WILFRED OWEN 100
100 DAYS OF CULTURAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS ACROSS SHROPSHIRE

AUGUST – NOVEMBER 2018

REMEMBERING SHROPSHIRE’S POET AND SOLDIER 100 YEARS SINCE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

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November 4th this year marks the centenary of the day that Shropshire poet and soldier, Wilfred Owen, fell in battle in 1918, the last year of the First World War. This important anniversary will be marked in his home county by a series of events over the last 100 days from 4th August to the centenary of the Armistice on 11th November. Details can be found in this brochure together with ideas of related places that can be visited during the period.

Wilfred Owen was born in 1893 at Plas Wilmot near Oswestry and lived in Birkenhead and Shrewsbury, where his mother received news of his death as the bells were ringing out on Armistice Day. He served as a Lieutenant in the 2nd Manchester Regiment, winning the Military Cross for bravery in action. His poetry is now widely regarded as among the best to be inspired by the horrors of the Great War. Today two volumes of his hand-written verse are to be found in the vaults of the British Library alongside the greatest writers in the English language such as Chaucer, Shakespeare, Jane Austen and Lennon & McCartney.

Over the last three years Shropshire communities have been working in partnership to deliver an extensive and ambitious programme of heritage and arts activities to commemorate the centenary of the First World War, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council, England.

This programme will conclude in a large-scale commemoration this year of the 100th anniversary of Wilfred Owen’s death. With a focus on Shrewsbury and Oswestry, Shropshire’s Wilfred Owen 100 will remember him with poetry readings, film screenings, music, talks, new artworks, themed guided walks and much more. Events will reflect on the emotion, exhibitions, installations and projects from the 2014 – 2018 commemorative period and celebrate one of Shropshire’s most renowned sons.
Wilfred Owen – Soldier Poet

Wilfred Owen (1893-1918) – who was born in Oswestry on the Welsh borders and brought up in Birkenhead and Shrewsbury – is widely recognised as one of the greatest voices of the First World War. At the time of his death he was virtually unknown – only four of his poems were published during his lifetime – but he had always been determined to be a poet and had experimented with verse from an early age. In 1913-1915, whilst teaching at Bordeaux and Bagnères-de-Bigorre in France, he worked on the rhyming patterns which became characteristic of his poetry; but it was not until the summer of 1917 that he found his true voice.

In 1915 Owen enlisted in the British Army. His first experiences of active service at Serre and St. Quentin in January–April 1917 led to shell-shock and his return to Britain. Whilst he was undergoing treatment at the Craiglockhart War Hospital in Edinburgh, he met one of his literary heroes, Siegfried Sassoon, who provided him with guidance and encouragement to bring his war experiences into his poetry.

When Owen returned to the Western Front, after more than a year away, he took part in the breaking of the Hindenburg Line at Joncourt (October 1918) for which he was awarded the Military Cross in recognition of his courage and leadership. He was killed on 4th November 1918 during the battle to cross the Sambre-Oise canal at Ors.

Virtually all the poems for which he is now remembered were written in a creative burst between August 1917 and September 1918. His self-appointed task was to speak for the men in his care, to show the ‘Pity of War’, which he also expressed in vivid letters home. His bleak realism, his energy and indignation, his compassion and his great technical skill are evident in many well-known poems, and phrases or lines from his work ("Each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds" ... “The Old Lie: Dulce et decorum est ...”) are frequently quoted.

Wilfred Owen’s reputation has grown steadily, helped over the years by Edmund Blunden’s edition with a biographical memoir in 1931, and by later editions, biographies and critical analyses by Cecil Day Lewis, Jon Stallworthy, Dominic Hibberd and others. Modern scholarship regards Owen’s work as the most significant poetry to come out of the 1914-1918 war years and his influence on later generations of poets and readers is widely acknowledged. In 1961 several of his poems were included in Benjamin Britten’s War Requiem.

With thanks to The Wilfred Owen Association for use of this biography.
Discover Wilfred Owen and the First World War in Shropshire

In addition to all the special events in Shropshire listed in this brochure, there are a number of permanent reminders of Wilfred Owen’s life in Shropshire and the First World War that may be visited. Please check opening times before you visit.

