

## **BATTLEFIELD TOURISM: AN EXAMINATION OF EVENTS HELD BY EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR WEBSITES RELATED TO BATTLEFIELDS**

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### **Abstract**

The wars that have taken place throughout the history of mankind have brought many deaths and devastation. Throughout history, visits have been realized to areas where battles have taken place. In our age of information technology with the developments experienced in communication technologies, many experiences have emerged that directed the members of societies to tourism movements. One of these experiences is tourism movements for battlefields. In this research, the battlefields that existed throughout history but which have begun to be discussed recently in the academic world have been explored. European institutions and their websites related to battlefields examined. Three institutions and their websites determined after the application of snowball sampling method. Firstly qualitative information related to three institutions examined and secondly quantitative information regard to events advertised in institutions' web sites analyzed. Finally, some suggestions have been put forward about the tourism demand and its structure for these areas.

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### **Introduction**

War has been considered as the exceptional organization of mankind. Generally it is out of logic, yet always identified through contradiction. Cruelty and slaughter of war is usually a prerequisite in order to ensure the reconciliation. It is grateful to loss of the minority of the population for the convenience of the majority. The same nations might be enemies for a period of time. In due course, they might become partners as well. Moreover, post war locations have generally been the places where peace reveals. On the other hand, visitation to battlefields with various objectives is another contradiction. No matter what the causality under these visits, this type has been clearly visible and promising part of the tourism movements (Prideaux: 2007: 13).

Tourism is not only a combination of economic transactions but also a theoretical composition of historical, natural and traditional gains. This composition possesses the capability of forming the cultural and natural issues for its own interest MacCannell (1999: 1). The commodification of the experiences and materials that Urry (1990) defines as “Tourist Gaze” has created many tourism experiences in today’s modern society. There are many options that promote tourism and motivate visitors together with the developing communication tools. In order to understand battlefield tourism it is imperative that there be a discussion of this type of tourism’s predecessors: dark tourism and heritage tourism. Battlefield tourism can be regarded as a tourism movement being part of the heritage tourism industry (Miles, 2011: 3). Wars and the fields associated with conflicts have long been discussed in terms of heritage tourism in a broad context (Sharpley, 2009: 24). Pain, sadness, distress, anguish, fear and death experienced as a result of the war have been affecting people and a tourism movement has been seen in such places (Kurnaz et al., 2013: 57).

Today, the simplest definition of heritage is the "contemporary use of the past" (Graham et al., 2000:2). Heritage is both natural and man-made heritage (UNESCO - Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, 1972). Heritage is made of “landscapes, natural history, buildings, artefacts, cultural traditions and the like which are either literally or metaphorically passed on from one generation to the other” (Prentice 1993: 5). Heritage tourism is defined as tourism in which the main motivation for visiting is based on the attraction’s heritage characteristics according to the tourists’ perception of their own heritage (Poria et al., 2001:1048).

Dark tourism or thanatourism have been conceptualized in international sources. Battlefield tourism, which has taken part in the

concept of dark tourism that grouped touristic experiences in a broader sense, has gained importance as a tourism activity (Lennon and Foley, 2000). Thousands of visitors who travel to discover prisons, gas chambers or the tombs of their ancestors have become increasingly evident in the dark and niche aspect of heritage tourism, commonly described as thanatourism or dark tourism (Seaton, 1996: 235).

Throughout history, the motive to visit war-related lands in nations that are hostile to one another has been shared by many people (Lloyd, 1998: 17). The ongoing efforts to uncover new attractions by the tourism industry and the increasing interest to visit the battlefields have created a considerable secondary tourism phenomenon (Prideaux, 2007: 18).

According to Rose (1995: 127), battlefields do not indicate anything as an individual basis without what people have attributed a meaning on them. According to Lloyd (1998: 21), visitors to battlefields are a special group of visitors who feed and express a certain type of emotional, mental or religious feelings for the war and for those involved in the war. This type of tourism is usually a combination of pilgrimage tourism, battlefield tourism, death tourism and heritage tourism (Basarin, 2011: 12).

Although wars are as old as human history, visits to the field of the Battle of Mont-Saint-Jean (Waterloo), which took place during the 19th century, can be shown as evidence for the beginning of battlefield tourism (Basarin, 2011: 14). Many battlefields such as Waterloo, Normandy, Pearl Harbour, Verdun, Gettysburg, Iwo Jima etc. have been visited by tourists around the world.

In this study, the scope of research is the areas experiencing the wars that brought about the phenomenon of battlefield tourism as a matter of fact. It can be said that the in-depth examination of this sort of tourism has been very recent. Different definitions about the conceptualization of battlefield tourism in the literature can be seen. That's why firstly a comprehensive literature review was conducted in this study in order to examine the concept of battlefield tourism. Furthermore, it was decided to search the European organizations and their websites related to battlefields. Battlefield Trust, Scottish Battlefield Trust and Western Front Association analyzed in depth. Finally, 222 events advertised in the organizations websites analyzed through quantitative research with descriptive methods.

### **Literature Review**

There are many areas including battlefields that are important from a cultural and historical point of view. However, some of them can be tourist areas. The following six stages illustrate how cultural and

historically important areas are transformed into tourist areas (MacCannell, 1999:46):

- (1) Naming: What exactly is about to be named?
- (2) Framing: Putting an object on display-placement on a pedestal or opened up for visitation. Framing is the placing of an official boundary around an object (MacCannell, 1999: 44).
- (3) Enshrinement: The point at which the framing material that is used has itself entered the first stage of sacralisation.
- (4) Mechanical reproduction: Mechanical reproduction of cultural phenomena, including tourism destinations and attractions, intensifies and elevates, rather than diminishes them, and is an essential condition of their sacralisation.
- (5) Social reproduction: Cultural objects in everyday practice away from the places where they originated (Waterloo Street).
- (6) Social circumstances: Site sacralisation creates the disposition to visit a place but does not guarantee it will be visited. Dispositions become action when the social circumstances of motivated travellers, including their financial means and access, are favourable (steam engines enabled visitation to the Waterloo site in the 1820s).

The theory of the sacralisation of the areas is an important approach in terms of the examination of battlefield tourism which is included in the cultural and heritage tourism.

#### *Cultural Tourism and Heritage Tourism*

As a conclusion of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Cultural and Natural Heritage Conservation meeting (1972), cultural heritage is universally defined as monuments, archaeological sites and structures that stand out in the field of history, art or science. United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) has also two definitions for cultural tourism:

Cultural tourism, in a strict sense, encompasses research tours, artistic activities and cultural tours, festivals and other cultural events include travels, visits to sites and monuments, trips for nature, folklore or travels of people for arts and pilgrimage.

In a broad sense, cultural tourism includes all travel made to reach new wisdom, experiences and encounters to raise cultural levels to satisfy people's needs of being different.

Cultural tourism has shown remarkable progress worldwide and the importance of heritage tourism has been recognized by researchers and associations (Mckrecher et al., 2002: 23). Cultural tourism attractions are

an important source of tourism (Gunn, 1997: 4). For example, according to an international visitor profile survey conducted in Australia in 2012, 2.8 million visitors came to the country to see their culture and heritage, and 57% of them visited historical sites, structures and monuments. Nurianti (1996: 252) argues that the comprehensive description of the heritage is related to the inherited tradition of generations. The conceptualization of cultural heritage in research is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Cultural Heritage and Cultural Heritage Tourism Conceptualizations**

<b>Cultural Heritage</b>	
<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Conceptualization</b>
Hewison (1987: 144)	Heritage is static, fossilising the past and distorting historical facts for the purpose of entertainment.
Bowes (1989: 37)	Heritage must be broadly defined to encompass not only major historic sites and institutions, but the entire landscape of the region with its geographic base ... and of course, the people themselves and their traditions and economic activities.
Ashworth and Tunbridge (1990: 23)	Cultural heritage is something that contemporary society has chosen to inherit
Johnson and Thomas (1995: 175)	Cultural heritage is a kind of connected thing that is vaguely or misplaced by the past.
Prentice (1993: 4)	Cultural heritage is inherited as a value from one generation to another, and the inheritance is inherited.
Schouten (1995: 21)	Heritage is history processed through mythology, ideology, nationalism, local pride, romantic ideas or just plain marketing, into a commodity.
Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (1998: 34)	Cultural heritage is the reassessment of mistakes, death, past, and what is no longer used. Cultural heritage is a form of past cultural production.

