

## HOLD THE DATE!

The count-down for our amazing exhibition, 'Beyond the Battlefields: Käthe Buchler's Photographs of Germany in the Great War' (19 March–5 May 2018) is now on.

To this end, we are excited to announce a **one-day workshop** around the Buchler photographs titled '**WITNESSING WAR**' on **24 March** at UH Galleries, Hatfield.

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# Everyday Lives in War

First World War Engagement Centre



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## News & Events from the Centre

### OUR FEATURED EVENT

#### BEYOND THE BATTLEFIELDS:

*Käthe Buchler's Photographs of Germany in the Great War*

19 March – 5 May 2018:

UH Galleries, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield

(Also touring in:

- *Birmingham until 14 Jan 2018;*
- *Manchester 2 Feb-3 Mar 2018)*

As highlighted in our previous Newsletter and again featured as our main event, this exhibition will bring Käthe Buchler's insightful view of German domestic history before, during and after WW1 to the UK for the very first time.

Currently touring Birmingham and Manchester, the Hatfield exhibition will be the largest of the tour and the only one to feature Buchler's Autochromes (early colour photographs). The images, taken between 1901 and 1930, have never previously been seen outside Germany.

The project will be an opportunity to examine and reassess a female practitioner whose work was comparable to the (generally male) luminaries of pre and post WW1 German photography, but who has been overlooked by history.

Find out more at: <http://bit.ly/2xAxWb6>

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#### WITNESSING WAR:

*A one-day workshop around Buchler's images*

24 March 2018:

Film & Media Building, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield

In her photographs, Käthe Buchler captured German citizens during the First World War, and illustrated the widespread impact of conflict. The photographs are of interest not only for their artistic merit but also for what they tell us about war and the way it changed lives on the German Home Front.

'Witnessing War' is a one-day workshop that will seek to answer a series of questions. Who witnesses war? From what perspective? How do they capture it? The programme will include a series of talks covering a variety of perspectives including academic researchers and those that have experienced conflict first hand. There will also be an activity centering on Käthe Buchler's photographs, giving participants the chance to interact with and respond to the images.

War is not only witnessed by those who choose to participate, but has lasting and significant impact on lives of many. This workshop focuses on first-hand experiences of conflict, with no restraints as to time period or geographic location. From medieval annals written by monks,

to children's diaries, documentary film, and the use of social media in modern conflict, there are many different ways to witness war.

More details of how to book will be available soon – please check back at: <https://everydaylivesinwar.herts.ac.uk/>



Käthe Buchler's son, Walter Buchler, and a friend play *Cowboys and Indians*, ca 1911  
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Young collector king Willy von Hinten, the most diligent collector of 1915, with his prize of a rabbit  
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### HIGHLIGHTS OF SOME OF OUR AUTUMN 2017 EVENTS

#### **‘Business as Usual’ ignites a day of drama (as in performance) and lively discussions**

A one-day workshop exploring trade, commerce and ethics on the Home Front, 1914-1919 was held at the University of Hertfordshire on 28 October. Arranged by our Dr Andrew Maunder, the event enjoyed a fantastic turnout and very positive feedback from the participants. The intriguing discussions, enhanced by performances of two one-act plays from 1916 and 1921, were reflected in an energetic tweeting activity during the course of the day, which can be revisited in the following summary: <http://bit.ly/2qcHU4p>

#### **Chelmsford Discovery Day brings warmth, togetherness and new research inspiration**

Our Discovery Day at the Essex Record Office in Chelmsford, Essex, on Friday 8 December offered our participants a day to escape the cold and enjoy good food, cheer and a fascinating update on ongoing projects to inspire them to apply for HLF funding for their own project ideas. We were joined by Sally Page of Heritage Lottery Fund, East of England, as well as representatives of the Essex Record Office archives. HLF-supported projects ‘From the Trenches to Tending’, ‘We Will Remember Them’ and ‘Voices of the Great War’ shared their experiences and gave wonderful presentations.

