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Welcome to Issue 33A - an extra September 2018 Newsletter and Magazine of Chesterfield WFA.

I attended - deputising for Branch Chair Tony Bolton - the latest meeting of the Chesterfield World War One Commemorations Working Group in the Town Hall on Wednesday 12th September.

For a small borough Chesterfield is really pulling out all of the stops to Commemorate the First World War Centenary 1918 - 2018 with presentations, films, talks, etc, even a bonfire and fireworks display that I felt that rather than wait until the end of September when usually publish the latest Newsletter, I would put out an extra one focussing solely on the activities in and around the town as we move towards the Centenary of the end of the hostilities.

As well as the activities shown in the brochure, Rob Nash is asking for assistance in putting together the various poppy cascades which will be seen around the town. These will feature poppies knitted and crocheted by members of the local community. When this project started the hoped to get about 15000 poppies - amazingly - at the last count there was 45000 !! His contact details are on his letter overleaf

I hope you enjoy this `extra` edition and can participate in some of the events

Grant Cullen – Branch Secretary



Western Front Association Chesterfield Branch – Meetings 2018

Meetings start at 7.30pm and take place at the Labour Club, Unity House, Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NF

January	9th	Jan.9th Branch AGM followed by a talk by Tony Bolton (Branch Chairman) on the key events of the last year of the war 1918. Councillor Steve Brunt (a member of the WFA) will also be present to tell members about Chesterfield Borough Council's plans for a WW1 2018 Commemorations Group.
February	6th	Tim Lynch <i>'The Unknown Soldiers - the BEF of 1918'</i> By 1918 the BEF was mostly made up of conscripts as it launched the most successful campaign in its history. How did an army many regarded as "shirkers" fight so effectively? Tim Lynch is a freelance writer and battlefield guide. This talk is based on research into his own family's part in the Great War.
March	6th	David Humberston , Chairman of the Leicester Branch, will be making his first visit to WFA Chesterfield to talk about <i>'Women Spies in The Great War'</i>
April	3rd	Peter Hart making his annual pilgrimage to Chesterfield. His presentation will be <i>'Not Again' - the German offensive on the Aisne, May 1918.</i>
May	1st	Making his debut as a speaker to the Chesterfield Branch will be Jonathan Steer who will compare and contrast the <i>'BEF at Mons in 1914 with the BEF at Mons in 1918'</i>
June	5th	Rob Thompson – always a popular visitor to Chesterfield Branch. <i>"Running Out of Road. Supplying the BEF During the 100 Days Offensives. 1918"</i> . This is a new talk dealing with the logistical and supply problems the BEF had as the end of the war approached (BEF needed Armistice as much as Germans).
July	3rd	Dr. Graham Kemp. <i>"American Expeditionary Force" – the story and experiences of the AEF, 1917-18.</i> Talk covers the training of the new Army from the States to France. Taking in the experience, the hardship and humour. It looks at their first action at Belleville wood, and then turns to the success and tragedy of 'Argonne Wood.' It reveals the way the US Army contributed to the ending of the war and why afterwards US turned its back on Europe.
August	7TH	Peter Dennis is an artist who lives in Mansfield but he has made a name for himself as an illustrator for the Osprey series of monographs on The Great War (as well as other conflicts from ancient times to the present) Peter will explain how he carries out his researches for technical accuracy. He will also bring some of his original artworks for members to view.
September	4th	John Beech. <i>"The Great Escape"</i> . John needs no introduction to Chesterfield members as he rarely misses a meeting. In September 1917 a group of POW German officers escaped from where they were being held (now on the site of the University of Nottingham). Using his meticulous research, John will tell this story.
October	2nd	Making a welcome return to Chesterfield will be our former Chairman / Secretary, Peter Hodgkinson , who will explain the <i>Battle of Selle in October 1918.</i>
November	6th	Bryn Hammond. Another leading light in the field of historical research, study and publication on the Great War, Bryn will discuss <i>'The 500 piece jig-saw: Tank – Other Arms Cooperation in the First World War.</i>
December	4th	Rounding the year off in style will be Dr Phylomena Badsey on <i>"Auxiliary Hospitals and the role of Voluntary Aid Detachment Nurses during the First World War"</i>

Please find below letter from Rob Nash appealing for some assistance in attaching the 40000 + poppies to nets for hanging as cascades throughout the town (Nash364@Outlook.com)

COMMUNITY POPPY CASCADE REQUIRES VOLUNTEERS

The people of Chesterfield and North Derbyshire (including many ex pats from all around the world) have exceeded our original target of 15,000 poppies and have donated over 40,000 knitted, crocheted and felt poppies for the cascades planned for this year's centenary of the end of WW1. Thank you to everyone who made, donated and collected the poppies. We now need to make best use of all 40,000 poppies by attaching them to nets ready to cascade from many buildings in Chesterfield.