Lowenthal (2005: 83)	Cultural heritage means everything that we believe to be of us in the past. Buildings, engineering works, crafts and arts, languages, traditions produced from the raw material of nature include themselves.
Ballesteros and Ramirez (2007: 678)	Inheritance is more social construct than discovery by an expert.
<b>Cultural Heritage Tourism</b>	
<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Conceptualization</b>
Ashworth (2000: 21)	It is the co-operation of cultural heritage producers, tourism industry and local administrators through the artifacts and works of the memories and experiences of the past.
Fyall and Garrod (1998: 214)	Socio-cultural assets are an economic activity that uses to attract visitors.
Hollinshead (1988: 185)	Local traditions and social cultural heritage can serve as charms, including folkloric traditions, arts and crafts, ethnic history, social traditions and cultural events.
Jamal and Kim (2005: 56)	Cultural heritage tourism combines past, people, places and cultures into an operative race and dialogue. It is an important phenomenon in terms of global, personal and local social life.

Heritage tourism, classified under the cultural tourism concept, is one of the earliest forms of travel in history (Timothy and Boyd, 2006: 2). Cultural tourism and heritage tourism refers to a key attraction and in such kinds of tourism the focal point of tourism activities are arts, history, culinary heritage etc.

#### *Dark Tourism and Thanatourism*

At first sight, the combination of tourism and death may not be appropriate, especially since tourism is a leisure activity (Upton, 2015: 4). Examples of the first tourist experiences of death include Roman gladiatorial games, pilgrimage visits or publicly executed executions in

the Medieval Ages (Stone and Sharpley, 2008: 576). Visits to areas related to death, destruction, war and tragedy have been in academic studies for nearly two decades with the concepts of thanatourism, dark tourism, milking the macabre, black spots, morbid tourism, grief tourism, and atrocity heritage (Dann, 1995: 36, Seaton, 1996: 236, Rojek, 1997: 54, Blom, 2000, Ashworth, 2004: 97).

The concept of dark tourism was first used by Lennon and Foley (2000: 9). Dark tourism includes travel to places where death, grief, disaster, destruction, and tragedy of humanity were experienced (Timothy, 2011: 19). After Lennon and Foley's (2000: 9) work "Dark Tourism: The Attraction of Death and Disaster", academic studies focusing on the subject have increased. Dark tourism has been regarded as the most accepted definition in the fields of study of academy and media.

According to Lennon and Foley (2000: 10), dark tourism is a type of tourism in which death is commoditized and, as some argue, death is a commodity for consumption in the global communications market, regardless of whether the presentation is real or fictional. Dark tourism is a notable concept in tourism research. However, it is too extensive and theoretically weak (Dunkley, 2007: 372). Classification of dark tourism is presented in Table 2.

**Table 2:** Classification of Dark Tourism

Sections of Dark Tourism	Sub-Sections of Dark Tourism
Perilous Places	towns of horror dangerous destinations
Houses of Horror	dungeons of death heinous hotels
Fields of Fatality	bloody battlegrounds hell of the holocaust cemeteries of celebrities
Tours of Torment	murder and mayhem the now notorious
Themed Thanatos	morbid museums monuments to morality

**Source:** Stone (2006: 147)

Dark tourism attractions include the Alcatraz Penitentiary in Dallas, San Francisco, where John F. Kennedy was assassinated, and the Sealed Knot Community in which the British civil war demonstrations were held (Seaton, 1996: 235, Blom, 2000: 33, Wilson, 2008: 23). The

area called Ground Zero, where terrorist attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York City took place on September 11, 2001, has become a tourism attraction recently. Ground Zero has created attractions by ceremonies of the losses, souvenirs and tourists and pilgrims visit this place (Adams, 2007: 69).

#### *Battlefield Tourism*

Wars have led to terrible deaths along the fronts and the destruction of the natural and artificial periphery. Wars also have led to the destruction of many cultural heritages that had probably been the focus of tourism movements in pre-war times. These areas of death, destruction and disappearance have become contradictionally an attraction for tourism itself in the post-war periods.

Battlefields are places where physical geography is transformed into symbolic spaces through war, travel, commemoration, and tourism. At the same time they are the graves of those who died in battle. This situation brings ambiguity for such places. The Martyrdoms and monuments were influenced by historical consciousness and the cultural memories of war, along with a clear instinctual description of the battlefields.

Visits to battlefields are as old as the history of mankind. In the past many famous personages have made visits to the battlefields. Peaceful travel agent Thomas Cook's first offshore initiative is the Battlefield of Waterloo in Belgium. Thomas Cook's first tour in America was also organized to visit the battlefield of Gettysburg. The American Civil War is a source of inspiration to visit Gettysburg for a number of troops, ex-combatants, pilgrims and tourists who reach two millions of people annually today (Adams, 2007: 72).

In the study of Seaton (1996: 236), battlefields are defined as a type of tourism death tourism. The anthropologist Verdery (1999: 47) analysed a special type of tourism involving visits to battlefields. He suggested that visitors to these areas were individuals who needed to visit the sacred sites individually and had a certain stance on morality. Lennon and Foley (2000: 10) have observed that consumption cultures have evolved and commodified everything, including war, death, and destruction. They suggested that battlefields of Great War can be described as the first visiting areas of dark tourism. Because, this war affected all the families living in Europe in due course by newspapers, letters, dialogues and early motion picture films.

In today's modern world, movements to the battlefields, to the graves of famous people, to the places famous for bad events are

undisputed phenomena related to tourism (Seaton, 1996: 236). According to the website Grief-Tourism.com, related types of tourism are categorized as follows:

- Battlefield Tourism
- Cemetery Tourism
- Disaster Tourism
- Ghost Tourism
- Holocaust Tourism
- Prison Tourism
- Thanatourism

In the literature, battlefield tourism seems to be involved in death tourism or dark tourism within the scope of cultural heritage tourism. Death tourism or dark tourism includes areas directly or indirectly linked to deaths, including visits to primary areas, such as Great War battlefields, or secondary areas such as the Great War memorials of deaths and losses (Kenneth, 2003: 7).

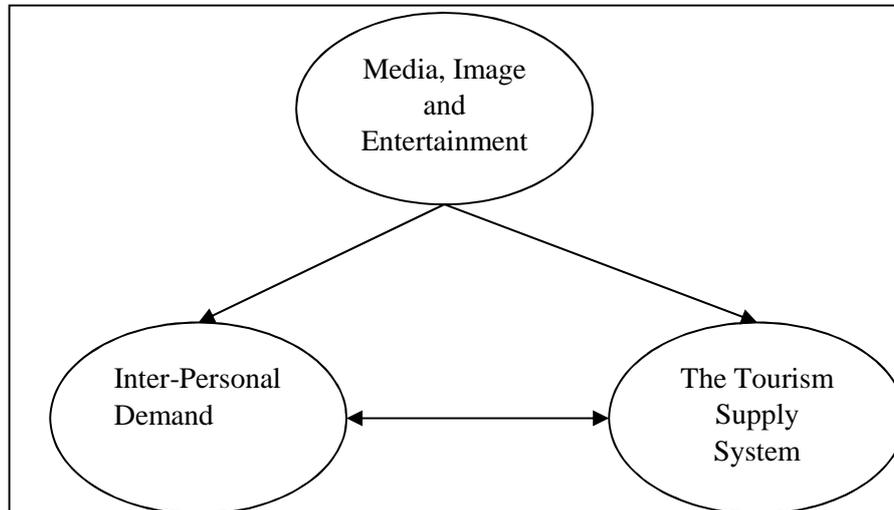
As an example of the tourism movements to the battlefields, Australians and New Zealanders (Anzacs) coming to Canakkale for “Dawn Rite” on 25<sup>th</sup> of April every year can be given for Turkey. According to Anatolian News Agency, on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015, more than ten thousand people from Australia and New Zealand gathered at Anzac Bay.

### **Methodology**

Tourism has been classified into two sub-divisions as systems in Leiper’s (1981: 75) model. These systems are grouped in terms of tourist generations and tourist receipts. As shown in Figure 1, Ryan and Trauer (2005) improved this model. In up-to-date model, tourism demand took the place of tourist generation. It is divided into two as well as intra- and inter-personal. The former is associated with the motivation of commemoration, gathering information, inquisitiveness whereas the latter is connected to the relation among people attributing importance to the place. (e.g. for young Australians and New Zealanders attending Gallipoli on ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) day).

