



Devon Remembers

commemorating the centenary of the First World War 2014-2018

Commemorations continue to take place around the county and wider afield which relate to the centenary of the First World War. 31 July saw the centenary commemorations of the Battle of Passchendaele, which provides the iconic imagery we widely associate today with the trench warfare of WW1.

Take a look at events and commemorative projects you can take part in the coming months across the county.

Salcombe Maritime Museum will be displaying an exhibition 'The U-boat War off the South Hams Coast 1915-19' until 31 October. Go along to discover the stories of wartime shipwrecks off our local coastline. See www.salcombemuseum.org.uk for more information.

Sidmouth Museum and **Teignmouth and Shaldon Museum** will be displaying an exhibition exploring how the local fishing industry contributed to providing the area's food supplies during the First World War. <http://www.devonmuseums.net/>

Poppies: Wave at CWGC Plymouth Naval Memorial and 'For those in Peril' project



From 23 August – 19 November the Plymouth Naval Memorial on the Hoe, Plymouth will form the centrepiece for the **Poppies: Wave** installation which is touring nationwide following the thought-provoking 2014 display at the Tower of London. The Commonwealth War Graves

Commission (CWGC) are seeking Volunteers to assist on-site and take part in research the **For those in Peril** project relating to servicemen and women remembered on the memorial for whom there was no grave but the sea. Contact community@cwgc.org for a research resource pack or visit www.cwgc.org for more information.



Stories of Exeter's War Hospitals 1914-1918

An exhibition sharing research by the Exeter Local History Society will explore stories of the city's war hospitals and how the sick and wounded were cared for during the First World War. Visit the exhibition at St Stephen's Church, High Street Exeter between 19th-23rd September. (Tues, Wed, Fri: 11am-4pm, Thurs: 11am-6pm, Sat: 11am-3.30pm)

Hunt for traces of WW1 sites near you.

The Council for British Archaeology invites us to identify sites of First World War significance through its **Home Front Legacy** project, mapping and recording sites, structures or buildings. These could be farms where wartime food was grown, railway stations where troops embarked to go to war, buildings used as hospitals, military installations.... Anything! Have a

look at www.homefrontlegacy.org.uk to see the map and find out how you and your community could contribute.

A Concert for Remembrance

Devon County Royal British Legion will be holding a concert for remembrance on Thursday 2 November from 7,30pm at the Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter, EX4 3AT. The concert will feature the Okehampton College Band, pupils of St Sidwell's Primary School and local singer Cassy Jane.

Further information and tickets are £7.50 and available from rbldevon.events@gmail.com or 07588 129131.



Shrouds of the Somme

You may have visited the 2016 art installation 'Shrouds of the Somme' which commemorated the 19,240 men lost on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Plans are underway for a larger art installation in 2018, featuring 72,396 shrouds, representing the names engraved on the Thiepval Memorial in France, of men never recovered from the battlefield.

See www.shroudsofthesomme.com for further updates and details of how you can help raise funds for SSAFA.



Devon Remembers Heritage Project continues to work with local researchers and communities to discover stories of the First World War at home in Devon. Have a look at their website www.devonremembersheritage.org to explore some of the stories, find out how you can get involved and details of upcoming events. Book to hear 'A Great and Desperate Venture: Belgian Refugees in Devon' – a talk at 6.30pm on 21st September at Torre Abbey, Torquay which will explore some of the stories of refugees who settled in the area during WW1.