Wilfred Owen Walks
To discover many of the places associated with Wilfred Owen in Oswestry and Shrewsbury download the self-guided walks brochures and set off on your own journey through his life and times. For the full range of First World War walks around Shropshire visit: shropshiresgreatoutdoors.co.uk/walking/war-walks

Oswestry
The Wilfred Owen Town Trail will take 1½ - 2 hours to complete. It starts at the Oswestry railway station where Owen’s father, Tom, worked and finishes near Plas Wilmot, the house in which Owen was born on 18th March 1893.

Download the Town Trail here: tinyurl.com/OswestryOwenTrail. Copies may be purchased at the Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre in Church Terrace.

Park Hall Trenches
Shrewsbury
Devised by Keith Pybus the ‘Tracks to the Trenches’ walk is about 3 miles in length and starts at the town’s impressive railway station, another of Tom Owen’s workplaces. It will lead you to the home of Owen’s parents, where the fateful telegram was received on Armistice Day, informing them of Wilfred’s death, and on to the Abbey, where there are two memorials, including Symmetry. Download the ‘Tracks To The Trenches’ leaflet here: tinyurl.com/TracksToTheTrenches

Places to Visit
Park Hall – The Countryside Experience, near Oswestry
Alongside the family attractions and many animals, are the Welsh Guards Collection with over 100 years of regimental history, together with a range of replica trenches to show what conditions were like for the soldiers fighting on the Western Front. www.parkhallfarm.co.uk/museums/trenches-through-the-ages www.welshguardscollection.com

Shropshire Regimental Museum, Shrewsbury Castle
The Great Hall is home of Shropshire regimental history with a significant WWI gallery of photos, uniforms and weapons. www.shropshireregimentalmuseum.co.uk

Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery
The collections include a newly acquired bust of Wilfred Owen by sculptor Anthony Padgett. See the Wilfred Owen information panels in the shut. www.shrewsburymuseum.org.uk

The RAF Museum, Cosford
In the RAF’s centenary year the Museum is putting on special exhibitions and enhancing its displays of historic aircraft, including The First World War in the Air, which features two replica and one original aircraft from the Sopwith and Bristol designs. www.rafmuseum.org.uk/cosford
Events throughout the 100 days

**Early Aug – Late Oct**

**Strange Meeting** – An exhibition trail across Shropshire of 14 Denis May prints referencing a Wilfred Owen poem
All 14 prints will be together in November at the Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery

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**Early Aug – Nov** See advert, p10

**Putty Medals** – Shrewsbury Cartoon Festival First World War humour
The Parade, Shrewsbury SY1 1DL
Facebook: Putty Medals WO100 for other venues

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**One Name One Voice**
Shropshire World War One Roll of Honour Pop-up Sound Installation
fb.me/onov1418

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**15 Sept – 17 Nov**
**Artists’ Trail** on the theme of war and conflict, Oswestry

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**STRANGE MEETING**

14 Prints by **DENIS MAY**
A Shropshire Exhibition Trail from August to October 2018
Curated by Shrewsbury Heritage

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**Oswestry Museum** SY11 1PZ
The Dead Beat
**Park Hall** SY11 4AS
The Letter
**Willow Gallery** SY11 1AD
Spring Offensive
**Oswestry Library** SY11 1JN
The Chances
**Oswestry Visitor & Exhibition Centre** SY11 2TE
Anthem for Doomed Youth
**Oswestry Cricket Club,** SY11 2AY
Dulce Et Decorum Est
**Oswestry Parish Church** SY11 2SY
The Unreturning
**British Iron Works** SY11 4JH
Asleep
**Shrewsbury Regimental Museum** SY1 2AT
The Last laugh

**St Mary’s Church, Shrewsbury** SY1 1EF
Smile, Smile, Smile
**Vision Gallery, Darwin Shopping Centre** SY1 1PL
The Send-Off
**The Abbey, Shrewsbury** SY2 6BS
Strange Meeting
**The Gateway, Shrewsbury** SY1 1NB
At a Calvary near the Ancre
**Theatre Severn** SY3 8FT
Futility

