

Swindon Heritage Magazine - Summer 2016

Subjects covered in this edition, compiled by Vivien Moss

1. Marking the centenary of the Battle of the Somme, the bloodiest in the history of this country. Read about the men from Swindon who fought and died in this Battle in 1916 and who were supported by the tireless efforts of the women back home with regular food parcels that helped keep them alive.
2. Echo of another era; evocative pictures from the last day of Swindon's Railway Works in 1986.
3. John Walter, senior manager of the Railway Works, saves 22,000 documents for the Archives.
4. The Wise Bakery in Swindon supplies Marks & Spencer.
5. Swindon by the sea - memories of the annual holiday at St Ives. Free passes during the annual summer shutdown of the Railway Works enabled 25,000 Swindonians to take the Trip.
6. Swindon built tank number 4247 returns to Swindon after 100 years.
7. Jim Hurst, friend of Daniel Gooch, Isambard Kingdom Brunel and George Stephenson, drives the GWR's first train in 1837.
8. History of Taunton Street in the Railway Village.
9. GWR Children's Fete swingboats still appeal more than 100 years later.
10. The House that time forgot - Kingsdown House. What lies behind the site now occupied by Kingsdown Crematorium?
11. Chedworth Roman Villa is available to visitors by courtesy of the National Trust.
12. William Morris' (aka Lord Nuffield) only home is surprisingly modest for the motoring millionaire. Visit Nuffield Place near Didcot.
13. Coate Water, originally created to help supply water to the Wilts & Berks Canal, is now a beauty spot.
14. A long lasting friendship between a 9 year old Swindon boy and a German prisoner of war.