#### **‘Secret Soldiers’: throwing new light on the invisible men and women of WW1**

On Saturday 9 December, a mixed audience of project volunteers, those with a general interest in WW1, and a miscellany of academics, students, and writers, gathered at the University of Northampton for an intriguing workshop on the Intelligence Corps between 1914 and 1919. For more information about the day, please see: <http://bit.ly/2CccWus>

#### **Castle Donington celebration of its basketmaking heritage**

*Our Basketry Now and Then* project celebrated a weekend of basketry in Castle Donington and the East Midlands on 25-26 November. The town was once a hub for the basketmaking industry in the East Midlands. The weekend offered basketmaking demonstrations and workshops, and guided ‘willow walks’ around the old town. This was the result of years of detective work and proved to be a fascinating journey back in time. Read more in the December 2017 *Basketry* project newsletter: <http://bit.ly/2C9zUSZ>

### DISCOVERY DAYS

The five AHRC WW1 Engagement Centres have been running a series of Discovery & Showcase Days around the country during 2017 – with the aim of connecting the Centres with HLF community groups and projects.

The first event took place in Cardiff in April 2017. You can watch a short film about the event on YouTube via the following link: <http://bit.ly/2z7wjql>

There are two additional Discovery Days planned for 2018 – in the North West and South West of England, respectively – however, at the time of writing the exact dates and venues have not been finalised as yet.

Please circle back to our [everydaylivesinwar.herts.ac.uk](http://everydaylivesinwar.herts.ac.uk) website for further updates in the new year.





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## Our Centre Team: News, Updates & Activities

### OUR CENTRE THEMES

We are curious about the lesser-known stories of everyday life during the First World War. We encourage community research across the UK with a particular interest in:

- First World War food and farming
- Theatre and entertainment
- Conscientious objection and military tribunals
- Supernatural beliefs
- Childhood and Family relationships
- Cartoons, trench publications and popular culture

We liaise with the Heritage Lottery Fund to support HLF-funded projects, but welcome enquiries and ideas from individuals or groups with no HLF connections.

Depending on the topic, *Everyday Lives in War* will either be able to point people in the right direction to follow their interests, or may offer direct involvement. We are particularly interested in exploring comparative perspectives through which communities across the UK can research and share diverse First World War histories and legacies.

*Our Centre Team enjoyed a very busy autumn in 2017 – of which the following are some highlights:*

#### Conscientious Objectors in Herefordshire

■ Prof Sarah Lloyd and Dr Julie Moore went to Ross-on-Wye public library in November to contribute to an exhibition on Conscientious Objectors in Herefordshire. Sarah and Julie joined the organiser, Elinor Kelly, in a conversation to compare notes on two counties, and on the challenges of research. For more information, please see: <http://bit.ly/2IGB9C5>

#### Research Skills Day, Chippenham

■ Dr Julie Moore travelled to Chippenham in October to take part in a research skills day, hosted by the SouthWest Museum Development and the IWM First World War Lives team. This is an HLF project on Digital Armistice Stories. Julie's contribution was a talk on some of the less well-known stories of the First World War at home, and was an opportunity to flag up the WW1 Anonymous Women theme, which Julie has initiated as part of her research.

#### Imperial War Museum – Women's Work 100

■ As a result of her talk at Chippenham (see above), Dr Julie Moore was asked by the IWM to contribute to their *Women's Work 100* exhibition on the themes of Women and Farming, Women and Food (to include National Kitchens), Family Relationships, Anonymous Women. The output for this will eventually be a series of downloadable guides. Our Dr Rachel Duffett has also contributed some of her research on women and the home.

#### Talismans and Charms during WW1

■ Prof Owen Davies gave the keynote on 30 September for the WarThroughOtherStuff Society, which is aimed at PhD and early career students. Prof Davies talked about 'Magic, Faith, and Commerce: Wearing Talismans and Charms during the First World War'.

#### The Important Man

■ In addition, Prof Owen Davies has, in collaboration with Cap-a-Pie Theatre, recently been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This project will develop and extend a previous partnership project between Cap-a-Pie and the AHRC funded Everyday Lives in War centre.

Since 2015, Owen and Cap-a-Pie have been working closely together to share Owen's research into fortune-tellers, and the people that visited them, during the war.