Tourism industry took the place of tourist receipts as well. This industry is an amalgam of site, facilities, inventories, services, transportation etc. Media possesses a considerable role in this model as a means of creation and distribution of images associated with relevant experience and behaviour. It might be suggested that battlefields have the same resources of books, movies, Play Station or PC games, documentaries, series etc. Images and information in terms of meaning

and reflections are gained through such resources by the users who will become specific visitors of this location in a due time (Ryan, 2007: 9).



**Figure1:** A Modified Tourism System

Source: Ryan, 2007.

It might be said that one of the different sources of media is websites. As can be seen in Table 3 internet users growth between 2000-2017 is 976,4%. According to statistics internet users consists 51.7% of world population (3,885,567,619 of 7,519,028,970).

**Table 3:** World Internet Usage and Population Statistics June 30, 2017

World Regions	Population ( 2017 Est.)	Population % of World	Internet Users 30 June 2017	Penetration Rate (% Pop.)	Growth 2000-2017	Internet Users %
<u>Africa</u>	1,246,504,865	16.6 %	388,376,491	31.2 %	8,503.1%	10.0 %
<u>Asia</u>	4,148,177,672	55.2 %	1,938,075,631	46.7 %	1,595.5%	49.7 %
<u>Europe</u>	822,710,362	10.9 %	659,634,487	80.2 %	527.6%	17.0 %
<u>Latin America / Caribbean</u>	647,604,645	8.6 %	404,269,163	62.4 %	2,137.4%	10.4 %
<u>Middle East</u>	250,327,574	3.3 %	146,972,123	58.7 %	4,374.3%	3.8 %
<u>North America</u>	363,224,006	4.8 %	320,059,368	88.1 %	196.1%	8.2 %
<u>Oceania / Australia</u>	40,479,846	0.5 %	28,180,356	69.6 %	269.8%	0.7 %
<u>WORLD TOTAL</u>	7,519,028,970	100.0 %	3,885,567,619	51.7 %	976.4%	100.0 %

Source: Internet World Status Usage and Population Statistics 2017.

Information and communication technologies facilitated the travel focused outputs of operations. These outputs as tourism products are positioned in a few touch of screen or keyboard distance for the consumers of new generation. The visible feature of such a generation is that they do not like to spend their time to make a reservation for a tourism product (Page, 2007: 3). Thus, this research focuses an examination of European organizations and their websites related to battlefields.

### *Research Questions*

The following research questions have been identified and defined within the scope of the research:

- Are there any institutions to support the tourism in battlefields and to help in the protection and promotion of these areas?
- If there are such institutions, how do these institutions promote battlefield tourism movement to these areas through their websites?
- What are the types and frequencies of events advertised on the websites of these institutions?
- Is it possible to propose a model for battlefield tourism movement?

### *Data Collection and Analysis*

It was decided to realize qualitative and quantitative research in order to answer the research questions. Because firstly qualitative research is usually focused on a small number but the selection of participant and research sites is crucial to the overall usefulness of the research findings. Non-probability sampling is used for selecting the population of the research. Snowball sampling considered as sampling method. As the main limitation of the study, finding such institutions in a sufficient number through Europe is challenging. This study, being a starting point of what really can be found as institutions in this field, encompasses a few battlefield institutions. Secondly after the identification of institutions events advertised on the websites of institutions analysed quantitative research using frequency analysis.

UK Battlefield Trust institution was considered as starting point for the snowball sampling. One of the reasons for choosing this centre as a starting point is its uniqueness in UK and Europe. It was decided to get in touch with the officials of the institution. They asked if they know other similar institutions and their websites in Europe related to Battlefields.

Three organizations and their web sites identified for examination in Europe. These are:

- The Battlefield Trust (UK)
- Scottish Battlefield Trust (UK-Scotland)
- The Western Front Association (UK)

To collect data, Battlefield Trust, Scottish Battlefield Trust and The Western Front Association were contacted at first, and the purpose of the research was explained. Permissions for usage of websites information have been requested from them for the collection, classification and storage of the information required for the collection and analysis of the data. The 222 events held by the institutions and obtained from the websites were examined through descriptive research methods using frequency analysis.

#### *Brief Information about Battlefield Institutions: Battlefield Trust*

This institution aims to remind that especially in UK each citizen dwells in the proximity of roughly half an hour drive to a battlefield. Some of them are reputable whereas the others - in comparison - are not familiar to the people. However, the battles realized in these locations contributed to the formation of contemporary living features. Preservation and sustainability of such historical values for long periods and presenting them to everyone for understanding and knowledge acquisition are the fundamental objective of this institution. Sharing knowledge of experts in the field, regular talks and studies about battlefields are the instances of the actions. In this respect, irrelevant development and destructions are to be prevented as the mission. Moreover, information boards and trails have been prepared by the members and web site information is a valuable resource for the potential visitors of battlefields. This website is being developed to provide information on fields of conflict throughout the United Kingdom<sup>3</sup>. Maps, images, photos, walking tours, resources for the teachers etc. are the reference guides provided by the institution.

It can be seen from the Appendix 1 that the Battlefield Trust website advertises sixteen events. Ten of the events are daily battlefield tours. Two of them are five-day tours including accommodation. One of the events is a field trip, and one is a presentation about battles. The rest are listed as a conference and a study day.

#### *Scottish Battlefield Trust*

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.battlefieldstrust.com/page50.asp> (Access Date: 11 May 2017).

The Scottish Battlefields Trust was established following a symposium in October 2014, which brought together a broad forum concerned by recent development threats to historic battlefields.

The gathering agreed and signed the Accord which called for the creation of an independent body to represent Scotland's battlefields. The words of the Accord have been adopted as the Trust's guiding principles<sup>4</sup>. Enhancement of heritage, in sum, should be under promotional, interpretational and protectionist actions as a strategy.

It can be seen from Appendix 1 that the Scottish Battlefield Trust website advertises eleven events. Six of the events are re-enactments of the battles. Two of them are commemoration events. Two of them are presentations about battles and one is listed to be the war game show.

*The Western Front Association*

The website of the Western Front Association contains following information about the institution:<sup>5</sup>

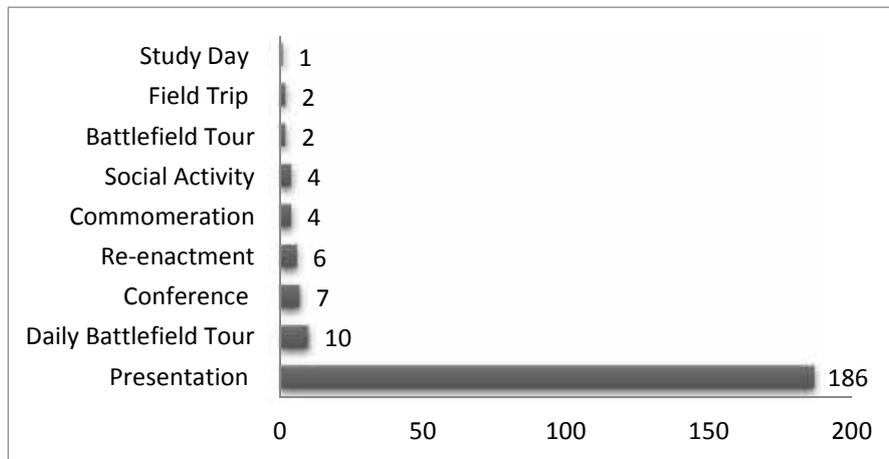
The Western Front Association was formed in 1980 to maintain interest in the period 1914-1918, to perpetuate the memory, courage and comradeship of those on all sides who served their countries in France and Flanders and their own countries during the Great War. It does not seek to glorify war and is non-political. Publications, remembrance, regional seminars, trench maps, themed DVDs are some instances of outputs provided by the association.

It can be seen from the Appendix 1 that the Western Front Association website advertises 195 events. It is the leading battlefield institution with its website and events among three institutions examined. The vast majority of the events are presentations (186) about the different aspects of battles which took place in all around UK. Six of the events are conferences which are held in UK. Three of them are social events which are held by the association. Finally four of them are commemoration events and one is listed to be a field trip.

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<sup>4</sup><http://www.scottishbattlefields.org/overview/> (Access Date: 29 January 2018).

<sup>5</sup><http://www.westernfrontassociation.com/about-the-wfa/> (Access Date: 14 January 2018).