* These prints will be in Tanners Window, Shrewsbury SY1 1XD, Friday August 24 – Friday September 7
Events outside the 100 days

26 April – 2 Sept
Eyewitness – Champions of Flight
RAF Museum, Cosford
01939 238272 • mediaactive.org

3 – 18 July
FRACTURE – Exhibition
Qube, Oswestry
01691 656882 • qube-oca.org.uk

July 8
Owen's Shrewsbury
Wilfred's life in and around Shrewsbury as told by Keith Pybus on a 2.5 mile guided walk of Haughmond Hill. Assemble at the Forestry Commission car park. 1.30pm • £5
01743 709644 • maryleesoakhurst@btinternet.com

The Forester’s House in Ors, has been transformed into a National Monument. Owen’s poems are projected onto all four walls and etched inside the house. In English and French.
Life and Work of Wilfred Owen exhibition
First World War Showcase Day
Open Art Exhibition at Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery
Eyewitness and the Champions of Flight by MediaActive
FRACTURE by Qube
Strange Meeting by Denis May
An Undertaking by re:collect

for details of times and venues of all events and for more stories of Shropshire in the First World War
shropshireremembers.org.uk
JOIN US for a wide range of events and exhibitions commemorating the centenary of the death of Wilfred Owen:

Lost Horizons by Trudi Graham

The First Casualty of War is Truth by re:collect

The Beat of the Butterflies’ Wings by Jill Impey

Satire at War by Shrewsbury Heritage and the Cartoon Festival

Owen Aloud by Shrewsbury Heritage

The Pity of War a concert in conjunction with Bookfest and Shrewsbury Heritage

One Name, One Voice by Andy McKeown
The Beat of the Butterflies’ Wings
Attingham Hall 07/09–22/09/18
Monday–Sunday 11am-4.30pm
Interactive Artist Talk
Sat 8th Sept 11-1pm
£5.00 please book at
jillimpey@hotmail.com
Supported by Arts Council England & Shropshire Council

re:collect
Exhibition by Julie Edwards, Jill Impey, Jacqui Dodds and Keith Ashford

4th Aug. to 30th Sept. 2018
St Chad’s Church, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX
Admission Free

An Undertaking

Flight workshop for 10-16’s.
Explore flight & gravity, make card & paper planes.
Sat 11th Aug 11am to 4pm
Price £10 including materials
At Participate Contemporary Artspace
Shrewsbury SY1 1PJ
Tel: 01743 366771

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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND
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4 Aug – 11 Nov
The Life and Work of Wilfred Owen
The Shut, Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery • 01743 258885
shrewsburymuseum.org.uk

4 Aug – 11 Nov
Wilfred Owen and 100 others
Online weekly remembrance of seven soldiers, who lost their lives. St Chad’s Church and Shropshire Regimental Museum, Shrewsbury Castle
stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/wo100

4 Aug – 30 Sept
See advert, p10
An Undertaking – Artists Exhibition
Free • St Chad’s Church, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JX
recollectartists.wordpress.com

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Great War Remembrance Service
St Chad’s Church Shrewsbury • 5pm
stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/ww1-services

11 See advert, p10
Your engine has failed, can you land safely?
Art Workshop at Participate ArtSpace, Shrewsbury • 11am – 4pm • £10
recollectartists.wordpress.com

14-25
Lost Horizons
Participate ArtSpace
participate.blogspot.co.uk

September

1 – 30
The First Casualty of War is Truth
Artist Exhibition. Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
recollectartists.wordpress.com

5 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

7 See advert, p15
Lunchtime Concert & Readings
St. Mary’s Church, Shrewsbury
Free • 1pm

7 – 22 See advert, p10
The Beat of Butterflies’ Wings
Attingham Hall, Atcham

8 See advert, p10
Wings of a Butterfly
interactive talk. Attingham Hall, Atcham
11am-1pm • £5 • jillimpey@hotmail.com

8
Never Such Innocence:
Recital from the First World War
St Chad’s Church, Shrewsbury
7.30pm • £12
christopherkent.co.uk/never-such-innocence
Wilfred Owen Festival
Oswestry, Shropshire
September 15th to November 17th – 2018

A festival of commemoration and remembrance to mark the centenaries of Wilfred Owen’s death in the town of his birth and of armistice day.