We are now asking for people to volunteer to assist in attaching the 40,000 poppies to nets from Tuesday 18 September to Friday 26 October 2018 in the Drill Hall of Wallis Barracks, Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield. Those who wish to take part can select the date they wish to volunteer from the following days and times:

Mondays 10:00am to 2:00pm (4hours)

Tuesdays 10:00am to 2:00pm (4 hours)

Thursdays 10:00am to 2:00pm (4 hours)

Fridays 10:00am to 12:00am (2 hours)

We are looking for 20 volunteers per session who for security reasons must book a place to allow them access to the Wallis Barracks. We can only accept people over the age of 16 on to the sessions. To book a session please email Rob Nash (Project Lead) at nash364@outlook.com Rob will confirm your booking and provide additional details of the work.

The community of the area have taken this project to heart and we will show in our own way 'That We Will Remember Them' on the 11 November 2018.

Thank you

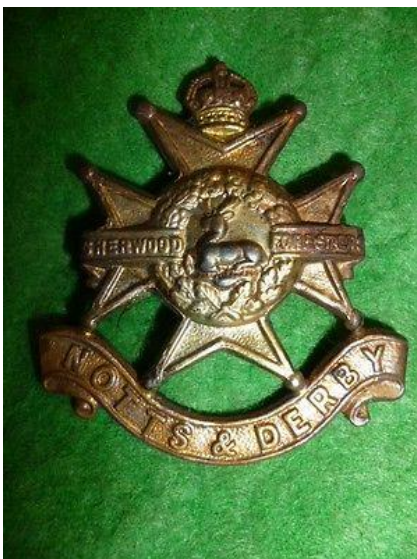
Rob Nash

Giant `Sherwood Foresters Badge` Artwork coming soon to St Mary and all Saints Church, Chesterfield



View from the Spire where the giant badge will be laid out

As part of the Commemorations for the end of the First World War a 6 metre X 6 metre artwork - made from coloured bottle tops - is to be laid out in the grounds of St Mary and All Saints Church (The `Spire` Church). This will take the form of a cap badge of Chesterfield`s most famous Regiment - the Sherwood Foresters. This project is the brainchild of two local ladies, Natalie Peace and Donna Booth, who set up community growth Cic almost 3 years ago and formed the Chesterfield Cultural Education Partnership to try to expand our vision across schools and the wider heritage community. In this project they have been assisted by John Holmes and David Nightingale of St Helens Local history society



The Sherwood Foresters Badge

This massive artwork is to be laid out in the church grounds on **Thursday 25th October**. Natalie and Donna and their helpers expect to start at the crack of dawn and, hopefully, have it completed before it gets too dark to work. This unique piece of art will remain in place until after the Armistice Commemorations. A camera situated up in the Spire will record the ongoing process of laying out the badge. The ladies would welcome folks along on the day of setting it out to give support and encouragement.

First World War Centenary 1918-2018

11 November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending the First World War.

Chesterfield Borough Council has worked with a series of partners including the Royal British Legion, ex-service organisations and local faith and community groups to organise a series of events to mark the anniversary.

For more information, visit: www.chesterfield.gov.uk/ww1



CHESTERFIELD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Floral display outside the Speedwell Rooms at Staveley on now until the autumn

Poetry walk and artillery gun display on Vicar Lane on now until November

Annual exhibition by Chesterfield St Helen's and District Local History Society

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September

Telling the story of WW1 in the local area - photos, articles, memorabilia and talks.
10am to 4pm, Christ Church, Sheffield Road.

New Whittington remembers

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 September at St Barnabas Church.

Exhibition telling the story of the WW1 in the local area, 12pm to 4pm.

Memorial service at 11am on Sunday 29 September.

Events at Chesterfield Museum

The Trench Experience

11 October to 19 January

Interactive experience displaying the memorial book and reading out letters from the First World War.

Weapons of a World War One Infantryman

Thursday 1 November, 10am to 4pm
Discover and handle the contents of an Infantryman's kitbag.

Mercian Regiment on tour

Sunday 11 November, 10am to 3pm
Features a talk, The bloody road to victory, at 12.30pm.

