults, £4.50 for children and young people, under 5's are free. A family ticket for two adults and two children will be £15.00.

Groups can pre book to come to the exhibition by contacting Worcester Cathedral office on 01905 732900 or emailing [visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:visits@worcestercathedral.org.uk)

An exhibition of period costumes from British television and film, including two costumes from the BBC WWI drama The Crimson Field.



## 27 FAMILY DAY

27 & 29 August 10am – 4pm

### Pershore Plum Festival

Pershore Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1DS

FREE

WW1 Home Front Pop-up café, displays and craft workshops in the Town Hall.

Part of WW1 in the Vale.

## 28 TALK

1 September 6.30pm

### How the Pershore Plum won the Great War

Wulstan Hall, Priest Lane, Pershore, Worcestershire

FREE

Talk for Pershore Heritage & History Society.

Part of WW1 in the Vale.

## 29 FAMILY DAY

17 & 18 September 11am – 4pm

### Lickey Hills Local History Society

Lickey Hills Country Park, Warren Lane, Lickey, Birmingham, B45 8ER  
[jill@lickey.plus.com](mailto:jill@lickey.plus.com)

FREE

Guided walks to WW1 and WW2 sites in the Lickey Hills Country Park.

## 30 TALK

4 October 7 for 7.30pm

### How the Pershore Plum won the Great War

St Andrews, Church Walk, Pershore, Worcestershire

FREE

Talk for Pershore Civic Society.

Part of WW1 in the Vale.

## 31 TALK

5 October

### La Boisselle and Beaumont Hamel – battles on the Somme

St Richards Hospice Foundation, Wildwood Drive, Worcester WR5 2QT

Tickets: £5 entry

Talk by Peter Gwilliam on the attacks at La Boisselle and Beaumont Hamel, 1916

Contact the Mercian Regiment for booking details.

## 32 CONFERENCE

12 November

### Volunteers and Voters: The First World War and its Legacy

University of Worcester, Henwick Grove, Worcester, WR2 6AJ.

The Conference is organised by: The Women's History Network, Midlands Region.

[w.toon@worc.ac.uk](mailto:w.toon@worc.ac.uk) or [maggie.andrews@worc.ac.uk](mailto:maggie.andrews@worc.ac.uk)

This conference will explore women's voluntary involvement in charities, organizations and local politics during the First World War.



## 24 FAMILY ACTIVITIES

3 July 12 – 4pm

### WWW100 Bell Tent at St Peter's Festival

Power Park, St Peter's, Worcester, WR5 3SR

FREE

Annual St Peter's festival, activities for all the family  
[alex@stpetersworcs.org.uk](mailto:alex@stpetersworcs.org.uk)

## 25 FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### Flo of the Somme – Rat-a-tat and Chatterbooks

The Hive, Sawmill Walk, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD

Rat-a-tat Tales, 9 July 11am and 3pm

Chatterbooks, 11 July 4.30 – 5.45pm

FREE

For young people aged 7–12 years.



## 33 EVENT

20 November

### Pershore WI Centenary Celebration Service

Pershore Abbey, Pershore, Worcestershire

FREE

Displays and cake following the Service.

Part of WW1 in the Vale.



## 34 EXHIBITION

November 11am – 4.30pm

### Plum Lines

Croome Court, High Green, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR8 9DW

Ticket prices to visit Croome Court: Adult £11.50/£10.45  
Child £5.70/£5.15 Family £28.70/£26.05

Exhibition includes a collection of short poems of 100 words, will reflect the life of the participants selected female relative during World War One.

## 35 EVENT

10 December 11am – 2pm

### Home Front Christmas

Pershore Town Hall, 34 High Street, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 1DS

FREE

Enjoy a Home Front Christmas at the Mayor's coffee morning.

Part of the WW1 in the Vale.

# EVENTS MAP 2016

