



Craven and the First World War Project

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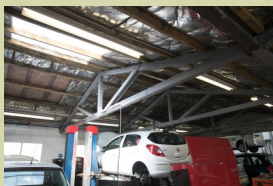


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Camp roof trusses found in Skipton garage!

The roof trusses from two of the Raikeswood Camp barrack buildings have been found at a Skipton garage. After the Camp closed, the huts were sold to Angus' garage, which is now Peter Watson's garage, on Otley Road and whilst the wooden shell of the huts was replaced years ago, the trusses were never removed....Until now that is, as the roof trusses are being taken down to make way for new workshops.



HLF Discovery Day

Are you currently involved in a project to commemorate the First World War centenary? Are you considering applying for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund? There will be a Discovery Day in Leeds on Friday 27 October 2017, 11am - 3.30pm, to learn more about the war and its legacies, hear about other local projects, and share your own experiences.

The event is free but places are limited and registration is required on the Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discovering-the-first-world-war-in-yorkshire-and-the-humber-tickets-36857326255>

Craven News

Raikeswood Camp dig

Young archaeologists from schools across Craven returned to the site of last years Raikeswood Camp archaeological dig during August for more excavations to unearth the history of Skipton's former WW1 training and POW camp.



Amongst the WW1 artefacts found were a British uniform button and German army cap badge, which along with the trench whistle and other objects found at last years dig, will be digitalised for a new website about the history of Raikeswood Camp to be launched in January 2018.

A successful open day was held on Sunday 6 August where over 200 members of the public came to get a behind the scenes look at the dig and a chance to pick up a trowel and do some digging.



We even made it onto the local news when ITV Calendar came down to cover the story. See the news piece here: www.itv.com/news/calendar/2017-08-05/archaeologists-dig-at-site-of-hidden-pow-camp-in-skipton

Raikeswood Camp U3A course



Craven U3A will be running a special course about the German POW experiences at Raikeswood Camp in the new year.

Learn in some detail about the bleakness and routines of camp life from the POWs' arrival to departure, their attitudes to their captivity and their captors, their ingenious ways of relieving the tedium, their reaction to the Armistice as well as their impressions of the Skipton and Yorkshire of 100 years ago.

The course will take place from Monday 8 January to Monday 12 March (except half term on Monday 12 February), from 1.30 - 3.30pm, at the Swadford Centre in Skipton.

To find out more, contact the course tutor, Nigel Holden, on 01756 793593 or 07756 902584.



Courtesy of Peter Barry & Charles M Whittaker



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WW1 Settle exhibition launch

The Folly's '1917: Mud & Misery' exhibition was officially opened at a launch event in July by Head of History at The Skipton Academy and Tunstill's Men blogger, Dr Bill Smith.



In a year dominated by the dreadful battles of Arras and Passchendaele, the exhibition follows the fortunes of two local battalions, the 6th and 10th Battalions of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, both of which played their part in those battles, where the lives of many local lads were lost. The exhibition runs until 29 October. See below for more details.

Craven Events

'1917: Mud & Misery' exhibition

Until 29 October - The Museum of North Craven Life (The Folly)

The fourth in a series of exhibitions at The Folly in Settle following the people of North Craven throughout the Great War who struggled through the mud and misery of 1917, but showed fortitude and courage when faced with hell on earth. Admission: £2.70 (Concessions: £2.20. 16 and Under: Free)

Farnhill project website launch

Saturday 21 October - Kildwick and Farnhill Institute, 2 - 4pm

The Farnhill WW1 Volunteers project is launching its lottery funded website. There will also be slideshows and displays of photographs and other material recently discovered about the village and the men who served during the war. Free entry.

Museum Takeover Day

Friday 17 November - Craven Museum & Gallery, 10am - 3pm

Craven Museum & Gallery will once again be taken over by young people as part of Takeover Day, a national initiative organised by Kids in Museums. The day will be themed around the First World War, with the students running object handling sessions from the museum's WW1 collection, as well as craft activities for kids. Free entry.

Regional events

'Recovery? From Flanders to Afghanistan' exhibition

Thackray Medical Museum
Until 31 Dec 2018 - £7 adults

A thought-provoking look at the medical advances that emerged from the First World War, drawing in parallels from modern day conflicts.

www.thackraymedicalmuseum.co.uk

Ambulance Trains exhibition

National Railway Museum
FREE

An exhibition telling the forgotten story of the ambulance trains used to evacuate sick and injured troops on an unprecedented scale during the First World War.

www.firstworldwar.nrm.org.uk

'Huddersfield's Great War Stories' exhibition

Tolson Museum, Huddersfield
Until 31 Dec 2018 - FREE

An exhibition which explores people's lives at home and away in Huddersfield during the First World War.

www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

If you have any events coming up that you would like to be included in the next issue, please contact Rob Freeman at Craven Museum & Gallery on RFreeman@cravencdc.gov.uk