Chesterfield Museum is open each Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

Admission is free.

Events at the Winding Wheel

The Last Battle

Wednesday 31 October, 7.30pm
Lecture by Peter Hart.

Festival of Remembrance

Thursday 8 November, 7.30pm
Organised by the Fellowship of the Services, featuring the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band.

Events at the Pomegranate Theatre

The Fulstow Boys

Thursday 20 September at 7.30pm

Play by Steelworks Theatre Company

Pack up your troubles

Thursday 4 October at 2pm

Show by Paper Moon Theatre Company

Private Peaceful

Friday 19 October, 1.30pm; Saturday 20 October, 2pm and 7.30pm

Play by Michael Morpurgo, presented by Scamp Theatre.

Screening of World War One related films

Sunday 4 November at 2pm

Lawrence of Arabia

Sunday 4 November at 7.30pm

War Horse

Monday 5 November at 11am

Regeneration

Monday 5 November at 2pm

All Quiet on the Western Front

Monday 5 November at 7.30pm

Oh! What a Lovely War

The Eleventh Hour

Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10 November, evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday matinee 2pm, Saturday matinee 3pm

Play by John Goodrum.

For more information on these events or to book tickets, visit:

www.chesterfieldtheatres.co.uk

Events in the borough from 11 October to 11 November

Poppy commemoration

until Sunday 11 November
At St Mary and All Saints' Church in association with the Royal British Legion featuring a knitted poppy to remember all of the 1,574 service personnel from Chesterfield killed from 1914 to 1918.

Courage of Conscience

during October and November
Chesterfield ProPeace group exhibition at Chesterfield Library exploring conscientious objectors during the First World War.

So Long, Farewell

Friday 26 October, 7.30pm at Chesterfield Library, a presentation with words and music by Linda Woodroffe.

Beer Festival

Friday 2 and Saturday 3 November
First World War-themed event, organised by Chesterfield CAMRA in Market Hall Assembly Rooms.

Firework extravaganza

Sunday 4 November
At Stand Road Park, featuring a bonfire lighting to commemorate the centenary, fireworks at 7pm.

Community event

Tuesday 6 November, 5pm
At Outwood Academy featuring students' work, memorabilia, market stalls and a poppy fall.

Soldier exhibition

Saturday 10 November
At Holymoorside United Reformed Church, featuring tea at 3pm.

Brimington remembers

Sunday 11 November
Service on the village green at 11am and Beacon of Light Ceremony at 7pm.

Poppy cascade

Monday 5 to Sunday 11 November
Poppy cascade and garden of remembrance at Chesterfield Town Hall featuring poppies knitted and crocheted by community members.



Remembrance services taking place in Chesterfield during November

Spital Cemetery

Monday 5 November at 2pm

St Augustine's Church, Whitecotes Lane

Sunday 11 November at 9.30am

Hasland

Sunday 11 November at 10am
Hasland Methodist Church

Staveley

Sunday 11 November at 11am
Taking place at the war memorial

Brampton

Sunday 11 November at 11am
St Thomas' Church,

Crich Memorial

Sunday 11 November, 11am
Organised by the Chesterfield branch,
Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters
Association.

Old Grammar School, West Studios

Sunday 11 November at 11am

Newbold

Sunday 11 November at noon

Chesterfield Town Centre

Sunday 11 November at 11am
Eleventh Hour Ceremony at St Mary and
All Saints Church
2.30pm - service at St Mary and All Saints'
Church, parade and wreath-laying at the
war memorial, Rose Hill.

Brimington

Sunday 11 November at 3pm
Parade and service

Christ Church, Sheffield Road

Sunday 11 November at 6.30pm
Organised by the Chesterfield branch of
The Old Contemptibles' Association.

In addition, Chesterfield's Mayor,
Councillor Stuart Brittain, will lay a wreath
at each publicly accessible WW1 war
memorial in the borough and take
part in a short ceremony.



Chesterfield & District CAMRA

MARKET BEER FESTIVAL

Dedicated to
100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW1

All beers brewed in honour of those who
gave their lives during the First World War

Friday 2nd Nov 11am - 11pm

Saturday 3rd Nov 11am - 11pm

Admission £1 before 5pm - £3 after 5pm

Entertainment Saturday Evening - Marv White

Market Hall, Chesterfield.

Tickets available at
Tourist Information Office, Real Ale Corner
Beer Parlour, Arkwright Arms
& Chesterfield Alehouse
or pay on the door.

