WWI events and activities at the University of Worcester and The Hive

From 4 August - Outbreak of War Exhibition
On display throughout The Hive, Worcester
A selection of photographs and documents from the archives, showing scenes at Home and at the Front related to Worcestershire at War housed in display cases throughout the library.

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 September - Home Fronts: Gender, War and Conflict Conference
City Campus, University of Worcester
This national conference of the Women’s History Network provides a chance to hear over 100 speakers from across the world talking about the Home Front in WWI and other conflicts. The conference will be held at the University’s City Campus.
For further details see website www.worcester.ac.uk/discover/home-fronts-gender-war-and-conflict

Wednesday 10 September - WWI Concert by BBC National Orchestra of Wales
7:30pm at the University of Worcester Arena, Worcester
The programme will include Elgar’s most famous works, his Cello Concerto and Elegy, Dvorak’s Symphony No.8 in G Major and Vaughan Williams’ Overture: The Wasps conducted by Rory Macdonald. Prices range from £15 to £28.
Tickets are available from www.ticketline.co.uk or from the University of Worcester Arena Reception.
Tel: 0844 888 9991 for further information.

Thursday 2 October - Birmingham Play House Presents Foreign Fields
6.30pm at The Hive, Worcester
Created by the Play House Theatre in Education Company to mark the centenary of World War 1, Foreign Fields will use research by the Archives and Heritage Service at the Library of Birmingham to explore how the war in Europe affected the lives of people at home.
It will focus on the stories of real people, in particular children, and the changes to their daily lives while their fathers and brothers were away at the front, such as school halls being requisitioned as hospitals and Belgian refugees staying with local families. Tickets £4 available from The Hive (suitable for ages 8 upwards).
Saturday 18 October - 1914 100 Years On
10:30am - 4:30pm at St John’s Campus, University of Worcester

The annual conference of the Worcestershire & Herefordshire Branch of the Western Front Association features the following speakers: Peter Harts Life in the Trenches November and December 1914, Paul Handford Civilian Volunteer Ambulance Drivers in the BEF 1914, Martin Brown ‘Plugstreer’: the Archaeology of the Trenches, 1914. All welcome, tickets which include buffet lunch £20.00 to book telephone 01905 774797 or email: whb.wfa@hotmail.co.uk

Thursday 23 October - Symposium on WW1 and children: myths, images and engagement
2pm - 6:30pm at St John’s Campus, University of Worcester

The centenary of the outbreak of the First World War has led to a proliferation of: television programmes, publications, museum exhibitions and heritage events. Yet, despite the government decision to fund school children to visit the battlefields, there is a concern that perhaps many of the WWI commemoration activities have not enthralled many young people. This symposium aims to bring together academics working on the history and literature of children and WWI with practitioners who work with young people in a variety of settings and students. Presentations and discussions will explore a wide range of topics including: the lives of children at school in WW1, the images and myths that surround children in literature and the strategies and tactics used by those working in museums, youth organisation or with schools to engage young people in the history of the conflict.

There is no charge for this event which is part of IHCA's Worcester Week; to book a place please contact John Powell: john.powell@worc.ac.uk

Tuesday 28 October - Centenary of Battle of Gheluvelt Seminar
5:30 - 7:30pm at The Hive, Worcester

One third of the Worcestershire 2nd Battalion were lost at the Battle of Gheluvelt on 31st October 1914 which has an almost mythical status in the history of the regiment and the city. In advance of the 100 year anniversary of Gheluvelt Day Dr Spencer Jones of the University of Wolverhampton will speak on: The Demon Saves the Day: Charles FitzClarence VC and the Battle for Gheluvelt and be followed by Dr Janis Lomas (Independent Scholar) discussing The Women Gheluvelt Left behind: WW1 Widows.

There is no charge for this event. To book please contact Prof Maggie Andrews: maggie.andrews@worc.ac.uk

Tuesday 11 November - RSA Debate Have we forgotten the horrors of war?
6pm at The Hive, Worcester

Join speakers at The Hive for a Question Time-style debate with the Royal Society of Arts to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. On the 12 May 2014, Combat Stress charity reported a 57 per cent increase in 2013 in the number of ex-military personnel undergoing mental health treatment. As veterans who served in the armed forces continue to relive the horrors they experienced, is it easy to overlook the hidden psychological wounds of war? Has the technological evolution of warfare meant that our fear of combat has reduced? Is it easy to forget the horrors of war when you cannot see it up close? We want to hear your opinion. The future prospects of the human race are at the heart of the joint RSA/Hive public debates. Join us as we debate the horrors of war and then for a book launch for The Home Front in Britain Images, Myths and Forgotten Experiences since 1914.

Tickets available from The Hive from the Level 1 Information Pod in the atrium.

Saturday 22 November - The First World War: Culture and Society

The University of Worcester’s annual Women’s History Conference organised with the Midlands region of the Women’s History Network. Speakers include: Professor Claire Cochrane - University of Worcester and Professor Barbara Kelly - University of Keele.

For further details and booking contact Dr Wendy Toon: w.toon@worc.ac.uk