The festival will include:– The unveiling of a new life size bronze statue of the war poet.

• Musical performances
• Drama
• Poetry
• Films
• Lectures
• Exhibitions
• Light shows
• Re-enactments
• Lighting of beacons

For further details on events, venues, tickets etc visit – www.wilfredowenoswesstry2018.org.uk
See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

13 – 15
Poppyfields The Musical
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
01743 281281 • theatresevern.co.uk

14
From Can to Could and Will to Would
Paul Higgins discusses Owen’s Dulce et Decorum Est and Kipling’s If.
Unitarian Church, High Street, Shrewsbury
3pm • Donations

15
Wilfred Owen Assoc AGM & Poetry Prize to Owen Sheers
Also a talk by Chris Bent
Central Shrewsbury Baptist Church
Clarendon Street
AGM 11.30 (free) Talk 2.15pm
Sheers 3.15pm (Afternoon £7)
wilfredowen.org.uk

15 See advert, p20
Creative Workshop responding to Wilfred Owen poetry
Wightman Theatre Shrewsbury SY1 1LN
10am – 5pm including a short performance £7.50, Students free
Pre-booking essential:
thewightman.co.uk

18 See advert, p15
Remembrance: The Four Seasons
New English Ballet Theatre
2pm and 7.30pm • Theatre Severn
01743 281281 • theatresevern.co.uk

20 Sept – 27 Oct
Eyewitness – Champions of Flight
Wem Town Hall
mediaactive.org

21 See advert, p15
Philip Gillespie Bainbrigge, a Shrewsbury Schoolmaster
University Centre Shrewsbury
7.30pm • Free
shrewsburylgbthistory.org.uk

25
Three Poets, Three Poems
Lecture by Wendy Lowdon
12.30pm • £3 • Oswestry Library
www.wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

26 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

October

3 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

5 See advert, p24
Nurses & Spies with Philip Stevens
Age 16+ • 7.30pm • Free • Maidment Auditorium, Shrewsbury School, Shrewsbury SY3 7BA • 01743 353424 • shrewsburybookfest.co.uk

6 Oct – 2 Dec
First Casualty of War is Truth
Artists’ Exhibition, The Jackfield Tile Museum, Jackfield
recollectartists.wordpress.com
10 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

10 Oct – 16 Nov
Shropshire’s First World War Film Festival
Various venues, see listings and advert, page 26
shropshireremembers.org.uk

10
Film: La Grande Illusion
(Cert U, subtitled)
Shrewsbury Film Society
The Hive, Belmont, Shrewsbury
8pm • £6
01743 234970 hiveonline.org.uk

15
Film: Regeneration (Cert 15)
The Old Market Hall, Shrewsbury
11am • £8, concs £7
01743 281281 oldmarkethall.co.uk

16
A Fight to the Finish
A talk by Allan Mallinson about his book on World War I.
A Booka Bookshop Event. 7.30pm. £6
Booka Bookshop, Oswestry SY11 2SP
www.bookabookshop.co.uk

17 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

17
County Service & Festival of Remembrance
Shropshire Royal British Legion
Theatre Severn • 7.30pm
01743 281281 • theatresevern.co.uk

17
Film: The Blue Max (Cert PG)
2pm & 7.15pm The Hive, Belmont, Shrewsbury • £6
01743 234970 • hiveonline.org.uk

17
Film: Regeneration (Cert 15)
Kinokulture, Oswestry
7.30pm • £7, under 16s £5
01691 238167 kinokulture.org.uk

19 See advert, p14
Wilfred Owen Festival Launch Event to include Wilfred Owen Light Show
Oswestry • 01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

19 See advert, p12
Just Across the Channel
Concert – Debussy, Elgar And Owen
The Gateway, Shrewsbury SY1 1NB
6pm • £15 Students £5
ticketsource.co.uk/bannermanproductions

20
First World War Showcase
Shirehall, Shrewsbury
01743 255329
shropshireremembers.org.uk

20
Wilfred Owen Statue unveiling
11am • Cae Glas Park, Oswestry

20
Peace Lily by Hilary Robinson
Children’s Storytelling Event – ages 6-10.
Button & Bear Bookshop, 27-28 Castle Street, Shrewsbury SY1 2BQ • 3pm • £3.50
buttonandbearbookshop.co.uk
Philip Gillespie Bainbrigge (1890-1918) taught Classics to sixth formers at Shrewsbury School from September 1913 until he joined the army in March 1917. During a posting at Scarborough, he met Wilfred Owen in January 1918, and the two men quickly bonded over their shared poetic interests, and became intimate friends.