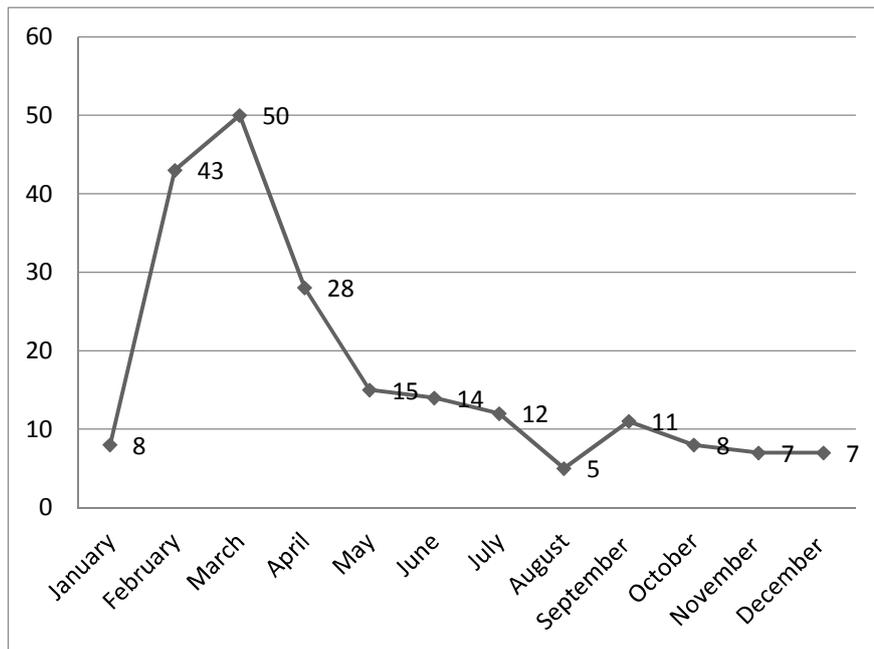


**Figure 2:** Frequencies of Events According to Types of Battlefield Events

It can be seen from the Figure 2 that nine distinctive types of battlefield events classified by the authors after the analysis. A detailed list of the events prepared by the authors can be seen in the Appendix 1. Leading type of battlefield events is presentations (186 frequencies). Most of the events held by the institutions take place across UK cities. A great majority of events held in hotels. Participating as audience may considered as a tourism movement in view of the need for travel and accommodation when occurred. The second largest share is daily battlefield tours (10 frequencies). Daily battlefield tours can be considered as a tourism movement. It is interesting to find out that most of the daily battlefield tours actualized in the historic battlefields in the UK. There exists hardly ever any battle took place in the recent history in the mainland of UK. This matter should not be overlooked. After, so many years it may be very hard to find evidence of the battles occurred in the distant past. The importance of literacy and interpretation may be suggestible when taking English social features into account. The third is conferences (7 frequencies). Attending conferences about wars and battles may also consider as battlefield tourism. Fourth is re-enactment (7 frequencies). Re-enactments are a distinct type of battlefield tourism. Re-enactments of battles are popular in USA especially with the American Civil War theme. It is interesting to find out in the European context re-enactments as a distinct type of battlefield tourism only available in Scottish Battlefield Trust’s website events. Commemoration and social activities share the same score (each with 4 frequencies). Lastly as the minor types of battlefield events are respectively battlefield tours (2 frequencies), field trip (2 frequencies) and study day (1 frequencies). It is

important to underline prominent to types consisted battlefield tours and field trip. While field trip actualize in the daily basis battlefield tours take place with travel and accommodation.

When types of battlefield events are taken into account, there are nine distinctive types of events which may consider as parts of battlefield tourism are classified.



**Figure 3:** Frequencies of Battlefield Events According to Months of 2018

As shown in Figure 3 the peak month for the events is March (50 frequencies). It is followed by February (43 frequencies) and April (28 frequencies). When touristic condensation of the world is taken into account, it is interesting to find out this niche type of tourism activities occur out of the tourism season (June, July and August total of 31 which is less than March with 50). Development of battlefield tourism may help destinations to spread tourism activities all year around.

### **Conclusion**

As examined in the research, three institutions support the realization of tourism in the central war sites and help to protect and promote these areas. The information of the events on the websites supports the tourism movement in these areas.

Three institution's web sites, with the events advertised on them, provided the creation of events as shown in Appendix 1. Such an initiative is an important one for the identification, conservation and promotion of these sites, where warfare takes place in the distant past. Given the difficulties of searching and acquiring resources for each of the wars in history, it can be predicted that the existence of such websites fulfils crucial functions for the promotion of battlefields.

Demand fluctuations of tourism are one of the key problems of destinations. Nonetheless, niche tourism types as alternative tourism movement is a key solution for destinations. Battlefield tourism might be regarded as an alternative tourism which promotes tourism activities during low tourism seasons as supported by the results of the study.

When the limitations of the research were examined, only three institutions and their websites in European context were investigated under framework of research. Taking only Europe illustrates the necessity of addressing the tourism movement for battlefields in a broader sense. Further research focusing above all in other parts of World which will be realized by more researchers about the visitations to such areas may contribute to the development of knowledge related to this field. One of the important questions that may query is that the authors are not from UK. Nevertheless as mentioned on the research, usage of online sources and material make the implementation of the research by the authors.

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**Appendix 1 Events Advertised in the Websites of Institutions**

[1] EVENTS OF BATTLEFIELD TRUST		[2] EVENTS OF SOCTTISH BATTLEFIELD TRUST	
No, Date, Name and Location	Brief Information	No, Date, Name and Location	Brief Information
(1) 09-14.07.2018, The Wars of The Roses: Southern Battles	Col. Nick Lipscombe will explore the conflict during its early years from 1642–43; examining the road to war, the struggle to arm and the advantage enjoyed by the royalists in the early encounters. Visits include the first skirmish of the war near Worcester, the battle of Edgehill, the siege of Bristol and the first battle at Newbury. The price for the tour is £1,895.00 (single supplement: £265.00; deposit: £175.00). It will include: 3- and 4-star hotels, buffet breakfast,	(1) 15-16.09.2018, Battle of Prestonpans 1745	The annual East Lothian Battle Weekend returns to PRESTONPANS 1745! Witness the dramatic events of the Bonnie Prince Charlie's first battle, as the Jacobite Highlanders sweep to victory over the redcoats of Sir John Cope. With fascinating living history camps, cameo scenes, fun crafts and spectacular battles, this event is not to be missed!

	three-course dinner with drinks each evening, all entrance fees and expert guide throughout.		
(2) 04.01.2018, Battle of Tewkesbury 1471	Join the Tewkesbury Battlefield Society for a two-hour guided tour of the battlefield	(2) 16-17.09.2017, Battle of Pinkie 1547	Spectacular battles and fascinating living history, in our biggest and most dramatic event of the year!
(3) 18.01.2018 , Battle of Bramham Moor 1408	A battlefield walk to commemorate the 610th anniversary of this important battle which helped secure the crown for Henry IV.	(3) 10.09.2017, Battle of Pinkie 1547 Cleugh Commemoration Service	Annual commemorative service for the Battle of Pinkie (1547), organised by the Old Musselburgh Club.
(4) 18.01.2018 , Second Battle of St Albans 1461	Come along and find out how events at the second battle of St Albans led to Elizabeth Woodville becoming the queen of Edward IV.	(4) 29-30.07.2017, Soldiers of Killiecrankie 1689	Return to 1689 and the scene of Bonnie Dundee's spectacular pyrrhic victory at Killiecrankie! A wonderful weekend of events, organised by the local community
(5) 24.01.2018 , East Anglia	The East Anglia region study day	(5) 03.05.2017 , Battle of Roslin	Did 8,000 Scottish

