

Hylands Hospital, Widford.

Essex at War, 1914-1918



Commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War

Including:

- ✿ Launch of the **Now the Last Poppy has Fallen** exhibition
- ✿ Find out about the stories of Essex people and places during the War from archives of the Essex Record Office
- ✿ Find out about Hylands' history as a military hospital for wounded soldiers
- ✿ Seek advice on researching your First World War ancestors
- ✿ Find out how men were recruited for the army with professional live interpreters
- ✿ First World War re-enactors
- ✿ Short talks from experts on a range of aspects of life in Essex during the War, including women in the workplace and wartime hospitals in Essex
- ✿ Children's activities

Sunday 14 September, 10am-4pm (last entry 3pm)
Hylands House, London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 8WQ
See www.essexrecordofficeblog.co.uk/wwi for details



Now the Last Poppy has Fallen



Women working at Hoffman's factory, Chelmsford in 1914, making ball bearings and ammunitions. Frederick Roberts Collection, Anglia Ruskin University Library (held at Essex Record Office).

Now the Last Poppy has Fallen is a project which focuses on the lives of individuals, families and communities in Essex during the First World War.

One of the project outcomes is a touring exhibition created by volunteer researchers, to be launched at Essex at War at Hylands House on 14 September at 12.45pm. The launch will be followed by a performance from Essex poet Luke Wright who has created original poetry specifically for this project, and a performance from singer/songwriter Georgia Strand who is also performing original material produced for the project.

The exhibition will be at the following venues in 2014/2015:

Braintree Library * October 2014

Rayleigh Library * November 2014

Rochford Library * December 2014

Braintree Museum * January 2015 – March 13th 2015

Chelmsford Museum * March 24th 2015 – June 1st 2015

Hollytrees Museum, Colchester * June 8th 2015 – Sept 30th 2015



More details can be found on the project blog:
lastpoppyproject.wordpress.com

