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1 DAY

Surgery & Treatment

Staffordshire Regiment Museum

Introduction

Themes covered may include:

- The causes of the Great War.
- What was the British Expeditionary Force?
- The creation of Kitchener's Army & the Pals Battalions.
- Why did men from across the British Empire join-up?

Recreated trench system

Themes covered may include:

- Trench warfare and trench construction.
- Issues of health and hygiene in the trenches; comparison between battlefield casualties to illness in previous conflicts – what changes?
- The nature of battlefield wounds; what medical treatment was available on the battlefield? How do you move casualties and where to? The role of the RAMC; Infection, trauma and blood loss; Gas- its effects and treatment

The Great War Hut

External visit only.

Themes covered may include:

- How were new recruits turned into soldiers?
- What were they taught?
- What role did the Chase play in the casualty evacuation process?
- How did the wounded move from ADS to the UK?
- The role of Nursing Staff including FANY; the role of surgeons and the development of new medical techniques; treating gas casualties; abdominal wounds etc

Cannock Chase German Military Cemetery

Site contains almost 5,000 German and Austrian graves from both World Wars.

Themes covered may include:

- The German Army of 1914, Regulars and Reserves, Student Battalions.
- The ethos of the Volksbund.
- The experience of Germans living in the UK during the Great War

Cannock Chase War Cemetery

Site contains 97 Commonwealth and 286 German burials of the Great War.

Themes covered may include:

- What happens to those who do not make it?
- The role and ethos of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- Boys soldiers in the Great War – this cemetery contain three 18 year olds and Albert Edward Urell Royal Garrison Artillery age 16.
- Why are there German soldiers buried here?

A chance for reflection and an opportunity to lay a Poppy Wreath.