

Surrey's World War I: a selected and annotated list of books in the library at Surrey History Centre

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Communities – towns/villages

Books that specifically cover the experiences of the civilian population and the impact of the war on communities include:

- Moore, H Keatley and Sayers, W C Berwick - *Croydon in the Great War* Croydon Corporation, 1920
- White, Trevor - *War-time in a Surrey town, 1914-1918* [Epsom] author, n.d.
- Oakley, William H - *Guildford in the Great War: the record of a Surrey town* Billings & Sons, 1934
- Callcut, John - *A village at war: Newdigate in World War One* Reveille, 2011

Some of the more general books about places in Surrey show how communities reacted during wartime, including:

- Ewbank Smith, W - *Farnham in war and peace* Phillimore, 1983
- Rolston, G R – *Haslemere: Haslemere in history 1850-1950* Phillimore, 1978
- Atherton, Kathy - *The lost villages: a history of the Holmwoods* author, 2008
- Edwina Vardey - *Leatherhead: a history* Phillimore, 2001
- Normandy Historians - *A century of Normandy in Surrey* Normandy Historians, 2000
- Moore, Alan - *A history of Redhill, volume 2: the town from 1900-1925* author, 2003

Contemporary local newspapers

The following local newspapers, held on microfilm, cover the First World War years. They are useful to researchers considering the impact of the war on the home front:

- **Surrey Advertiser**
- **Surrey and Hants News**
- **Surrey Comet**
- **Surrey Herald**
- **Surrey Mirror**
- **Staines and Egham News**
- **Middlesex Chronicle - 1914-1917**

Defence

- Ashworth, Chris - ***Action Stations: 9 Military Airfields of the Central South and South-East*** Stephens, 1985
- Rawlinson, A - ***The Defence of London 1915-1918*** Melrose, 1923
- Learmonth, Bob; Nash, Joanna and Cluett, Douglas - ***The first Croydon Airport 1915-1928*** 1977
- Buss, Brian - ***No 35 Munition Store, Horley, Surrey in World War One*** Horley Local History Society, 2012

Schools/institutions

Many histories of schools and institutions, such as the following, contain chapters relating to the impact of the war:

- Boyd, Derek - ***The Gordon Heritage: the story of General Charles Gordon and the Gordon Boy's School*** Hale, 1985
- Scadding, Alan - ***Benevolence and excellence: 150 years of Royal Medical Foundation of Epsom College*** 2005
- Bingham, Caroline - ***History of Royal Holloway College 1886-1986*** Constable, 1987
- Shail, Jean - ***Students at War: the lost generation of Battersea Polytechnic 1914-1918*** University of Surrey, 2011

Biography

We collect many biographical works of local interest including the following:

- Onslow, Richard William, 5th Earl of Onslow - ***Sixty-three years: diplomacy, the Great War and politics, with notes on travel, sport and other things*** Hutchinson, c.1944

In addition to covering Lord Onslow's role in government, this autobiography contains chapters on the use of Clandon House as a war hospital as well as Lady Onslow's work in establishing other hospitals in the county.

- Festing, Sally - ***Gertrude Jekyll*** Viking, 1991

Gertrude Jekyll continued to live at Munstead Wood for the duration of the war. In this book Sally Festing looks at the problems wartime created for local industry due to reduced male workforce, gathering sphagnum moss for surgical use at the front and has other insights into the impact of the war on local life.

- Fitzpatrick, Kathleen - ***Lady Henry Somerset*** Jonathan Cape, 1923

Kathleen Fitzpatrick includes excerpts from Lady Henry Somerset's diary covering the war years.

Women's war work

In addition to specific biographical material and histories of local organisations the following are useful introductions to women's occupations during the war:

- Storey, Neil R - *Women in the First World War* Shire, 2010
- Ward, Margaret - *Female Occupations: women's employment 1850-1950* Countryside Books, 2008

Casualties/hospitals

Studies of individual hospitals include:

- Valentine, Ruth - *Asylum, hospital, haven: a history of Horton Hospital* Riverside Mental Health Trust, 1996
- Lord, J R - *The story of the Horton (Co. Of London) War Hospital: Epsom: its inception and work and some reflections* Heinemann, 1920
- J R Bignall, J R - *Frimley: the biography of a sanatorium* Brompton Hospital, 1979
- Further studies of the long term effect on soldiers' health using examples from Surrey Institutions:
- Barham, Peter - *Forgotton Lunatics of the Great War* Yale U P, 2004
- Reid, Fiona - *Broken Men: shell shock treatment and recovery* Continuum, 2011

Industry/manufacturing/businesses

- *Kelly's Post Office Directory of Surrey* – for 1915 and 1918 is available on microfiche
- Davis, Mick - *Sopwith Aircraft* Crowood, 1999

Car production was reduced at Dennis following the outbreak of war and manufacturing was concentrated on the supply of fire engines and lorries under the War Department subsidy scheme:

- Brown, Stewart J - *Dennis: 100 years of innovation* Ian Allan, 1995

Organisations/societies

- R Brinsley-Richards - *Surrey Branch British Red Cross Society: historical summary, April 1907-31 December 1953* British Red Cross Society Surrey Branch, 1958
- Jenkins, Inez - *The history of the Women's Institute Movement in England and Wales* OUP, 1953
- Warren, Beryl - *The group: a history of 1st Claygate Scout Group, 1909-1999* MRM, 1999
- George, Ricky - *The first 75 years: the story of 1st Weybridge (Brooklands own scout group)* 1st Weybridge Scout Group, n.d.

Prisoners of War

- Prisoners of War Information Bureau - *List of places of internment* Prisoners of War Information Bureau, 1919

Details about the camp at Frith Hill, Frimley are given in:

- Mark, Graham - *Prisoners of War in British hands during WW1: a study of the camps their history and their mails* Postal History Society, 2007

Memorials/Rolls of honour

Many local societies and individuals have worked on recording and researching the names of the servicemen from their communities who died in the First World War. The results of some of this research can be found in our reference collection, and include:

- Saaler, Peter - *Soldiers of Caterham 1914-1918*, 2nd ed, Bourne Society, 2009
- Mummery, Rosemary - *Lives remembered 1914-1920: in honour of the men of Englefield Green, Egham, Egham Hythe and Thorpe who gave their lives in the First World War* Egham-by-Runneymede Historical Society, 2010