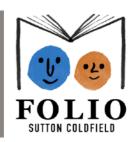
The First & Second World War on our doorstep



Here are some resource to get you going if you're interested in exploring how the First and Second World Wars had an impact in our town.

A Street Near You

This website enable people to search their postcode and find out if they live in or near a house that once belonged to a soldier from the First World War. Usage of the site is simple: enter a postal code and see the World War I soldiers and sailors listed at nearby addresses. If a lot of results are displayed, you can narrow the results further by first name, surname, rank, regiment, age at death, or date of death.

astreetnearyou.org

Lives of the First World War

This is another free, searchable online archive remembering the millions of people from Britain and the Commonwealth who served in World War One has gone live. You can type your road name into the search field to see if any members of the Armed Forces lived nearby.

livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk

World War 2 Bomb Sites in Sutton Coldfield

This map, created by Sutton Coldfield resident Najm Clayton, has information about all the bombs dropped on our town during the Second World War

<u>maphub.net/najmc/sutton-coldfield-www2-</u> bombs

National Archives - Armed Forces records

Currently (July 2020) many digital records at the National Archives, including First and Second

World War records such as medal index cards are available on their website free of charge. You will be required to register for a free account on their website. To find records that are available to download for free, filter your search results in Discovery to include records that are 'available for download only'.

discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project 2014

This website is the result of a community project to document and commemorate the soldiers from Sutton Coldfield who lost their lives in the First World war. It is easiest to search by surname, but like any webpage you can also search within it for any term you wish (e.g. road name) using Ctrl+F/Command+F.

A printed copy of this material is housed in Sutton Coldfield Library.

http://www.sutton-coldfield.net/memorial/a-c.html

Cheered on the Way.

Lord Kitchener broke his journey to Lancashire on Saturday afternoon at Lichfield, whence he motored to Whittington Barracks, where he witnessed the parade of various battalions of the Manchester Regiment, Sherwood Foresters, and City of Birmingham Battalions, which had a route march from Sutton Coldfield, together with companies of the Army Service Corps.

The War Secretary's stay only lasted about an hour, but large crowds assembled and cheered him on his journey.

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