

WAR BECKONS

On 4 August 2014, it is 100 years since the start of the First World War.

“The First World War was a turning point in world history. It claimed the lives of over 16 million people across the globe and had an impact on the lives of everyone. One hundred years on, we are all connected to the First World War, either through our own family history, the heritage of our local communities, or because of its long-term impact on society and the world we live in today”

Diane Lees, Director-General, Imperial War Museums.

The Museum of North Craven Life joined with other organisations in the area to form the “Craven and the First World War” project which was successful in its bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant.

For the exhibition in 2014, the Museum’s research group posed several questions:-

Who were the men and women who left North Craven to take part in the war? What were they doing before the war and, if they survived, what happened to them afterwards?

What was life like for those at home, especially the women, – what impact did the war have on them and on the farms and local industries?

It is important that these stories are told and recorded. It is also important to discover the impact of the war on our world. It is vital to involve and engage young people.

To try to answer these questions, the group have liaised with Settle College and Settle Primary School and held two drop-in days. Research was carried out in the Brayshaw Collection at Giggleswick School and Skipton Library.

We are enormously grateful to everyone who has responded to our appeal and helped in any way – there would have been no exhibition without these poignant artifacts and memories.

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