In 2016, Cap-a-Pie toured a new show 'The Important Man', co-created with Owen, to schools and colleges in Hertfordshire. Feedback from students and teachers was very positive. The new HLF funding will enable the collaborative team to do another series of schools, colleges and public performances and workshops of 'The Important Man'. For a flavour of the play, please see the following:

<https://vimeo.com/224085040>





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### Story of secret women WW1 codebreakers revealed



Dr Jim Beach contributed the following feature piece, 'The Hush WAACs - The secret ladies of St Omer' (the story of the women who worked as codebreakers with the British army in France during 1917 and 1918) for the GCHQ website: <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/features/hush-waacs>.

GCHQ released the news of the feature piece via Twitter exactly 100 years to the minute since the first six Hush WAACs reported for duty as codebreakers with the British army in France during 1917-18 (i.e. 29 September at 14:30 hrs) – as seen here:

<https://twitter.com/GCHQ/status/913757762303221760>

### Providing advice on WW1 – from RPA centenary to BBC's 'Who Do you Think You Are' and 'Countryfile'

Dr Nick Mansfield has been working on the centenary of the RPA next year, especially with 14-18 Now project. He has also been providing a range of organisations advice on various aspects of the First World War on topics ranging from French colonial troops and Copenhagen street memorials to FWW mariners, handicrafts of wounded soldiers, etc. He has also provided advice on the First World War to BBC1 programmes, such as 'Who Do You Think You Are' and 'CountryFile'.

### 'Life as a German Prisoner of War' exhibition

Dr Jane Chapman reports that, on their Prisoners of War's small collaboration research grant, the main community group had a public launch of their findings on 10 September. Jane and two project colleagues travelled from Lincoln to the Norfolk border (Sutton Bridge, South Lincolnshire) to attend. It was very successful: over 150 members of the public attended for an all day Sunday event – which consisted of a display of a series of posters and the distribution of a full-colour pamphlet.

### 'We Will Remember Them', Colchester

Dr Rachel Duffett attended the 'We Will Remember Them', North Primary School, Colchester, on 20 November. The event marked the start of the Project's third HLF award! The previous two projects have researched and renewed the school's Roll of Honour, while this final one will explore the legacies of some of the soldiers (ex-pupils) following their return to Colchester after active service.

### Presentations in Bristol

Dr Kent Fedorowich gave two presentations together with his UWE colleague Charles Booth in October 2017. The first presentation examined the contribution that British migrants from Bristol made to the early formations and identities of the first contingents of dominion soldiers as they arrived in the UK between 1914 and 1918. The second presentation dealt with, first, the interaction of Canadian soldiers and their British hosts in the West Country during the war; and, secondly, Bristol's contribution to the British war effort.



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## Reflections on the Centenary of the First World War

### SURVEY: LEARNING AND LEGACIES FOR THE FUTURE

Between 2014 and 2018, Britain, together with many other nations, is commemorating the centenary of the First World War – the first ‘total’ war of the 20th century – the legacies of which live on in a range of institutional, educational, geographic, political, social and cultural forms.

At the outset of the centenary, a particular ‘cultural memory’ of the war dominated in Britain, one described by the then Education Minister Michael Gove as a ‘Blackadder myth...designed to belittle Britain and its leaders’ (Daily Mail, 2 January 2014).

**Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), over the course of three years (2017 – 2020) the Reflections on the Centenary of the First World War project sets out to both evaluate the extent to which the range of commemorative activities undertaken since 2014 has engaged with, challenged, or changed this ‘myth’, and the experience and outcomes of projects that are built on academic-public engagement and the co-production of knowledge, especially those involving the AHRC World War One Engagement Centres.**

The three main aims of this research project are:

1. to evaluate activities during the centenary period of the First World War in the United Kingdom in order to trace and analyse shifting patterns of cultural memory;
2. to evaluate these activities in order to assess how successful they have been in involving diverse members of the community in their production and reception; and
3. to consider the lessons and legacies of these projects for a range of stakeholders involved in planning for future anniversaries and events.

For all enquiries about the Reflections on the Centenary of the First World War project, please contact the Project PI, Professor Lucy Noakes: [l.noakes@essex.ac.uk](mailto:l.noakes@essex.ac.uk)

To complete the survey, please visit the website: <http://reflections1418.exeter.ac.uk/>



In this section, we share some interesting First World War-related events that are taking place around the country. These events are not necessarily arranged by our Centre, but may tie in closely with our research themes, or may take place locally or regionally to our Centre member team, and may therefore be of particular interest to our treasured community partners.