Jennifer Ingleheart is Professor of Latin at Durham University.

Free entry, All welcome

www.shrewsburylgbthistory.org.uk
In 1987 a prominent British gay activist denounced as ‘narrow and sectarian’ the biographers and literary critics who praised Wilfred Owen’s war poems to the skies, but couldn’t cope with the poet’s homosexuality and its centrality to his happiness, his work, his poetic language, the emotions of his poetry, and his greatest friendships.

Andrew Lumsden presents the story.

www.shrewsburylgbthistory.org.uk
**Bishop's Castle Remembers Concert**
St John the Baptist Church, Bishop's Castle • 7pm • 01588 680312

**Film: Journey’s End** (Cert 12A)
Flicks in the Sticks. Trefonen Village Hall
7.30pm • £4, child £2.50
artsalive.co.uk

**Film: War Horse** (Cert PG)
SpArC Theatre, Bishop’s Castle • 6.30pm
£5, under 18s £4 • 01588 630321 / 638038 • sparctheatre.co.uk

**Film: Hell’s Angels** (Cert PG)
Kinokulture, Oswestry
1.30pm • £7, under 16s £5
01691 238167 • kinokulture.org.uk

**Great War Remembrance Service**
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**Film: Hell’s Angels** (Cert PG)
Kinokulture, Oswestry
7.30pm • £7, under 16s £5
01691 238167 • kinokulture.org.uk

**Remembrance Concert**
Hope Church, Oswestry • 7.30 • £5
01691 655546

**We Will Remember Them**
Bayston Hill Memorial Hall • 01743 873940
Baystonhillmemorialhall.com

**Strange Meeting**
Prints by Denis May.
Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery
shrewsburyheritage.co.uk

**Open Art Exhibition**
Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery
01743 258885 shrewsburymuseum.org.uk

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Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery
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**From 25 Oct**
See advert, p6

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**Wilfred Owen's Shrewsbury**
*From Severn to Poetry and War*
bv Helen McPhail

Published by Logaston Press – £12.99

An illustrated guide to the future poet's life and early years in Shrewsbury, showing the town he knew before the First World War
November

31 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

31 See advert, p24
Women poets and artists of the First World War – Study Day
University Centre Shrewsbury, Guildhall, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ
10am – 4pm • £25
shrewsburybookfest.co.uk

31 Lunchtime Lecture by Simon Jarman MBE
12.30pm • £12 inc lunch • Oswestry Cricket Club • oswestrycricketclub.co.uk

31 World War I Lunchtime Lectures Wilfred Owen
Poet of Oswestry by David Andrews
Oswestry Library • 12.30pm • £3
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk/event/wilfred-owen-poet-of-oswestry-lunchtime-lecture

3 – 10 World War I Exhibitions
10am – 4.30pm • Free • Memorial Hall and Railway Station, Oswestry

3 See advert, p20
Owen Aloud – readings of Wilfred Owen’s poems
11am & 2pm • Free • Unitarian Church, High St, Shrewsbury SY1 1LR
shrewsburyheritage.co.uk

3 & 10 “On the Front Line”
Street Theatre, Music, Poetry & Re-enactment on the streets of Oswestry and at Park Hall Trenches.
11am – 4.30pm • Free
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

3 “Voices of Remembrance” by Laura Rossi & The Faure Requiem
Performed by the Cantiones Choir and the Border Chamber Orchestra. Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry • 7.00pm • £20
01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

3, 4 & 10 Imperial War Museum Lives of WWI Project Showcase
Oswestry
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

31 See Aug 8, p11 for details
November

Until 2 Dec
The First Casualty of War is Truth
Jackfield Tile Museum, Jackfield
01952 884762
recollectartists.wordpress.com