Region Study Day	will be held at the Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 2AJ.	1303: Fact vs Fiction	Soldiers defeat 30,000 Englishmen at Roslin in 1303? Or is this just a fanciful story? Come to the historic Rosslyn Chapel to look at different interpretations of the little-known Battle of Roslin.
(6) 04.03.2018, Battle of Tewkesbury 1471	Join the Tewkesbury Battlefield Society for a two-hour guided tour of the battlefield.	(6) 15.10.2016, 5th Biennial Scottish Battlefields Symposium	Join us for a fascinating day of presentations on the theme of "Civil Conflict in Scotland", held in the lecture hall of Perth Museum & Art Gallery.
(7) 18.03.2018, Battle of Stow on the Wold 1646	Join Simon Marsh on a walk across the field of the last battle of the first Civil War.	(7) 17-18.09.2016, Battle of Dunbar 1650- Re-enactment Spectacular	Dramatic and exciting recreation of the Battle of Dunbar 1650 and the events which led to it. The biggest and most spectacular battle event of the year!
(8) 01.04.2018, Battle of Tewkesbury 1471	Join the Tewkesbury Battlefield Society for a	(8) 30.04-01.05.2016, Dunbar 1296-Family	720 years ago, south of Dunbar in East Lothian, the

	two-hour guided tour of the battlefield.	Weekend	armies of Scotland and England fought the first battle of the bloody Wars of Independence. Join us in Lauderdale Park, Dunbar, for a family-friendly weekend of battle stories, combat displays and children's drills!
(9) 07.04.2018, A Soldier's Tale- The Fighting Man, Ancient to Medieval	The Norfolk Branch of the Richard III Society has organised a one-day conference at the Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich, NR2 1RQ.	(9) 20.01.2016, Wargames Show	We've invited wargamers to Prestonpans to show off what Scotland has to offer, combining fascinating historical events with skilled craftsmanship and enthusiastic hobbying! £2 per adult, children free.
(10) 08.04.2018, Group Visit to Stow Maries World War I Airfield	The Battlefields Trust are marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of	(10) 18-20.09.2015, Battle of Prestonpans 1745 Re-enactments	Re-enactment weekend

	the Royal Air Force with a group visit to Stow Maries airfield at Purleigh, Near Maldon in Essex, (post code CM3 6RJ).		
(11) 14.04.2018 , Painting the Roses at War	The renowned Wars of the Roses artist Graham Turner will talk about his experience of painting the Wars of the Roses	(11) 25- 26.07.2015, Soldiers of Killiecrankie 1689	Commemorating the Battle of Killiecrankie, 1689 Living history and more!
(12) 14.04.2018, Battle of Ripley 1643	Join Tony Spicer for a walk across the field of this small but important Civil War battle.		
(13) 28.04.2018, Battle of Mortimer's Cross 1461	An all-day walk with morning coffee and briefing and lunch at Corner's Inn, Kingsland, HR6 9RY, with events, followed by a walk back to the Mortimer's Cross Inn, Leominster, HR6 9PD.		
(14) 29.04.2018, Battle of	Join the Tewkesbury		

<p>Tewkesbury 1471-Queen Margaret's Camp</p>	<p>Battlefield Society for a two-hour walk to Tredington and back. Meet at 11.00 a.m. at Gloucester Road (GL20 5SG).</p>		
<p>(15) 13.05.2018, Battle of Edgcote 1469</p>	<p>An opportunity to learn more about this poorly recorded Wars of the Roses battle.</p>		
<p>(16) 03- 08.07.2018, The English Civil War: Edgehill to Newbury 1642- 43</p>	<p>Col. Nick Lipscombe will explore the conflict during its early years; examining the road to war, the struggle to arm and the advantage enjoyed by the royalists in the early encounters. The price for the tour is £1,875.00 (single supplement: £230.00; deposit: £175.00). It will include: 4-star hotels, buffet breakfast, three- course dinner with drinks each evening, all</p>		

	entrance fees and expert guide throughout.		
<b>[3] EVENTS OF THE WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION</b>			
No, Date, Name and Location	Brief Information	No, Date, Name and Location	Brief Information
(1) 29.01.2018, 'Farewell to the Horse' by Robert Elverstone, (Leicestershire & Rutland)	Robert Elverstone will give a presentation on the demise of the horse in warfare.	(98) 04.04.2018, 'An ambulance at Arras' by Alistair Hollington (Cambridgeshire)	Alistair Hollington will look at the use of field ambulances during the battle of Arras
(2) 30.01.2018, Unveiling of plaque commemorating Anne Brewer ,(Wales (Gwent))	Anne Brewer was a highly decorated nurse of the First World War. A plaque will be unveiled in her name at 23 West Street, Newport.	(99) 07.04.2018, 'Sopwith Aircraft and the Great War' with David Hassard, (Wessex)	David Hassard will be giving a talk on Sopwith Aircraft used in the First World War.
(3) 31.01.2018, Naval Cadets - The Battle of the Dogger Bank 1915, (Cork)	There will be a presentation on Naval Cadets - The Battle of the Dogger Bank 1915.	(100) 09.04.2018, Profiles on the First World War a talk by Jerry Rendell, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	Profiles on the First World War a talk by Jerry Rendell
(4) 31.01.2018, 'The Story of Raikeswood Camp' with Anne, Buckley (Lancashire (East))	Anne Buckley will give a presentation on Raikeswood Camp.	(101) 10.04.2018, 'Remembering Bungo – the life and career of Field Marshal Lord Byng of Vimy' by	William Franklin will be giving a talk on the life and career of Field Marshal Lord Byng of Vimy.

		William Franklin, (Middlesex)	
(5) 01.02.2018, 'Breaking the Hindenburg Line' with Clive Harris, (London)	Clive Harris will give a talk on the Hindenburg Line.	(102) 11.04.2018, 'Bristols Great War' a talk by Clive Burlton, (Somerset)	Bristols Great War by Clive Burlton
(6) 01.02.2018, 'Spring Offensive 1918' with Clive Harris, (Merseyside)	Clive Harris will be giving a presentation on the Spring Offensive 1918.	(103) 11.04.2018, From Flying Dreadnought to Dogfighter – The Troubled Birth of the British Fighter by Greg Baughen, (Heart of England)	This talk destroys many myths about WW1 fighter development.
(7) 02.02.2018, 'F S 'Greg' Kelly' with Jon Cooksey, (Wales (South))	Jon Cooksey will be giving a presentation on F S 'Greg' Kelly.	(104), 11.04.2018, 'The History of Palace Barracks (up to 1969) and Holywood as a Garrison Tow, (Antrim and Down)	Robin Masefield will be giving a presentation on Palace Barracks.
(8) 03.02.2018, 'Prison of Conscience' with Steve Erskine, (Yorkshire (West Riding))	Steve Erskine will give a presentation on Richmond Prison in the First World War.	(105), 13.04.2018, 'A Moonlight Massacre - The Night Operation On The Passchendaele Ridge, 2nd December 1917' with Michael LoCicero,	Michael LoCicero will be giving a presentation on the Night Operation on the Passchendaele Ridge

		(Midlands (East))	
(9) 03.02.2018, 'William Henry McGrath 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment ' with Mark McGrath, (Wales (North))	Mark McGrath will be giving a presentation on the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment and William Henry McGrath.	(106) 13.04.2018, 'Shifting Sands: the changing image of Lawrence of Arabia' with Prof Mark Connelly, (Sussex)	Prof. Mark Connelly will be giving a presentation on Lawrence of Arabia.
(10) 03.02.2018, 'Branch AGM followed by Photographing the Fallen: A War Graves Photographer, (Wessex)	Jeremy Gordon-Smith will give a presentation on a war graves photographer on the Western Front 1915-1919.	(107) 13.04.2018, Dr Jim Beach 'The papers of Intelligence Officer Cpl Vince Scühoff,' (Lancashire and Cheshire)	Dr Jim Beach looks at the papers of an intelligence officer in the German Army and the effect of the information that was gathered
(11) 05.02.2018, 'Austro Hungarian War 1914-18. The Great Debacle' by Graham Kemp, (Lancashire (North))	A new talk by our Branch Chairman and Graham's talks are always informative and invariably humour plays its part.	(108) 14.04.2018, Field Trip, (Wessex)	Field Trip to the National Maritime Museum
(12) 06.02.2018, 'Everyday Life of the Intelligence Soldier: Corporal Vince Schurhoff 1916-1918' with Dr Jim Beach, (Kent (East))	Dr Jim Beach will give a presentation on the life of the intelligence soldier.	(109) 14.04.2018 , 'Impressive in Futility' the German High Seas Fleet - by Prof John Derry, (Yorkshire)	'Impressive in Futility' the German High Seas Fleet - by Prof John Derry (Yorkshire)