Here we may also share some relevant funding opportunities, as well as news and events from the other four AHRC FWW engagement centres that we feel may be of interest to our subscribers.

Do you have any First World War-related news or events that fit in with our Centre themes of stories from the home front? If so, please feel free to send them to: [firstworldwar@herts.ac.uk](mailto:firstworldwar@herts.ac.uk), along with an image that you would like to include.



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## From the Postbag

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**Heritage Lottery Fund: First World War - then and now**  
Closing date: December 2018

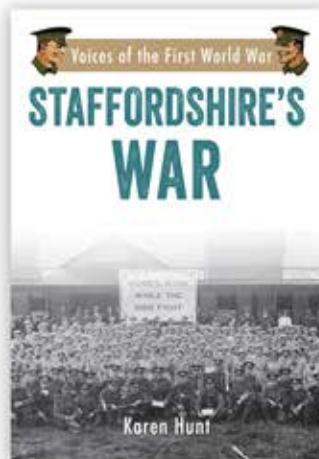
Explore the heritage of the First World War with grants of £3,000–£10,000. This programme has a short application form, and is suitable for everyone, including first-time applicants.

The First World War affected millions across the globe and shaped the world we live in. The Centenary is a chance to understand the war better, uncover its stories and explore what it means to us today.

Everyone should have the chance to discover more about the war and mark the Centenary. That's why HLF are providing this special grant programme for community projects. You can apply at any time up to December 2018 for funds to be used in 2019.

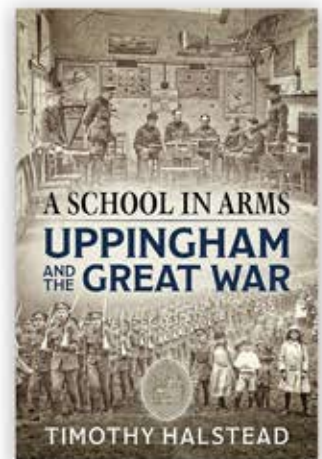
For additional information about the **HLF FWW grants**, please see: [bit.ly/1GszEiF](http://bit.ly/1GszEiF)

### NEWS



#### 'Staffordshire's War'

Our close colleague Karen Hunt's book *Staffordshire's War* has been published. The rumour is that the first print run has sold out. However, more copies are being printed so don't worry about getting a copy of a fascinating book which is a wonderful and fitting gift, not just of the citizens of Staffordshire or anyone whose family comes from the county, but also anyone who is interested in discovering more about how the challenges of inventing a local home front was experienced. In many ways it is the inventiveness and resilience of local people that is striking as they found ways to survive in the kind of warfare that had never been experienced before in Britain.



#### 'A School in Arms: Uppingham and the Great War'

For many people, their only knowledge of Uppingham's involvement in the Great War is through Vera Brittain's Testament of Youth and its account of her relationship with three men who went to the school and lost their lives during the war. In this book, the author – Timothy Halstead – discusses the involvement of more than 2,300 'Old Boys' who served in the Great War. Based mainly on material from the school's archives and the accounts and papers of the 'Old Boys', it provides the first comprehensive account of the school and the war. This book is not just about the 20 percent who died; it is just as much about the 80 percent who survived...





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### Herts at War Monthly Talks at the University of Hertfordshire

Next talk: 17 January

Weston Auditorium, de Havilland  
7:00pm for 7:30pm start

**Guest speaker:**  
**Andrew Lock**



*Herts at War* is a community-led project to commemorate the diverse experiences of Hertfordshire during the First World War. The project aims to uncover the untold stories of the county's men and women, both on the fighting front and the home front, and commemorate these individuals a century on from the conflict. The project team holds monthly topical talks at the University of Hertfordshire with a special guest speaker.

To view the full programme of talks, please see:

[www.hertsatwar.co.uk/talks-2017-2018](http://www.hertsatwar.co.uk/talks-2017-2018)

To book your FREE ticket for the 17 January talk, please visit: [bit.ly/2Btdgji](http://bit.ly/2Btdgji)

### 'Mathematicians at War' June Barrow-Green

25 April at 7.00pm

Lindop Building, College Lane Campus

British mathematicians responded to WW1 in several ways. Some volunteered their mathematical skills for work at the Royal Aircraft Factory where they could experience the risky practice of flying, while others went to the National Physical Laboratory where, safely on the ground, they did experiments using wind tunnels.

