

Cheltenham Remembers.

WW1 COMMEMORATION

Events & Activities throughout
Cheltenham during 2018





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At 11am on 11th November 1918 the Armistice was signed at Compiègne in Northern France, between the Allies and Germany, to cease fighting. This agreement signaled the end of World War One, known as the Great War. On Sunday 11th November 2018 Cheltenham will commemorate the centenary of the Armistice with a Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial on the Promenade.

In order to mark the centenary Cheltenham Borough Council have, since 2015, been working on the Cheltenham Remembers. project with a number of partners, to deliver commemorative events and activities within the Borough.

The project started in 2016 when specialist consultants undertook the restoration of the War Memorial, on the Promenade. The work included re-carving the soldiers names and the addition of six new names, including the first and only woman to be commemorated. Since then the project has replaced the four lamps which surround the memorial, replicating the original design from 1921, added an information panel and worked with The Rock, to restore the war memorial at St Peter's Church, Tewkesbury Road.

We have also been supporting the University of Gloucestershire Media School journalism and web design students to investigate local stories and create a new WW1 website. Their stories along with many other articles and information will be available at www.cheltenhamremembers.org.uk from April.

The following pages provide details of the events and activities being produced by our partners. They include a concert, touring play, re-enactment and exhibitions, starting on 31st March and continuing throughout the year with assistance from the Royal British Legion. Information about other events and activities around the Borough can also be found here. More details will be added to our website www.cheltenhamremembers.org.uk during the coming months.

Please join us in remembering and saying 'Thank You' to the men and women of the First World War who gave so much, asked so little and helped to shape our world as we know it today.

Flo Clucas.

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Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles

RAF Centenary Exhibition at the Jet Age Museum.

Jet Age Museum

Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham
Road East, Staverton, Gloucester
GL2 9QL

Weekends and bank holidays from

31st March to 22nd April

10am-4pm (apart from **Saturday 31st March** which will be from 11am-4pm)

01452 260078

Further information - Exhibition
Coordinator, AVM Tony Mason at
rafajam100@gmail.com

Entry: Free (donations encouraged)

As part of the "Cheltenham Remembers" programme the Jet Age Museum at Staverton will host an Exhibition on behalf of the Cheltenham Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association, to commemorate the formation of the Royal Air Force in 1918, together with the creation of the aircraft industry in Cheltenham.

The Exhibition will include a ¾ scale SE5a model WW1 fighter plane, a replica airfield workshop and an operational airfield tableau.

It will include memorabilia from the H. H. Martyn aircraft factory, RAF at Rendcomb and Flight Cadets in Cheltenham and contemporary RAF memorabilia.

Marking its long association with the RAF, there will be a display from GCHQ of previously top secret cryptographic and other items released for the first time to the local public.

The Exhibition will be opened by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire, Dame Janet Trotter DBE CVO, on Saturday 31st March.

Local schools are being invited for weekday visits for a special participatory programme.



Image courtesy Mr John Whitaker



Five "Rendcombe" R.A.F.'s in the Prom, on Tuesday.



'A Chronicle of War Work' Exhibition.

This exhibition tells the story of the contribution of the staff and pupils of Cheltenham Ladies' College to the war effort, both on the home front and on the front line. It includes a recreated ward from St Martin's VAD Hospital, which was set up by the College in central Cheltenham to care for wounded soldiers. The exhibition also focuses on the lasting effects the war had on female emancipation and the increased participation of women in the work place.



Cheltenham Ladies' College

Parabola Arts Centre

Parabola Road, Cheltenham GL50 3AA

Monday 14th May to

Friday 25th May

Open Times:

Monday to Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm,

Saturday 10.00am – 12.30pm,

Sunday closed

Further Information:

Rachel Roberts, College Archivist

01242 520691

robertsr@cheltladiescollege.org

Entry: Free

An electronic teaching pack

The Cheltenham Ladies' College is producing an electronic teaching pack for schools, relating to the female contribution to the war effort, as illustrated by the College Archive. The pack is aimed at Key Stage 3 students and will be available for download from April 2018.

www.cheltenhamremembers.org.uk



CHELTENHAM
LADIES'
COLLEGE

The Exhibition has benefitted from support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Cheltenham Borough Council, the Regent Arcade, local aviation companies and local charities.

'At Last Fighting is Over': The end of the First World War on the Front and in Cheltenham.

Paper Store, Wilson Museum and Art Gallery

Clarence Street, Cheltenham GL50 3JT

Saturday 9th June 2018 to Sunday 31st March 2019

Open Monday to Wednesday
& Friday to Saturday
9.30am – 5.15pm
Thursday 9.30am – 7.45pm
Sunday 11am – 4pm

www.cheltenhammuseum.org.uk

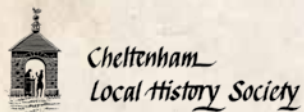
01242 237431

Entry: Free
(donations encouraged)

The signing of the Armistice 100 years ago signalled the end of fighting in the First World War. In 1920 Cheltenham Borough Council commissioned Fred Roe R.A. to paint a war memorial picture. It portrayed six officers of the 1st Battalion of the 5th Gloucestershire Regiment (Territorials). This battalion were the first soldiers to leave Cheltenham the day after war was declared.