<p>(13) 06.02.2018, 'The Unknown Soldiers - the BEF of 1918 - By Tim Lynch, (Chesterfield)</p>	<p>Tim Lynch is a freelance writer and battlefield guide. This talk is based on research into his own family's part in the Great War.</p>	<p>(110) 16.04.2018, 'The Fourth and Fifth Battle of Ypres' with Sean Godfrey, (Tyneside)</p>	<p>Sean Godfrey will be giving a presentation on the Fourth and Fifth Battles of Ypres.</p>
<p>(14) 06.02.2018, 'Temporary Gentlemen and Other Ranks' by Barry Blades, (Norfolk)</p>	<p>Young men such as J R Tolkien, who were commissioned as officers for the duration of the war only were known as 'temporary gentlemen'. In this fascinating presentation Barry Blades looks at these 'temporary gentlemen' and other ranks of the Great War.</p>	<p>(111) 16.04.2018, 'An Honourable War, HAC Battalions in The Great War' a talk by Michael Orr, (Southend on Sea)</p>	<p>Branch favourite Michael Orr makes a welcome return to present not one, but two talks about the 1st &amp; 2nd Battalion HACs, how's that for value for money!</p>
<p>(15) 07.02.2018, 'The Austro- Hungarian Army 1914-1918' by Alan Wakefield, (Cambridgeshire )</p>	<p>Alan Wakefield will give a presentation on 'From the Good Soldier to the Emperor – The Austro- Hungarian Army</p>	<p>(112) 18.04.2018, 'Three Days in the Great War' by Derek Clayton, (Avon)</p>	<p>Derek Clayton will be giving a talk on three days in the First World War.</p>
<p>(16) 08.02.2018, 'Visiting and Revisiting the Battlefields' Launch Event 8 February 2018</p>	<p>Join us for a free event at Westgate Hall, Canterbury, to launch two new booklets</p>	<p>(113) 19.04.2018, 'First World War Battlefield: Then and Now' with Steve</p>	<p>Steve Williams will be giving a presentation on First World War battlefield 'then and now'.</p>

	exploring the history of First World War battlefield visits during the 1920s and 1930s.	Williams, (Cumbria)	
(17) 09.02.2018 'Halifax, Nova Scotia - The Town That Died' with Arthur Aston, (Midlands (East))	Arthur Aston will give a presentation on the town of Halifax, Nova Scotia in the First World War.	(114) 21.04.2018, Western Front Association Spring Conference & AGM 2018 - 21 April 2018	Western Front Association Spring Conference & AGM 2018 - 21 April 2018
(18) 09.02.2018, 'First Battle of Arras and the Battle of Hamel 1918' a presentation by John Lee, (Sussex)	'Perfect Defence, Perfect Attack: Arras and Hamel 1918' with John Lee	(115) 21.04.2018, 'Sir John Monash & The Battle of Le Hamel July 1918' with Paul Cobb, (Birmingham)	In this talk Paul Cobb will look at the career of General Monash whose spectacular promotion led him to command the Australian Corps.
(19) 09.02.2018, 'Boffins in World War One' with Dave Rogers, (Lancashire and Cheshire)	Dave Rogers will give a talk on boffins of the Great War. He is the author of 'British Boffins in World War One'.	(116) 23.04.2018, The Treatment of Prisoners of war by the Germans on The Western Front with Richard Lloyd, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	Branch AGM followed by Richard Lloyd and 'The Treatment of Prisoners of war by the Germans on The Western Front'.
(20) 10.02.2018, 'All Pretty Well Fed Up and Worn Out' a presentation by	In this presentation, entitled 'All Pretty Well Fed Up and Worn	(117) 01.05.2018, Mons 1914 to Mons 1918 – the BEF	This Month's Talk, will be by Jonathon Steer – Mons 1914 to Mons 1918 –

Prof Gary Sheffield, (Yorkshire)	Out? Morale, Command, and Military Effectiveness of British Empire Forces at Gallipoli Prof Gary Sheffield will examine morale among the British troops at Gallipoli in 1915	compared by Jonathon Steer, (Chesterfield)	the BEF compared.
(21) 12.02.2018, 'Elder Road / Hot Lane Shrine' with Dr John Bourne, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	IMAGES: From 'Researching Staffordshire's Great War Memorial.	(118) 02.05.2018, 'Boats and Trains and Cars and Trucks' by Roger Perry, (Cambridgeshire)	Roger Perry will be talking about the many aspects of the ground and water transport used during Great War
(22) 12.02.2018, 'Crossing No Man's Land' by Tony Ball, (Durham)	Tony Ball will be giving a presentation on crossing no man's land.	(119) 08.05.2018, Subject To Be Confirmed by Dr Tony Cowan, (Middlesex)	Dr Tony Cowan will be giving a talk.
(23) 13.02.2018, 'Monty and Rommel in the First World War' with Dr Peter Caddick-Adams, (Cheltenham & Gloucester)	The names and faces of Field Marshals Montgomery and Rommel are familiar to us all. But what did they do in the First World War? How did they learn the	(120) 08.05.2018, 'The Americans on the Meuse-Argonne' by Peter Hart, (Lancashire (North))	The Americans on the Meuse-Argonne by Peter Hart

	trades of command and leadership?		
(24) 14.02.2018, 'Douglas Haig: Britain's Greatest Commander-in-chief?' with Peter Hart, (Essex)	Peter Hart will be giving a presentation that looks at Haig's record as Commander in Chief.	(121) 09.05.2018, 'The German March Offensive' a talk by Larry Bohana, (Somerset)	Larry Bohana will explain how the German March offensive came close to winning the war
(25) 14.02.2018, 'Czechs Poles and Russians on the Western Front' a talk by Barry Maule, (Somerset)	Barry Maule will present the almost unheard story of the Czechs, Poles and Russians who fought on the Western Front.	(122) 10.05.2018, 'Tonagh Ladies, Woman in World War One' by Sarah Jane Paterson, (Antrim and Down)	Sarah Jane Paterson will be giving a presentation on women in the First World War.
(26) 14.02.2018, 'Roll of Honour: Schooling in the Great War 1914-19' with Barry Blades, (Suffolk)	Barry Blades will be giving a presentation on schooling in the First World War.	(123) 11.05.2018, 'The Myth of Fighter Development in World War One' by Greg Baughen, (Lancashire and Cheshire)	Greg Baughen looks at the reality of fighter development during the conduct of the First World War
(27) 14.02.2018, 'The British Army in Mesopotamia' with Paul Knight, (Heart of England)	In this talk Paul Knight will explain why he thinks Mesopotamia – Iraq – was the greatest of the Great War's 'sideshows'	(124) 12.05.2018, 'The Aisne Again: May 1918' - The Essence of Blitzkreig, (Scotland (Tayside))	'The Aisne Again: May 1918' - The Essence of Blitzkreig
(28) 15.02.2018, 'Theatre in the Great War' with	Helen will be talking about theatre in the	(125) 12.05.2018, 'The ones who	In this talk Andrew will look at the

Helen Brooks, London (East)	Great War and researching First War plays with a rehearsed reading by branch members of J.M.Barrie's 1918 play, 'The Old Lady Shows Her Medals'.	went first: the officers of the BEF in 1914' by Andrew Duncan, (Yorkshire)	military training and education of the pre-war junior officers
(29) 16.02.2018, 'Railway Artillery': a talk by Roger Penny, (Milton Keynes)	An illustrated talk about railway based artillery used during WW1.	(126) 14.05.2018, Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse VC and Bar a talk by Rev Fr Paul Chavasse, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse VC and Bar a talk by Rev Fr Paul Chavasse
(30) 16.02.2018, 'Soldier/Banker: Lt-Gen Sir Herbert Lawrence' by Dr Paul Harris, (Worcester & Herefordshire)	Dr Paul Harris will be giving a presentation on Lt-Gen Sir Herbert Lawrence.	(127) 16.05.2018, Tommy's Tailor by Dr Philip Rowe, (Avon)	Come and listen to Dr Philip Rowe talk on how the British Army provisioned its Soldiers with there uniforms from manufacture to the front during the Great War.
(31) 17.02.2018, 'War With the Ottoman Empire' by Dave Wright, (Birmingham)	The Ottoman Empire participated in World War I as one of the Central Powers.	(128) 19.05.2018, The Schools of King Edward VI, Birmingham, in the Great War' with Alison	The Schools of King Edward VI, Birmingham, in the Great War' with Alison Wheatley

