

**First World War in Kent and Medway –
update session
Royal Engineers Museum 4/11/2013**



First World War Centenary
1914–1918

Screening of ‘The First and The Last’

Presented by Andrew Morgan - the Shorncliffe Trust

Film from Belgium perspective tracing the timeline of the first war. Andrew can make copies available for interested parties. The film was commissioned by Belgian tourist board and Andrew was the historical advisor on the film. Contact him on iocmorgan@hotmail.com or 07870 892283.

For more details visit the website:
<http://www.belgiumthelaceto.be/thefirstandthelast/>

News from the Western Front Association

Presented by Colin Wagstaff

The Western Front Association has 6000 members, and as an organisation is based on commemoration for sites of all sizes. They have a free e-newsletter and members receive other newsletters/journals (ie ‘bulletin’). To sign up for free monthly newsletter send your email to webmanager@westernfrontassociation.com.

The association has some funding available for educational projects, will also publicise projects for free on website and in the bulletin newsletter. They also have local branches who have meetings.

They will be working with university of Kent on a conference in 2015 on Kent in world war one which will be “educational and entertaining”. Will be held in Canterbury. Details TBC.

Membership is £26 per annum, to join contact membership@westernfrontassociation.com.

They are also developing a world war one specific website as well as their current site: <http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/>.

WFA Centenary Grants - contact David Tattersfield - development@westernfrontassociation.com - he will send you a simple application form. Main criteria are education/community/legacy which can help with match funding or full funding smaller projects.

News from the Lieutenancy

Presented by Richard Dixon and Ann West, Deputy Lieutenants for Kent Kent Lieutenancy, aim is to support and celebrate Kent. Three main events supported by the lieutenancy these include:

- 4th August, Folkestone, Step Short project
- 22nd September, Chatham, sinking of the Crecy etc
- 22nd September, Tunbridge

Deputies can attend events if needed (<http://www.kent-lieutenancy.org.uk/the-vice-lord-lieutenant-and-deputy-lieutenants/>), their deals can be found on their website (see <http://www.kent-lieutenancy.org.uk/>).

The curriculum and the First World War

Presented by Phil Bracegirdle and Tim Hall from the South East Grid for Learning Associates

Free educational resources available from their website (see http://www.segfl.org.uk/about/segfl_associates/).

Running a conference on the 26th November at Dover, hosted by English heritage. Can circulate other organisation's resources to teachers at this conference.

New website, www.ww1toolbox.org.uk (site is supported until at least 2016) - focus is on media, online tools and resources to research and publish pupils work about the first war. Resources include:

- Picture teller
- Museum box
- Using video
- World war one events

A newsletter will go out to all schools with information on these events and the free tools. They are working on updating the Kent part of the site at the moment. Send them any educational resources which you would like to be shared with teachers.

For some of the tools you need to be registered as an educational establishment to use, but if you are a learning group outside of school education then you can apply for permission to use the resources.

Future events include:

- Local heroes remembered

If looking to engage schools in the First World War then visit the heritage explorers' website

See Phil's presentation at http://southeastmuseums.org/?location_id=329

War Memorials Trust centenary projects

Presented by Ruth Cavender (Learning Officer)

The war memorials trust is a National charity that works for the protection of war memorials in the UK see <http://www.warmemorials.org/>.

They work to promote an understanding of the cultural and historical significance of war memorials and work with all war memorials, not just First World War memorials. About a third of all memorials in the country are for the First World War.

Learning - aim of learning programme is to ensure the work that is done today carries on into the future. There is a learning website 'we will always remember', (<http://www.learnaboutwarmemorials.org/>) which contains resources, project advice etc. They also offer visits to schools and youth groups.

In Kent they have received an HLF grant to train learning volunteers (until Feb 2014) to help deliver sessions in Kent. Using this project as a trial to see if it works and if it does this will be spread throughout the rest of the country.

War memorials online (<http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/>) - creating an online database of all the war memorials in the UK. Anyone can register to this site and update information on memorials or creating new records. Allows public to flag up any concerns of conditions of memorials so that these can be dealt with. This website is aimed to stay up indefinitely.

See Ruth's presentation at http://southeastmuseums.org/?location_id=329

Screening of 'Time Bleeds'

Presented by Debra McGee of Viola Films

Inspired by war games and other films and used local teenagers who had worked through some method acting workshops and then produced the film. Film meant to sit between art, film and documentary.

Phase 2 of the project working with Royal Engineers Museum and Blue Town Heritage Centre to deliver free acting master classes based around artefacts which will be made into short films.

Looking to find new interpretations around the first war. Target age group is teenagers.

Is available, at a small fee, to other organisations who would like to screen the film.

For more details of the Time Bleeds project, visit <http://timebleeds.co.uk/>.

POST MEETING NOTE:

A screening of Time Bleeds, a collaboration by Violafilms, UCA and Matt Rowe, supported by Canterbury Festival and Prosper, will take place at **Turner Contemporary Margate Saturday 23 November 11.30am** followed by a Q and A with Director Sam Supple and members of the cast.

