



GLOUCESTERSHIRE-100 YEARS OF THE END OF WORLD WAR 1

‘Lest We Forget’ WW1 - Talks



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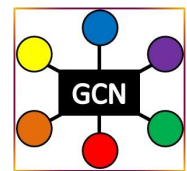
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Activity:	Timings:	Room:
WW1 Exhibition Open	10.00 Guildhall Opens	Gallery on 2 nd Floor
Talk on: Joined in Teens & Shot at Dawn (Underage Soldiers	10.30 -11.15	Blue Coat Room 2 nd Floor of Guildhall
Talk on: Fighting Proud & Sacrifice Lost (LGBT WW1 History)		
Talk on: Forgotten Soldiers of the British Empire (Role of non-white Soldiers)	11.30 – 12.15	Blue Coat Room 2nd Floor of Guildhall
Talk on: Fighting on Two Fronts - Home & War (WW1 Women)		



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- **Name:** Mr Christopher Auker-Howlett
- **Position:** Chair & Lead Networker
- **Gloucester Community Networking**
- **Background:**
 - I am a British Army Veteran, who was injured (a 'wheelchair user') due to a Military Jungle Warfare Training Accident in 1998.
 - My career in the Military took me to many parts of the world, attached to various units of which I am very proud.
 - As well as being an Army Chef (RLC), I completed both P-Company and Military Parachute Courses and I served with the UN in Rwanda in 1994.



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WW1 Summer Fete

⚓ Saturday
21st July
2018
12 - 4PM



Fundraising
for Ex
Homeless
Military
Veterans



Cake sale
Tombola
Big Prize
Raffle



@ GL3HUB
Community Centre,
Churchdown opposite Tesco's
www.gl3communityhub.org.uk



Ice Cream Stall
Young People
WW1 Art
Gallery
Face painting

Trench Photo
experience
Mini Assault Course
Football Competition

Taste WW1
Trench Cooking
uniforms,
helmets,
equipment

"Fancy Dress
Competition"

Children & Adults



£54.0



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**COMBAT
STRESS**
FOR VETERANS' MENTAL HEALTH

£270

Joined in Teens - Shot at Dawn

200,000

Under 18 year olds joined up to fight



Jack Cornwall
Victoria Cross
Award 16yrs
Died 1916



Private 6322 John Condon
killed at Ypres aged just 14



Sidney Lewis
12yrs who fought at
the Battle of the
Somme in 1916.

