Exhibition dates and venues

- Somerville College, Oxford - 1 to 29 November 2018 (weekdays 2.00-5.30pm, Saturdays 9.30-11.30am)
- The Rumble Museum, Cheney School, Headington - 1 to 20 December 2018
- Cowley Library, Oxford - 22 December 2018 to 30 January 2019
- Westgate Library, Oxford - 1 to 28 February 2019
- The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock - 19 March to 31 July 2019

A mini-exhibition

Commemorating Oxford during the First World War

Dorothea Maude (front row, far right) in the Somerville College field hockey team, late 1890s. Courtesy of James Nasmyth

Oxford's First World War story is both local and global. While some people left Oxford and travelled to other countries, others stayed behind and experienced Oxford's increasingly international connections during the conflict; personnel from across the UK and the world joined them here because of the war. All were involved in, and contributed to, the war in different ways, and twelve of them are commemorated in the mini-exhibition *Oxford: the War and the World, 1914-19.*

This free exhibition for Oxford residents, visitors and tourists will feature these stories, highlighting the wartime experiences of men and women, be they ‘town’, ‘gown’, or from overseas. Travelling between several Oxfordshire venues from November 2018 until summer 2019, it will enable visitors to focus on individual stories that highlight Oxford’s international connections during the First World War, helping to expand understanding of different types of war experiences beyond the trenches.

Visitors to the exhibition will learn about Charles Ambridge, the New Zealand soldier who died here and is buried in Botley Cemetery; Hardit Singh Malik, the Indian student at Oxford who became a fighter pilot; and May Wedderburn Cannan, who volunteered in France and became a well-known poet. Also featured are Rajani Palme Dutt, the conscientious objector who studied at Oxford; Lily Green, who worked at the 3rd Southern General Hospital; Constance Coltman, the pioneering female minister who served in Oxford; and six others.

Individually, they show how varied Oxford’s war experiences were. Together, they encourage us to consider the relationship between Oxford’s ‘local’ and ‘global’ history.

To find out more about research into the history of the First World War in Oxford:

http://greatwar.history.ox.ac.uk/
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