1 – 16 Nov
“Homefront Heroines” War, Women & Poetry Exhibition
The Qube, Oswestry
9am – 5pm • 01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

2 Magic Lantern Tales of WWI
With poet and broadcaster Ian McMillan & photographer Ian Beesley
Peter Humphreys Centre, Oswestry School
7pm • £12 • 01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

2 World War I Lunchtime Lectures Wilfred Owen
Poet of Oswestry by David Andrews
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one name one voice
Shropshire World War One Roll of Honour
Pop-Up sound installation

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for venues, dates and times

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Shropshire Council
A 1 hour selection of Owen’s poems
Saturday 3rd November – 11am and again at 2pm
The Unitarian Church, High Street, Shrewsbury • Entrance Free

Day Workshop – Saturday 15th September
To respond creatively to Owen’s poems Disability and The Send-Off
The Wightman Theatre, The Square, Shrewsbury
10am to 5pm, including a short performance • Cost £7.50 (Students free)
Information and pre-booking essential from www.thewightman.co.uk

Shropshire based artists have responded to the themes of Wilfred Owen’s poems using a variety of media for this exhibition to be shown at Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery from 25 October 2018 to January 2019.

Visit to choose your favourite for the People’s Prize – sponsored by the Friends of Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery
4
A Poets Day
On the 100th anniversary of Wilfred Owens’s death a day of performance poetry, music and more. Peter Humphreys Centre, Oswestry School • 10am – 4.30pm • £5 01691 654378 wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

4
Shrewsbury Poppy Day
Shrewsbury various locations jrobey@britishlegion.org.uk

4
Service dedicated to Wilfred Owen
Shrewsbury Abbey • 10am shrewsburryabbey.com

4
Unveiling of Bookbench
Oswestry Library 01743 250351
shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/oswestry-library/

4
Unveiling of Bookbench
Shrewsbury Library 01743 255308
www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/shrewsbury-library

4
See advert, p25
The Pity of War Concert
My subject is War and the Pity of War Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, SY3 8FT 6.30pm • £20 • 01743 281281 theatresevern.co.uk

4
War Stories – Harp and a Monkey
An evening of folk music and story-telling by the award-winning band Peter Humphreys Centre, Oswestry School • 7.30pm • £10 • 01691 654378 wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

5
Film: Oh! What A Lovely War
(Cert PG) A dementia friendly screening, Wem Town Hall • 1.30pm • £5, carers free 01939 232299 • wemtownhall.co.uk

5
“The Unknown Soldier”
Grist to the Mill Theatre Co. Matinee for schools – 2016 Edinburgh Fringe award winning drama. Moreton Hall School, Moreton, Oswestry 2.30pm • 01691 654378 wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk
5 “The Unknown Soldier”
Grist to the Mill Theatre Co. 2016
Edinburgh Fringe award winning drama.
Moreton Hall School, Moreton, Oswestry
7.30pm • £10 • 01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

6 Film: Lawrence of Arabia (Cert PG)
Wem Town Hall
1.30pm & 7.30pm • £7, under 19 years £5
01939 232299 • wemtownhall.co.uk

6 Film: Journey’s End (Cert 12A)
Talbot Theatre, Whitchurch Leisure Centre
7.30pm • Adult £4.50, concs £4,
young people £3.50
01948 660660 • artsalive.co.uk

6 “Executed at Dawn” – Lecture by
David Johnson
Bellan House School, Oswestry
7pm • £6 • 01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

7 See Aug 8, p11 for details
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7 Lunchtime Lecture by Simon
Jarman MBE
“The end of World War I and its
aftermath” Oswestry Cricket Club
12.30pm • £12 to include lunch
01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

7 & 9 Words ‘n’ Pics Workshop Drop In
Collage and letter writing workshop
Oswestry Memorial Hall
11am – 1pm • Free admission
01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

7 “Still in the War Boys” – Ian
Whiteley & the Crows of Albion
Telling the story of the Great War, an
evening of music and performance
poetry. Oswestry Cricket Club
7pm • £8
01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