		Wheatley, (Birmingham)	
(32) 17.02.2018, 'Mutiny during the Great War' with Paul Croft, (Ox & Bucks)	Paul Croft will give a presentation on mutiny in the First World War.	(129) 19.05.2018, Naval 8 Squadron, Royal Naval Air Service' by Colin Baxter, (Scotland (North))	Colin Baxter, 208 Squadron's official historian, will be giving a presentation on Naval 8 Squadron
(33) 18.02.2018, 'The Accrington Pals' Annual Memorial Service 18 February 2018	11th (Service) Battalion (Accrington) The East Lancashire Regiment 'The Accrington Pals' Annual Memorial Service	(130) 21.05.2018, 'It's All A Bit Heath Robinson: Re- inventing The First World War' a talk by Lucinda Gosling, (Southend on Sea)	'It's All A Bit Heath Robinson: Re- inventing The First World War' a talk by Lucinda Gosling
(34) 19.02.2018, 'The 5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment' with Steve Bramley, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	Steve Bramley will give a presentation on the 5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment.	(131) 02.06.2018, 7th Western Front Association President's Conference 2018 - 2 June 2018	7th Western Front Association President's Conference 2018 - 2 June 2018
(35) 19.02.2018, 'Avanti! The Northumberland Fusiliers and the Great War in Italy' with Tony Bail, (Tyneside)	Tony Ball will be giving a presentation on the Northumberland Fusiliers.	(132) 04.06.2018, 'From Brandhoek to Camp Bastion' by Jonathan Bell, (Lancashire (North))	From Brandhoek to Camp Bastion by Jonathan Bell The development of battlefield medical services
(36) 19.02.2018,	After his	(133)	"Running Out

<p>The Royal Fusiliers at The Battle of the Somme' - Talk by Jonathan Nicholl, (Southend on Sea)</p>	<p>popular talk to the branch last year about the Battle of Arras, the acclaimed author and battlefield tour guide Jonathan Nicholls makes a welcome return to talk about the role of the Royal Fusiliers at the Battle of the Somme.</p>	<p>05.06.2018, "Running Out of Road. Supplying the BEF During the 100 Days Offensives. 1918". - By Rob Thompson, (Chesterfield)</p>	<p>of Road. Supplying the BEF During the 100 Days Offensives. 1918". - By Rob Thompson</p>
<p>(37) 20.02.2018, 'The Battle of Arras' with Alistair Fraser, (Cleveland)</p>	<p>Alastair Fraser will be showing the film of the battle and providing commentary of the detail of the film in a similar vein to his highly acclaimed research into the Battle of the Somme film.</p>	<p>(134) 06.06.2018, '8th Lincs: In the shadow of Bois Hugo' by Nigel Attar, (Cambridgeshire)</p>	<p>This talk looks at 8th (Service) Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment during the First World War</p>
<p>(38) 21.02.2018, 'Breaking the Hindenburg Line' with Clive Harris, (Surrey)</p>	<p>Clive Harris will be giving a presentation on the breaking of the Hindenburg Line by allied forces in September 1918. These successful operations were the beginning of</p>	<p>(135) 09.06.2018, 'The Aisne Again: May 1918, the Essence of the Blitzkrieg' by David Blancha, (Yorkshire)</p>	<p>The Aisne Again: May 1918, the Essence of the Blitzkrieg' by David Blancha</p>

	the end for the German army.		
(39) 22.02.2018, 'Father Van Walleghem's Diary. The British Army in Flanders seen through Belgian eyes' by DominieckDendoooven, (Kent (North West))	DominieckDendoooven will give a talk on Father Van Walleghem's Diary.	(136) 09.06.2018, 'Germany in 2 World Wars (or why the Germans are bad at war)' by John Bourn (Yorkshire)	'Germany in 2 World Wars (or why the Germans are bad at war)' by John Bourn
(40) 22.02.2018, 'Gallipoli' with Prof. Gary Sheffield, (Thames Valley)	Prof Gary Sheffield will be giving a new talk entitled:"All Pretty Well Fed Up and Worn Out"? Morale and Military Effectiveness in VIII Corps at Gallipoli'.	(137) 11.06.2018, Winning with Laughter: Cartoonists at War by Luci Gosling, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	Winning with Laughter: Cartoonists at War by Luci Gosling
(41)23.02.2018, 'Twisting the Dragon's Tail - The Zeebrugge Raid 22-23 April 1918' by Alan Wakefield, (Devon and Cornwall)	Alan Wakefield will be giving a presentation on the Zeebrugge Raid of 22-23 April 1918.	(138) 12.06.2018, 'The First Naval Air War' by Alan Leakey, (Middlesex)	Alan Leakey will be giving a talk on the First Naval Air War.
(42) 26.02.2018, 'The Battles of 4th and 5th Ypres' with Sean Godfrey, (Northumberland )	Sean Godfrey will give a presentation on the Fourth and Fifth Battles of Ypres, 1918.	(139) 13.06.2018, RNAS Armoured Car Expeditionary Force in the Caucasus and	RNAS Armoured Car Expeditionary Force in the Caucasus and Beyond - Steve Kemp

		Beyond - Steve Kemp, (Somerset)	
(43) 26.02.2018, 'Females Spies of the Great War' with David Humberston, (Leicestershire & Rutland)	David Humberston will give a presentation titled 'Agents in Petticoats - Female Spies of the Great War	(140) 16.06.2018, 'British Forces in Italy 1917-1918' with Dale Hjort, (Birmingham)	This talk by Dale Hjort examine how Italy's war with Austro-Hungary led to British deployment
(44) 26.02.2018, 'The RAMC in the Great War' with Niall Cherry, (Leyland & Central Lancashire)	Niall Cherry will give a presentation on the RAMC in the First World War.	(141) 18.06.2018, 'Planning The Attack At Amiens - 8th August 1918' a talk by Charles Messenger, (Southend on Sea)	We finish the season by welcoming back the legend that is Charles Messenger.
(45) 26.02.2018, 'WAAC Sacks and Fannys' with Andrew Robertshaw, (Hampshire & Isle of Wight)	Andy Robertshaw will be giving a presentation on WAAC Sacks and Fannys.	(142) 20.06.2018, More than just Galipoli - Stuart Hadaway, (Avon)	This talk will be a slightly off-beat tour of some of the lesser-known activities carried out by the RN in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean.
(46) 28.02.2018, 'RMS Leinster' with Philip Lecane, (Cork)	Philip Lecane will be giving a presentation on RMS Leinster.	(143) 25.06.2018, Mountains, Mules and Malaria (Salonika) with Alan Wakefield, (Lincoln &	This talk sheds light on the experiences of British soldiers serving in Macedonia during the First War

		North Lincolnshire)	
(47) 28.02.2018, 'Looking at Objects from Towneley Hall' with Mike Townend, (Lancashire (East))	Mike Townend will be looking at objects from Towneley Hall.	(144) 30.06.2018, 'Planning the Attack at Amiens', (Scotland (Tayside))	Charles Messenger. The overwhelming attack at Amiens
(48) 01.03.2018, 'Deborah: Unearthing the Truth about the First Tank Battle' by John Taylor, (London)	John Taylor will give a presentation on the First Tank Battle.	(145) 02.07.2018, 'Territorial Gunnery at War' by Terry Dean, (Lancashire (North))	'Territorial Gunnery at War' by Terry Dean
(49) 01.03.2018, The Royal Army Medical Corps in the First World War with Niall Cherry, (Merseyside)	Niall Cherry will give a presentation on the RAMC in the Great War.	(146) 03.07.2018, The AEF 1917 - 1918 - By Graham Kemp, (Chesterfield)	Dr. Graham Kemp. "American Expeditionary Force" – the story and experiences of the AEF
(50) 02.03.2018, 'Royal Marine Artillery on the Western Front' with Phil Davies, (Wales (South))	Phil Davis will be giving a presentation on the Royal Marine Artillery on the Western Front.	(147) 04.07.2018, 'The Guns at Le Cateau: 26th August 1914' with Vern Littley, (Cambridgeshir e)	Vern Littley will be talking about the events associated with the Royal Artillery
(51) 03.03.2018, '21st Division 1914-1918' with Andy Lonergan, (Wales (North))	Andy Lonergan will give a presentation on the 21st Division in the First World War.	(148) 07.07.2018, 'Towards Victory' The Western Front Association York	'Towards Victory' The Western Front Association York Conference 2018 - 7 July