The exhibition offers the first opportunity to see the painting at the museum for many years. Also on view will be rarely seen items from the collections, as well as items on loan from Cheltenham Ladies' College and The Soldiers of Gloucestershire Museum.

There will also be other works exploring what was happening during the war and immediate aftermath, complemented by a web-based exhibition showing the Wilson Family diaries and letters, some of which have been newly transcribed for the project.



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Image courtesy of The Cheltenham Trust

Displays are supported by the Heritage Lottery, with assistance from Cheltenham Ladies' College, Cheltenham Local History Society, The Wilson and its volunteers.

The Listening Station: Cheltenham Remembers.

A year-long arts programme of community engagement focusing upon the significance of World War One today and culminating in both an off-site exhibition in May and an exhibition at The Wilson in September. Lead Artist Robyn Woolston will explore both contemporary and historical perspectives whilst drawing inspiration from The Wilson's archival collections.

Find out more, follow or contribute to the project here:
www.thelisteningstationcheltenham.tumblr.com



Wilson Museum and Art Gallery
Clarence Street, Cheltenham GL50 3JT

1st September to 16th December

Open Monday – Wednesday
& Friday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.15pm
Thursday 9.30am – 7.45pm
Sunday 11am – 4pm

01242 237431

www.cheltenhammuseum.org.uk/

Entry: Free
(donations encouraged)

Cheltenham Remembers World War One: A Concert to mark the Centenary.

Join us for a celebration of music and poetry to commemorate the First World War. This special evening will showcase new work by talented young participants at Gloucestershire Music, Song Writing Charity and other community organisations that bring this poignant anniversary into the spotlight. With choral renditions, new melodies and poetry the evening will move from 1918 to reflect on what the Great War means to us today. Come and join us!

Cheltenham Town Hall
Imperial Square, Cheltenham GL50 1QA

Thursday 25th October 7.30pm

0844 576 2210

www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk

Tickets £5.50



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song writing charity

The Wilson Family Foundation: The Wilson Family Foundation is a registered charity. It is a company limited by guarantee. It is a company limited by guarantee. It is a company limited by guarantee.

St Peter's & The Moors Big Local Cheltenham Remembers.

Hardwick Green

Marsh Lane, Cheltenham

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd September

Contact: SPTMbiglocal@gmail.com

More information will be provided from April on our website:

www.cheltenhamremembers.org.uk

Entry: Free

WW1 Re-enactment Event

The Great War Society will be joining us to recreate a WW1 field hospital unit and training camp that will give a unique insight into these aspects of life during WW1.



Local Trust | Big Local

WW1 Exhibition at the Hardwick Gallery



This exhibition focuses on the effect of the war on life in the St Peter's & The Moors area of Cheltenham. We are asking local residents to share their WW1 family stories to go alongside information and exhibits which show the impact of the war in the area.

If you would like to donate items or stories, please contact:

SPTMbiglocal@gmail.com

Hardwick Campus

St Pauls Road, Cheltenham, GL50 4BS

Tuesday 28th August to Sunday 2nd September

www.hardwickgallery.org

Open: 10am - 4pm

Entry: Free

Coach Trips to the Imperial War Museum

Two fully subsidised visits to the Imperial War Museum in association with Gardeners Lane School and local residents from St Peter's and The Moors will be taking place in the autumn.

St Peter's Church

Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham, GL51 9AH

Sunday 11th November (following the Remembrance ceremony)

Entry: Free

Community Reflection

This will be an opportunity for people to reflect on the commemoration activities which have taken place in St Peter's & The Moors and support to form a new group 'Friends of St Peter's War Memorial' to maintain and preserve the newly restored war memorial.

'On the Mend'.



Cheltenham Ladies' College Archive

ON THE MEND is a musical, romantic play about the nurses and patients who spent time in Cheltenham's Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) hospitals during the First World War. Presented by the Everyman Theatre, it features professional actors alongside a number of local performers. The play will be staged over five nights at, or close to, sites of the original VAD hospitals to create a truly authentic experience. On The Mend promises to be moving, topical, funny, family-friendly and is not to be missed.