Another group joined the Anti-Aircraft Experimental Section of the Ministry of Munitions where they worked on ballistics.

In this talk, June Barrow-Green will discuss the war-time activities of a number of British mathematicians, and examine the impact of the War on their careers as well as on mathematics itself.

To book your place for this FREE event, please email: [d.crann@herts.ac.uk](mailto:d.crann@herts.ac.uk).



*June Barrow-Green is Professor of History of Mathematics at the Open University and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics.*

### 1918-2018: An International Conference

#### The End of the War & the Reshaping of a Century

6-8 September

University of Wolverhampton

This international conference will be hosted by the Centre for Historical Research at the University of Wolverhampton in collaboration with the Western Front Association and the FWW Network for Early Career & Postgraduate Researchers.

The event will spotlight the latest research on the events of 1918, as well as the global significances, consequences and legacy of this watershed year.



It seeks to encourage international perspectives and to encompass a wide range of historical approaches as well as cross-disciplinary insights. The event is being developed collaboratively with heritage agencies, museums, art galleries, funders, local schools and community groups involved in First World War research, remembrance and events.

Please visit the website for the call for papers and more information:  
[bit.ly/2DHtEmP](http://bit.ly/2DHtEmP)





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## Sharing Our Stories & A Place to Connect

### 'They Dream of Home: The Families of the Fallen'

Flackwell Heath and Loudwater Local History Group

In response to our call for First World War-related news and events in our previous Newsletter issue, Ms Sally Scagell has kindly let us know of the project '**They Dream of Home: The Families of the Fallen**', a project very fitting with our *Childhood and Family Relationships* theme.

Although this is an unfunded project, Ms Scagell's research has discovered that **at least 65% (and, as the research continues, now nearly 70%) of the men on the Flackwell Heath war memorial were related to each other.**

These men would have grown up together, gone to the same schools and worked on the same farms and would have known that 'uncles' and 'aunts' abounded within the village. However, one may wonder how many of them had any real idea of the blood ties which bonded their families together from a generation or two earlier.

Ms Scagell says that it has certainly made for an interesting research project and could possibly go some way to explaining why there were such huge numbers in attendance when the war memorial was unveiled in 1921.

For more information, please see:

[www.galaxypix.com/Sally/warmemorials/Dreamofhome/index.html](http://www.galaxypix.com/Sally/warmemorials/Dreamofhome/index.html)

### Building Family Bonds through Love and History

*We are delighted to share this message and offer of resources from one of our readers, Ms Jenny Wise, in California, USA:*

Have you ever wondered about your family's origin and ancestors? For many of us, our grandparents are our last line of connection to their parents and grandparents. I'm lucky to still have my grandmother to help fill in a lot of the blanks for me. Having a deeper relationship with my grandmother has helped me throughout my life.

I've been working with my children on creating a family tree and forging stronger relationships with their grandparents. They are learning a lot about family history, and they are being introduced to ideas and traditions we can incorporate and keep passing through the family -- kind of like creating genealogical heirlooms.

I am providing some great resources, which I hope may be of use to your readers - including, but not limited to:

- **10 Tips to Start Your Family History Journey:** [bit.ly/2Cti6pj](http://bit.ly/2Cti6pj)

- **How to Trace Your Family Tree:** [bit.ly/2CCmRul](http://bit.ly/2CCmRul)

- **The Best Legacy You Can Leave for Your Grandchildren:** [bit.ly/2DSz3H5](http://bit.ly/2DSz3H5)

All the best,  
Jenny Wise  
[jennywise@specialhomeeducator.com](mailto:jennywise@specialhomeeducator.com)

### Appeal for information about Indian nurses in WW1

We have received a query from a community partner, who seeks information about **Indian nurses during the First World War**. If any of our readers would have any information or resources to offer on this topic, would you please contact us at: [firstworldwar@herts.ac.uk](mailto:firstworldwar@herts.ac.uk) and we will pass the details on.

Thank you for your help!



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