7 Tour of Mahim
Shrewsbury • 1pm – 5pm
This is an event to raise funds for the
Talking Newspaper
Pre-booking essential: 01743 368186

8 Schools Poetry Slam
Marches School, Oswestry
5pm – 7pm • Free Admission
01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

8 Films: The Burying Party & The
Long Way Home (age 15+)
Double bill plus Q&A with the film
makers. Chaired by Carl Jones, BBC
Shropshire film reviewer
Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery
5pm • £9 • 01743 258888
shrewsburymuseum.org.uk
“The Forester’s House”
The LADS Theatre Co. By playwright Neil Rhodes, it is set on the last night of Wilfred Owen’s life in a cellar in a house in Ors, Northern France.
Peter Humphreys Centre, Oswestry School • 7.30pm • £8 • 01691 654378 wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

8 Nov – 7 Dec
**Eyewitness – Champions of Flight Exhibition**
Whitchurch Heritage Centre
01939 238273 • mediaactive.org/eyewitness-champions-of-flight

9 See advert, p28
**Songs of Ivor Gurney with Poems by Wilfred Owen**
The Gateway, Shrewsbury SY1 1NB
6pm • £10, Students £5
ticketsource.co.uk/bannermanproductions

9 **Evening Lecture with Gladys Mary Coles & Helen McPhail**
Oswestry Library • 7pm • £7.50
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk/event/evening-lectures

9 **Film: Journey's End** (Cert 12A)
Leintwardine Community Centre
7.30pm • £5
artsalive.co.uk

10 **Film: The Burying Party**
Q&A with the film makers.
Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry • 1.00pm • £6
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk/tickets

10 **Our Gallant 35... their lives, their families, their community**
An exhibition to commemorate the 35 people of Welshampton, Lyneal and Colemere who gave their lives in the Great War.
Welshampton Parish Hall • 01948 710672 clerk@welshamptonandlyneal-pc.gov.uk

10 **Festival of Remembrance Concert**
Fron Choir and Porthywaen Silver Band
7.30pm • £16
Holy Trinity Church, Oswestry
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

10 – see 3 Nov for details
**“On the Front Line”**

11 **Armistice Day**
Oswestry: this year sees the centenary of the WWI Armistice and the annual event will take place at the War Memorial Gates at Cae Glas Park, Oswestry, 11am.
Shrewsbury: Service and wreath laying, St. Chad’s Church and War Memorial in the Quarry – see website for details.
shropshireremembers.org.uk
Armistice day events at towns and villages throughout Shropshire.

11 **Battle’s Over – A Nation’s Tribute**
Parade, Lament, Last Post, Beacons of Light, Ringing Out For Peace, Oswestry
6.55pm – 9pm • 01691 654378
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk
See local press for other evening events in Shropshire.
In their new book, author Hilary Robinson and illustrator Martin Impey tell the story of Lily, a young girl who becomes a nurse and follows her childhood friends Ben and Ray to the battlefields of France. Peace Lily pays tribute to the hundreds of women who contributed to the war effort.

**Storytelling at Button & Bear Bookshop**

**Peace Lily**

**Saturday 20th October 2018, 3pm – 4pm**

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**Study Day**

**Wednesday 31st October 2018, 10am – 4pm**

In collaboration with the Wilfred Owen Association and The University Centre Shrewsbury, Bookfest brings together three eminent academics who will talk about the women poets and artists of the First World War and, the lasting influence that Owen has had on the poets who came after him. Chaired by Dr Jane Potter of Oxford Brookes University and trustee of the Wilfred Owen Estate

- Women Poets of the First World War with Robyn Marsack
- Making Their Mark: Women Artists of the First World War with Alexandra Walton
- The Lasting Influence of Wilfred Owen with Adrian Barlow.
The Pity of War Concert

My subject is War and the Pity of War - Wilfred Owen

Sunday 4th November 2018, 6.30pm

On 4th November, one hundred years to the day that Wilfred Owen was killed, Shrewsbury Bookfest in collaboration with St. Chad’s Music Festival will present a very special concert at Theatre Severn in celebration of the life and work of Wilfred Owen.

In the first half of the concert the Bookfest Remembers Choir, made up of schools and choirs across Shropshire, will perform works by local composer Caz Besterman with texts by Wilfred Owen and the other war poets. The Band & Bugles of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force will also be performing.