EVERYMAN
THEATRE · CHELTENHAM

1hr 20min min approx. with no interval

Tuesday 23rd October, 7pm

The Racecourse

(Crest & Sovereign Rooms)
Evesham Road, GL50 4SH

Wednesday 24th October, 7pm

(by invitation of school ONLY)

Gloucester Road Primary School

Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, GL51 8PB

Thursday 25th October 8pm

University of Gloucestershire Park

Campus, Room TC 007 The Park, Cheltenham, GL50 2RH

Friday 26th October, 7pm

Leckhampton Village Hall Church

Road, Leckhampton, GL53 0PL
(Supported by Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court)

Saturday 27th October, 7pm

Cheltenham Ladies' College

Parabola Arts Centre Parabola Road, Cheltenham, GL50 3AH

Tickets are free and available from

Everyman Theatre Box Office

www.everymantheatre.org.uk

01242 572573



Other WW1 Commemoration Events.

Prestbury WW1 Village Fayre

The Prestbury Village Fayre will be held at **The Burgage** on **Saturday 16th June 12 noon – 6.30pm**, to commemorate the centenary year of the armistice agreement being signed. Events will also be held at St Mary's Church and the WI Hall.

Celebration and Re-dedication of the restored St Peter's Church, Tewkesbury Road WW1 War Memorial

The Rock will host a ceremony to mark the re-dedication and restoration of the War Memorial at **St Peter's Church** on **Sunday 17th June**. Hear music by and inspired by Gustav Holst, performed by local schools and choirs in conjunction with the Holst Birthplace Museum. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to see photos of the restoration project. Please contact Sharon Macaulay at The Rock on **01242 700700** or **sharon@therock.uk.com** for further details.

Lighting the Beacon

11 November 2018 at Cheltenham Town Hall. Cheltenham Trust will be taking part in 'Battle's Over: A Nation's Tribute'. For more information please see: **www.brunopeek.co.uk/battles-over.php**

Gustav Holst's WW1: With the Salonika Forces

An exhibition exploring how Holst taught music to soldiers in Salonika and Constantinople during WW1. **The Holst Birthplace from 10th July to 15th December**. **Museum** 4 Clarence Road Pittville Cheltenham GL52 2AY. Contact details: **01242 524846** **www.holstmuseum.org.uk** **curator@holstmuseum.org.uk**

Royal British Legion - Cheltenham Programme

Pilgrimage to Ypres represented by RBL Cheltenham and RBL Woodmancote, **Sun 5-Thu 8 Aug**

RBL Cheltenham Poppy Appeal, **Sat 27th Oct – Sat 10th Nov**

Dedication of the Field of Remembrance at the **War Memorial Promenade**, by RBL Cheltenham and the Mayor, **Thu 1 Nov, 12pm**

Remembrance wreath laying at Imperial Gardens by RBL Cheltenham and Mayor with Friends of Imperial Gardens and Square, **Thu 1 Nov, 12.30pm**

WW1 Commemoration Football 5-a-side Tournament at **Cheltenham FC** organised by RBL Cheltenham and University of Gloucestershire, **date: tbc (see website)**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Civic Service and Parade - Cheltenham War Memorial Promenade **11th November, 10.45am**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Cheltenham Festival of Remembrance, **Town Hall**, Imperial Square **7.15pm** (to follow on from Beacon lighting)

Victoria Cross Commemorative Stone

A service and commemorative stone laying for Cheltenham Victoria Cross recipient Lt Col Richard Annesley West, to mark the 100th anniversary of the action for which the VC was awarded, will be held at **Cheltenham War Memorial**, Promenade, on **2nd September**. **Time: tbc (see website)**.

Heritage Open Days 2018

Heritage Open Days: **6th – 9th and 13th – 16th September** will be dedicated primarily to commemorate Cheltenham Remembers. There will be free events and walks connected to Cheltenham's rich contribution to World War 1. For more details have a look at Heritage Open Days website: **www.heritageopendays.org.uk**



You can find out more about the Cheltenham Remembers programme of events and activities along with other events in Cheltenham on our website: **www.cheltenhamremembers.org.uk**.

Cheltenham WW1 Soldiers Exhibition - Who served in your street?

The houses linked to thousands of soldiers who served or died in the Great War have been plotted onto maps of Cheltenham. Come and see who signed up in your street. **7th October 11am – 4pm at Swindon Village Hall**, Church Road, Cheltenham, GL51 9QP

Everyman Theatre - 'A Hundred Years On'

A commemoration of the end of the First World War, featuring professional actors, the Everyman's community choirs and the Cheltenham Silver Band. A lavish celebration of music, poetry and scenes. **Sunday November 11th at 4.00 pm at Everyman Theatre**. Tickets from the Everyman box office **01242 572573** **www.everymantheatre.org.uk**

Gloucestershire and Racing Remember

Cheltenham Racecourse will commemorate the end of WW1 on **Sunday 18th November**, the final day of The November Race Meeting. Alongside the horseracing, there will be a number of themed activities and commemorative events.

For further information please visit: **www.cheltenham.co.uk**



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To join the Cheltenham Remembers.
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