

# First World War Centenary 2014 - 2018

## Brighton & Hove WW1 Heritage Bus

The First World War was a turning point in world history and the centenary commemorations are a significant moment for us all to pause and remember the appalling sacrifices made by so many. It claimed the lives of over 16 million people across the globe and had an impact on the lives of everyone. This enduring impact was not only felt by those at the battlefields but also by those on the home front, extending to all members of our society. The war's legacy changed the heritage of local communities and family histories including those living in Brighton & Hove. To mark the 100 year centenary the city joins a host of nations, communities & individuals in remembering the lives of those who live lives of those who lived, fought and died in the War.

The Heritage bus gives an insight into the lives of those living in the city during 1914 – 1918.

Did you recognise some of the locations on the bus? A more detailed explanation can be found below:





## Outside 1

Indian soldiers inside the Music Room at the Royal Pavilion Indian Military Hospital held by Royal Pavilion & Museums Collection.

Indian soldiers inside the Dome at the Royal Pavilion Indian Military Hospital held by Royal Pavilion & Museums Collection.

Mir Dast receiving his Victoria Cross from King George V in the grounds of the Royal Pavilion Indian Military Hospital held by Royal Pavilion & Brighton Museums Collection.

**For a detailed account of how Mir Dast won his V.C**

[www.oxforddnb.com/public/dnb/96985.html](http://www.oxforddnb.com/public/dnb/96985.html)

Indian soldiers at the statue of Queen Victoria at the bottom of Grand Avenue

Indian soldiers outside the Royal Pavilion Indian Military Hospital held by Royal Pavilion & Brighton Museum Collection [www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk](http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk)

Queen Alexander nurses - at the Royal Pavilion Indian Military Hospital. **For more information about Nurses during the First World War** [www.scarletfinders.co.uk](http://www.scarletfinders.co.uk)

H.R.H the Prince of Wales unveiling the Indian Chattri on the Downs at Patcham, 1 February 1921, image held by Brighton & Hove City Council. **For more information about the Indian Chattri** [www.chattri.org](http://www.chattri.org)

Postcard for the 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex by kind permission of Mr Gary Osborne.

**For more information about the Royal Sussex Regiment** [www.royalsussex.org.uk](http://www.royalsussex.org.uk)

**For more information about Postcards from the First World War**

[www.worldwar1postcards.com](http://www.worldwar1postcards.com) and for local images [www.sussexpostcards.info](http://www.sussexpostcards.info)

## Outside 2

Postcard from Ted Wartley from 'A' Battery 106<sup>th</sup> Brigade R.F.A May 1915 whose operational base was near to Hove Recreational ground. The Postcard describes his stay in Brighton & Hove and his depiction on the group image, by kind permission of Mr Gary Osborne. **For more information about soldiers of the First World War** [www.1914-1918.net](http://www.1914-1918.net) and [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)

Brighton & Hove Albion football player, Robert 'Pom Pom' Whiting, K.I.A on 28 April 1917 by kind permission of Tim Carder. **For more information about Robert Whiting** [www.photohistorysussex.co.uk/Bob\\_Whiting\\_of\\_BHA.htm](http://www.photohistorysussex.co.uk/Bob_Whiting_of_BHA.htm)

Advertisement for St Valentine's Day dance to be held at Ralli Hall, Hove 1919 to raise funds for St Dunstan's Hostel for soldiers and sailors blinded in the war, the aim was to help them acquire skills to enable them to earn a living in peacetime Britain - a revolutionary idea at the time, held by Brighton & Hove Libraries [www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/WhatsOn/Pages/WWI.aspx](http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/WhatsOn/Pages/WWI.aspx)



The downstairs gymnasium at Ralli Hall was used during the First World War as a drill hall for the 106<sup>th</sup> Battalion R.F.A who were based at Hove Recreational ground. **For more information about St Dunstan's Hostel** [www.blindveterans.org.uk/about-us/history](http://www.blindveterans.org.uk/about-us/history)

The Rev William Addison V.C and Nurse Marjorie HK Wallis at their wedding at Christ Church, Brighton, with a guard of Marjorie's nursing colleagues held by East Sussex Records Office Collections at the Keep. **For more information about collections held at the Keep** [www.thekeep.info](http://www.thekeep.info)

### Back of the bus

Poster advertising war meeting at The Level on 26 September by kind permission of Brighton & Hove Libraries. For more information on what is available at your local libraries. [www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/WhatsOn/Pages/WWI.aspx](http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk/WhatsOn/Pages/WWI.aspx)

### Inside

#### Panel 1

Ladies and children in Lewes selling flags for Belgium Relief fund held by East Sussex Records Office Collections at the Keep. **For more information about The Keep and how to access its collections** [www.thekeep.info](http://www.thekeep.info)

Recruitment poster for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sussex Battalion Training Corp from Newhaven Fort. **For more information about Newhaven Fort** [www.newhavenfort.org.uk](http://www.newhavenfort.org.uk)

A Greeting from Portslade, postcard by kind permission of Mr Gary Osborne. **For more information about the Royal Sussex Regiment visit** [www.royalsussex.org.uk](http://www.royalsussex.org.uk) **For more information about Postcards from the First World War** [www.worldwar1postcards.com](http://www.worldwar1postcards.com) **and for local images** [www.sussexpostcards.info](http://www.sussexpostcards.info)

Illustrated image of the proposed Memorial at the Steine, October 1921 held at East Sussex Records Office collections at the Keep. **For more information The Keep and how to access it's collections visit** [www.thekeep.info](http://www.thekeep.info)

#### Panel 2

Soldiers shown at Windlesham training camp at Portslade by kind permission of Mr Gary Osborne. **For more information on how to undertake a local history study** [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/local-history](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/local-history)

A group of wounded soldiers, together with Royal Army Medical Corp at the 2nd Eastern General Hospital Brighton. The 2nd Eastern General Hospital occupied a boys' grammar school (BHASVIC) and several elementary schools. During the war, 233 London, Brighton and South Coast Railway ambulance trains carried 30,070 patients to Brighton. The 2nd Eastern contained 98 Officer beds and 1190 Other Ranks beds. – by kind permission of Mr Gary Osborne. For more information visit [www.wartimemoriesproject.com](http://www.wartimemoriesproject.com)



Brighton & Hove South Sussex Graphic publication 19 December 1914 from the Royal Pavilion & Museums Collection [www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk](http://www.brighton-hove-rpml.org.uk)

Grave of Victor Richardson at Hove, Old Cemetery taken by Amanda Scales. Victor was a local boy, whose experiences and death during the First World War is documented by Vera Mary Brittain who was a British writer, feminist and pacifist, best remembered as the author of the best-selling 1933 memoir Testament of Youth, recounting her experiences during World War I and the beginning of her journey towards pacifism **For more information** [www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/collections/brittain](http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/collections/brittain)

Visit other online sites such as the <http://www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk> share your new found knowledge and record your personal family history of the First World War.

**For how to take part** [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/local-history](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/local-history)