In the second half of the concert the Consortium of Shropshire Choirs will perform a newly commissioned work – Move Him into the Sun – by the renowned choral composer/conductor Bob Chilcott. The orchestra will be led by John Moore with tenor Dafydd Wyn Jones. There will be readings of Owen’s letters to his mother.

At Theatre Severn, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury SY3 8FT

How to Book:

Pity of War Concert: £20
Bookfest Remembers Choir Dress Rehearsal: £5
(Friends and family of the performers only)
Tickets: Available from end April from Theatre Severn Box Office: 01743 281281 and www.theatresevern.co.uk

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Venues:
Shrewsbury: The Hive, The Old Market Hall, Museum & Art Gallery
Oswestry: Kinokulture, The Wynnstay Hotel

Trefonen Village Hall
Leintwardine Community Centre
Wem Town Hall
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A Wilfred Owen 100 Shropshire event
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Film: Journey’s End (Cert 12A)
Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge Community Centre. Flicks in The Sticks
2.30pm • £3.50 • artsalive.co.uk

12 & 13 See 8 Nov for details.
“The Forester’s House” –
LADS Theatre Co
Kinokulture Cinema, Oswestry
7.30pm • £8.00 • 0845 250 0517
kinokulture.org.uk

14 See Aug 8, p11 for details
Great War Remembrance Service

16
Film: A Very Long Engagement
(Cert 15) Shrewsbury Film Society
The Hive, Belmont, Shrewsbury
8pm • £6
01743 234970 hiveonline.org.uk

16 & 17
“The Accrington Pals” –
LADS Theatre Co.
Play by Peter Whelan based on the Accrington Pals unit in WWI contrasting life at the front and experiences of the women left behind.
Llanymynech Village Hall • 7.45pm • £7
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

19 & 20
“The Accrington Pals” –
LADS Theatre Co.
For details of the play see above.
Ellesmere College Arts Centre
7.45pm • £7
wilfredowenoswestry2018.org.uk

Events
Ongoing

St Chad’s Church Shrewsbury
Weekly services at 5pm run from August 2014 to June 2019 to remember and pray for all those from Shropshire who fell 100 years ago this week.

Full listings of those to be included each week can be found on the website or follow @WW1RestInPeace on twitter for daily listings of anniversaries.

Their name is read, a candle is lit.

Rest In Peace

10 Jan – 7 Feb 2019
Lost Horizons
Wem Town Hall
01939 238279 wemtownhall.co.uk

One Name One Voice
See advert, p19
Shropshire World War One Roll of Honour Pop-up Sound Installation
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Great War Remembrance Service
Anthem for Doomed Youth by Wilfred Owen

What passing-bells for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles’ rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.
No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells;
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs,
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells;
And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?
Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of goodbyes.
The pallor of girls’ brows shall be their pall;
Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds,
And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

The Poetry Foundation  www.poetryfoundation.org
putting the residents of Shrewsbury first
‘THE SEND OFF’
Legacy Artwork in need of financial support

It is proposed to create a tile mural for Wilfred Owen 100.

The Railway Network was critical to the First World War. Between 1914 and 1918, hundreds of thousands of young British men left their families and country from railway stations.

In “The Send Off” the young Wilfred Owen brilliantly describes this experience. During the war, Tom Owen, Wilfred’s father, was based at Shrewsbury Railway Station and the family lived in the town.

One of the large brick arches leading to the entrance of Shrewsbury Railway Station is the perfect location for a tile mural. This is passed by two million passengers every year and it will be visible from across the station forecourt.

While most of the funding for the mural is in place, we need your help to reach our final target, so that this remarkable mural tribute will remain a legacy of Wilfred Owen 100.

You can be part of a project that will permanently remind people using the station of its vital role in World War I.

To help us meet our goal please visit our Crowdfunding page at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/The-Send-Off-Legacy-Artwork-Wilfred-Owen and contribute there.

Thank you.
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**Shropshire Festival of Remembrance**
17th October at Theatre Severn

**Shropshire Poppy Appeal Launch**
27th October

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