Joined in Teens - Shot at Dawn

Why so many under aged Boys
joined up



Joined in Teens - Shot at Dawn

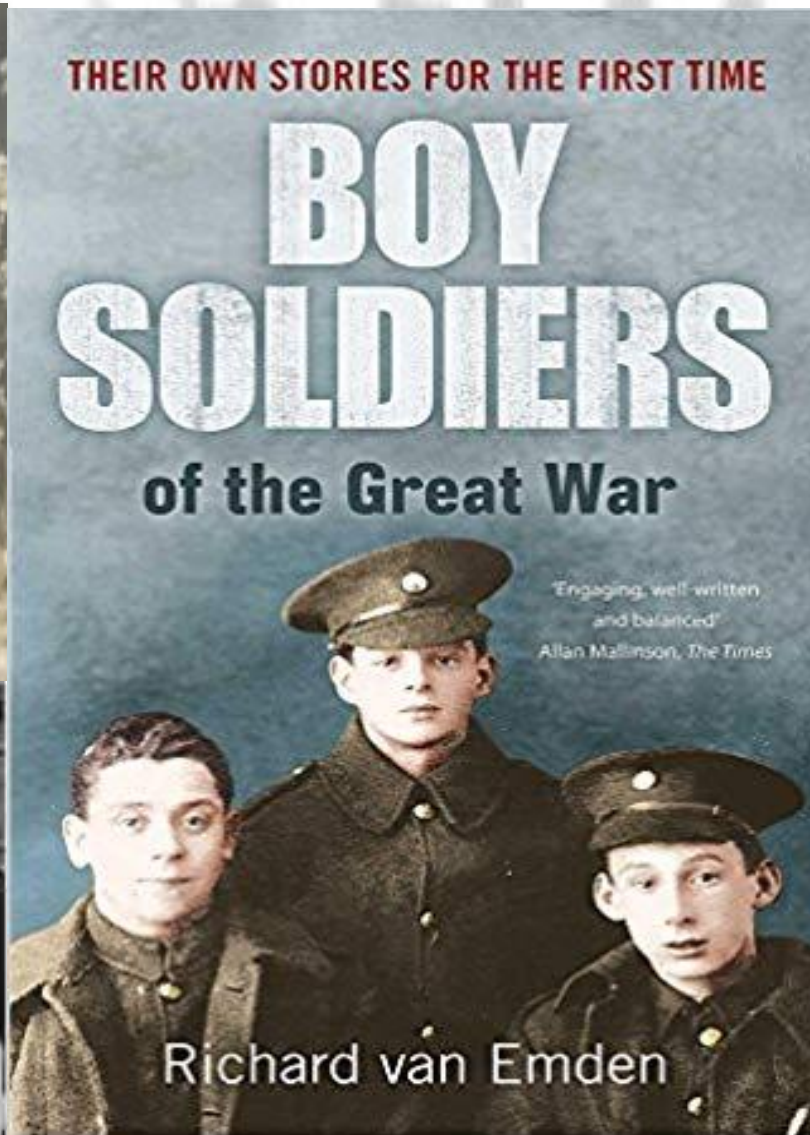
Underage recruits by year



1 in 5 underage soldiers discharged within a month



Joined in Teens - Shot at Dawn



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zcvdh>

Joined in Teens - Shot at Dawn

**306 Soldiers shot for cowardice
in WW1**



JaAby Bevistein
Shot At Dawn
17yrs - 1916

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBSFcyZDhbs>

Fighting Proud & Sacrifice Lost (LGBT WW1)



MAY 'TOUPIE' LOWTHER

1917 set up an all-female ambulance unit, recruiting women from Britain, France, Ireland and America.

Took own cars & donated by other women. Close to the German front line to collect the wounded. Awarded **Croix de Guerre**



Ethel Mary Smyth

Ethel had romantic relationships with women and frequently wore male clothing. Ethel was a suffragette and was briefly imprisoned for her activities in 1912.

During the First World War she served with the British Red Cross in Italy and France, and trained as a radiographer.

Fighting Proud & Sacrifice Lost (LGBT WW1)



War Poet Wilfred Owen

'Strange Meeting'

Poem is narrated by a soldier who dies in battle and finds himself in Hell.

'Dulce et Decorum Est'

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed
through sludge....



War Poet Siegfried Sassoon

The Death Bed

But death replied: "I choose him." So he
went,

Memory

For death has made me wise and bitter and
strong

'The Poet As Hero'

Shortly before Sassoon declined to return to
active service.



War Poet Wilfred Owen
'Killed in Action 4 November 1918

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgQhH67oP>

An animated adaption of Wilfred Owen's harrowing poem 'Dulce Et Decorum
Este

Latin title is taken from the Roman poet Horace and means
"it is sweet and honourable...",
followed by pro patria mori, which means "to die for one's country".

Fighting Proud & Sacrifice Lost (LGBT WW1)

Captain Edward Brittain **Military Cross during the Battle of the Somme,**



It was June, 1918 and Edward had been subtly warned that military sensors had opened a letter meant for him

The context of this letter made it, 'unmistakably plain' that Edward and his brother officer, 'were involved with men in their company in homosexuality'.

Captain Brittain faced humiliating courts martial he faced when he returned from the front in Italy.



Fighting Proud & Sacrifice Lost (LGBT WW1)

Edward was serving in Italy with his regiment, the 11th Battalion of the Notts and Derby Regiment,.

On June 15, 1918, the Austro-Hungarian army launched a surprise attack in Italy, part of which fell against British forces on the Asiago plateau.



Firing his revolver Edward and his men charged the Austrians, forcing them back out of trench and through the wire.

Thanks to Edward's bravery and leadership, the lost territory had been recaptured, however, he was shot in the head by an Austrian sniper.

According to the Manual of Military Law 1914, had he been found guilty, Edward could have faced a sentence of a maximum of 10-years

Homosexuality In the British Armed Forces

Homosexuality was illegal during WW1

1914-1918 evidence of homosexual acts between men resulted in corporal punishment or two years imprisonment

Records of LGBT experiences are sparse.

Remained illegal for Civilians in England until 1967

**Was illegal in British Armed Forces until 2000 –
(Penalty of Arrest, Jail Interrogation and Dishonourable Discharge)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xzar5C88YV>

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Q & A

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WW1 Uniforms

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THE GREAT WAR YEARS
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however, if you would like to
make a Donation to BLESMA

Blesma
THE LIMBLESS VETERANS

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1914-1918

FIRST WORLD WAR



40,000

BRITISH MEN LOST LIMBS IN THE WAR

A war which was to see our youngest and fittest men enlisted into the Armed Forces, to face the appalling conditions and dangers of four years of trench warfare.



2001-2014

WAR'S IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ

BLESMA RECEIVED

339 NEW
MEMBERS

INCLUDING

19 TRIPLE
AMPUTEES

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES THAT THE BRITISH MILITARY HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN TWO MAJOR CONFLICTS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

Operations HERRICK (Afghanistan) and TELIC (Iraq) marked the beginning of a new generation of military amputees – as from wars before, young fit people with their lives ahead of them, often with families to support. Overall Blesma received 339 new Members, including 97 double and 19 triple amputees, from both conflicts.

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