Book your FREE ticket now at Eventbrite <https://timebleedsatturner.eventbrite.co.uk/>

The Football and Peace project

Presented by Ernie Brennan, National Children's Football Alliance and Rob Illingworth, KCC

Children's Football Alliance founded in 2008 to protect childhood through football. The Football and Peace project (<http://www.childrensfootballalliance.com/uk-football-peace-project/>) looks at using football to help with conflict resolution with children. Looking at the Christmas truce story and the Flanders peace field, inspired the football alliance to create this project to engage communities. The project will help contextualize young people's perception of war. It will record their research, experience and opinions, which they feel are relevant today.

Selected 100 secondary student participants to research First World War experiences of sports, leisure and play. It will create a documentary film and produce a project website as well as an exhibition. All evaluations will be accessible for schools, youth groups and sports clubs.

Kent libraries and archives and Maidstone museum are two of the major partners in the project. The archives will be linking resources, such as newspapers with the students researching for the project.

In particular they will be looking at the Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment, linking to resources such as the commonwealth war graves commission and ancestry library edition. Also the lives of the First World War website. Maidstone museum will share complimentary resources such as the regimental museum.

There will also be a football for fun Celebration of Peace Day event. This will be Friday 25th April 2014 at Maidstone United football club. There will be a chance to host your own exhibits at this events. Contact Info@thecfa.co.uk. The project is funded by the heritage lottery fund.

See Ernie & Rob's presentation at http://southeastmuseums.org/?location_id=329

The 'Kent in WW1' project for coastal Kent

Presented by Darrienne Price, Screen South

Supported by the HLF for people, places, and events for Kent in WW1. The new website will bring everything happening around the Kent Coast about the FWW into one place as well as historical information. There will be links to local societies and links to existing material in the web.

Information on the site will be subject to the creative commons license. It will include Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Isle of Sheppey round to Lydd. Website uses the cartoon characters 'Rose' and 'Joe' to guide visitors around the website.

Will be running events in Shepway and Dover, Thanet, Swale and Medway, Sheppey and Romney Marsh.

Will be running events where participants will bring items along to these and share their stories.

Invitation to local groups to meet with Screen South to work together on this project.

See Darrienne's presentation at: http://southeastmuseums.org/?location_id=329

An update from HLF on their First World War funding strand

Sandra Martin, HLF Development Officer

Looking for more applications from Medway, Gravesend, Dartford, Dover, Shepway (see http://www.hlf.org.uk/InYourArea/SouthEast/Pages/Welcome.aspx#.UnkHt_nxqcw).

First World War then and now £3,000-£10,000 funding programme for communities to explore, conserve and share their First World War heritage. Assessment takes at least 8 weeks.

- No application deadline
- Decision in 8 weeks
- Short application form
- For projects which vendor all ages
- Must achieve one outcome for people

Criteria for assessment:

- What is the need or opportunity
- What does the project need to go ashes
- Does your project offer value for money
- Is the project well planned
- Is project finally realistic

- What outcomes will the project achieve

Outcomes HLF look for:

- Heritage
- People
- Communities

One outcome for First World War funding is required under 'people'.

Complete an expression of interest form to fill in pro to application.

- Title
- Details of organisation
- The heritage focus
- Your project
- Project management
- Project costs
- Any attachments

You will get a response within 10 working days

They also offer further advice sessions - for more information visit their website (<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/FirstWorldWarThenandNow.aspx#.UnkH8Pnxqcw>).

An update from the Imperial War Museum's Centenary Partnership Programme

Josie Gale, Centenary Programme Museum Liaison Officer

New resources available:

- DIY exhibition resource
- Reading list
- Key anniversary dates that are not World war 1 published
- Press release templates
- Guide on what to call everything - ie first world war/ commemoration
- Accessibility guide
- Evaluation toolkit - encourage nominating a member of your team to fill these out
- Events calendar has gone live - 1914.org working with culture 24
- Centenary retail offer for shops (bags, pins etc) - coming later this year
- Lives of the first world war website livesofthefirstworldwar.org
- Educational resources

Sign up to be a partner and access all of the above resources at <http://www.1914.org/partnership/>. For more details, visit <http://www.1914.org/>

Message from Kent Messenger group

The KM newspaper want to hear from you about local FWW stories. Pick up a Kent messenger for details or contact Lesley Bellew:

Email: lesleykbellew@gmail.com

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Screening of 'Rites of War' from Gravity and Levity

Lindsey Butcher and Judith Hibberd, see <http://www.gravity-levity.net/>

Interpretive dance show linking Afghanistan with the First World War, see <http://www.gravity-levity.net/productions/rites-of-war/> for details. Looking for a space to show it in Kent.

Updates from Kent's Research Working group

Rob Illingworth and team are producing a timeline for the First World War in Kent. This is being collated by libraries, archives and local history groups.

Produced an abridged version of the timeline for distribution and Kent County Council trying to produce a web friendly document. Organisations and groups are free to use the information gather (although permission from the IWM needs to be sought to use the national information provided by them).

Rob requests that everyone contributes their own local information to the wider county timeline. There is a template spread sheet which can be distributed out to groups or organisations. This will also be distributed via the blog (details to follow).

The timeline can then be linked with the events calendar to help with co-ordination and marketing.

Other useful information

Blog: <http://fwwkentmedway.wordpress.com/>

GoogleGroup sign-up: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/fwwkentmedway/join>

South East Museum Development Programme's website:

www.southeastmuseums.org

Thank you to the Royal Engineers Museum, Library & Archive for hosting and Amy Adams for taking these notes.