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(52) 03.03.2018, 'Command, Morale & Discipline at Gallipoli' with Prof. Gary Sheffield, (Wessex)	Prof. Gary Sheffield will give a presentation on command, morale and discipline at Gallipoli.	(149) 07.07.2018, Watch this space!, (Yorkshire)	Watch this space!
(53) 04.03.2018, 'Take Three Girls' with Helen Earle, (Wiltshire)	Helen Earle will be giving a presentation on women in the First World War.	(150) 09.07.2018 , 'Twisting the Dragon's Tail – the Zeebrugge Raid' by Alan Wakefield, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	Alan Wakefield will be giving a talk on the Zeebrugge Raid.
(54) 05.03.2018, 'Comparing The Somme 1916 and Arras' 1917 by Mike Coyle, (Lancashire (North))	Mike is an experienced researcher and writer on Military History. His interest in Arras was sparked by the death of a Great Uncle at Arras in May 2017. He was concerned that few know of Arras whilst all know of The Somme. He has visited the Arras Battle sites several times.	(151) 10.07.2018 , 'Twisting the Dragon's Tail – the Zeebrugge Raid' by Alan Wakefield, (Middlesex)	Alan Wakefield will be giving a talk on the Zeebrugge Raid.
(55) 06.03.2018,	Peter Hart gives	(152)	Gareth Davies

<p>'The Last Battle of 1918: The final six weeks of the War' with Peter Hart, (Kent (East))</p>	<p>a presentation on the last six weeks of the Great War.</p>	<p>11.07.2018, Battle of Hamel by Gareth Davies, (Somerset)</p>	<p>will present the Battle of Hamel</p>
<p>(56) 06.03.2018, Women Spies - by David Humberston, (Chesterfield)</p>	<p>David Humberston, Chairman of the Leicester Branch of the WFA, will be making his first visit to WFA Chesterfield to talk about 'Women Spies in The Great War.</p>	<p>(153) 21.07.2018, 'The Boys Brigade 1914-1918' with Rob Bolton</p>	<p>'The Boys Brigade 1914-1918' with Rob Bolton</p>
<p>(57) 06.03.2018, 'Norfolk Coast in the Great War: King's Lynn, Hunstanton, Sheringham, Cromer and Great Yarmouth (Towns and cities)' with Steve Browning, (Norfolk)</p>	<p>Steve Browning will give a presentation on the Norfolk Coast in the First World War. He will be considering towns such as King's Lynn, Hunstanton, Sheringham and Great Yarmouth.</p>	<p>(154) 30.07.2018, Haig – Foch – Pershing, The Battle of St Mihiel 1918 with Michael O'Brien, (Lincoln &amp; North Lincolnshire)</p>	<p>Haig – Foch – Pershing, The Battle of St Mihiel 1918 with Michael O'Brien</p>
<p>(58) 07.03.2018, 'The Organisation of Defeat' by Simon Justice, (Cambridgeshire )</p>	<p>A look at the BEF in the build-up to the German Spring Offensives</p>	<p>(155) 06.08.2018, 'A Moonlight Massacre: The Night Operation on the Passchendaele Ridge, (Lancashire</p>	<p>Dr Michael LoCicero A Moonlight Massacre: The Night Operation on the Passchendaele Ridge</p>

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(59)08.03.2018, Review the Revisionist: a reconsideration of the 'Shot at Dawn' controversy' by Mike Jackson, (Antrim and Down)	Mike Jackson will take a fresh look at the controversy that has developed around military executions	(156) 07.08.2018, Historically Accurate Research Presentation by Peter Dennis, (Chesterfield)	Historically Accurate Research Presentation by Peter Dennis
(60) 09.03.2018, 'Nurse Edith Cavell - Her Arrest, Interrogation and Execution' with Paul Handford, (Midlands (East))	Paul Handford will give a presentation on Nurse Edith Cavell- her arrest, interrogation and execution.	(157) 11.08.2018, 'The 1914 experience of Lancashire regiments' by Terry Dean, (Yorkshire)	The talk covers the major events from declaration of war on 4 August to the end of the First Battle
(61) 09.03.2018, 'The Spanish Flu' with Dr Jane Orr, (Lancashire and Cheshire)	Dr Jane Orr will give a presentation on the Spanish Flu epidemic.	(158) 13.08.2018, "Uttoxeter's Sacrifice at Loos" by Gillian and Alan Talbot, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	"Uttoxeter's Sacrifice at Loos" by Gillian and Alan Talbot
(62) 10.03.2018, 'Five Days from Defeat, the British response to Ludendorff's spring offensive, (Scotland (South))	Walter Reid will be giving a presentation on the Spring Offensive, 1918.	(159) 18.08.2018, 'Twisting the tail of the Dragon-The Zeebrugge Raid April 22/23 1918' with Alan Wakefield, (Birmingham)	'Twisting the tail of the Dragon-The Zeebrugge Raid April 22/23 1918' with Alan Wakefield
(63) 10.03.2018,	In this	(160)	The Aisne

<p>‘Stabbed in the Back’ a talk by Peter Edwards, (Yorkshire)</p>	<p>presentation, about the German General Staff and economic mismanagement during the Great War</p>	<p>03.09.2018, The Aisne Again: May 1918- the essence of Blitzkrieg’ by David Blanchard, (Lancashire (North))</p>	<p>Again: May 1918- the essence of Blitzkrieg’ by David Blanchard</p>
<p>(64) 12.03.2018, ‘Not Again! Battle of the Aisne May 1918’ with Peter Hart, (Staffs (North) &amp; Cheshire (South))</p>	<p>Peter Hart will be giving a presentation on the Battle of Aisne, 1918.</p>	<p>(161) 04.09.2018, The Great Escape - Nottingham - September 1917 - by John Beech, (Chesterfield)</p>	<p>John Beech. John needs no introduction to Chesterfield members as he rarely misses a meeting.</p>
<p>(65) 12.03.2018, ‘The German Spring Offensive’ by Rob Thompson, (Durham)</p>	<p>Rob Thompson will be giving a presentation on the German Spring Offensive of 1918.</p>	<p>(162) 05.09.2018, ‘The Machine Gun Corps’ by Bill Fulton, (Cambridgeshire)</p>	<p>In the presentation Bill Fulton will be talking about Machine Gun Corps,</p>
<p>(66) 13.03.2018, ‘British Army Officer Selection and Training 1914-18’ by Charles Messenger, (Middlesex)</p>	<p>Charles Messenger will be giving a talk on the British Army Officer Selection and Training 1914-18.</p>	<p>(163) 06.09.2018, 1918 - 2018 Centenary Conference - 6 September 1918</p>	<p>1918 - 2018 Centenary Conference - 6 September 1918</p>
<p>(67) 13.03.2018, ‘Commemorative Art Medals of the First World War’ with Mike Cerrino, (Cheltenham &amp; Gloucester)</p>	<p>This light-hearted talk looks at the fascinating history of rare cast-metal Great War commemorative</p>	<p>(164), 08.09.2018, ‘At the Top of the Curve? - The BEF Striding Towards Victory in 1918’</p>	<p>The Northumberland Regional Conference</p>

	medals, privately produced in Germany, Austria, Hungary and France.		
(68) 14.03.2018, 'Régina Diana: Seductress, Singer, Spy' by Viv Newman, (Essex)	Viv Newman will give a talk on Régina Diana.	(165) 08.09.2018, The 21st Division at Loos, 1915' a presentation by Dr Derek Clayton, (Yorkshire)	The 21st Division at Loos, 1915' a presentation by Dr Derek Clayton
(69) 14.03.2018, 'An Artist's War' a talk by Phyllida Shaw, (Somerset)	Phyllida Shaw will bring to life the story of Morris Meredith Evans who prewar was a book illustrator an teacher.	(166) 10.09.2018, "Frank Richards" by Paul Blurton, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	"Frank Richards" by Paul Blurton
(70) 14.03.2018, 'Psychological Warfare in 1914- 18; with Dr Peter Caddick-Adams, (Suffolk)	Dr Peter Caddick-Adams will be giving a presentation on psychological warfare.	(167) 10.09.2018, The Friends' Ambulance Unit's Motor Ambulance Convoys 1914- 1918 with Paul Handford, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	The Friends' Ambulance Unit's Motor Ambulance Convoys 1914- 1918 with Paul Handford
(71) 14.03.2018, Retreat and Rearguard - Somme 1918 : The Fifth Army Retreat by Jerry	In this talk, branch member Jerry Murland will describe some of the desperate	(168) 12.09.2018, Grandpa's War - Susan Burnett, (Somerset)	The fascinating story of Norman Woodcock by his granddaughter

Murlan, (Heart of England)	rearguard actions fought by the British, Irish, and South African troops of the Fifth Army as they retreated on the Somme during the German's Michael offensive between 21st March to 5th April.		Susan Burnett.
(72) 15.03.2018 'Carlisle Citizens League' with David Carter, (Cumbria)	David Carter will be giving a presentation on the Carlisle Citizens League.	(169) 15.09.2018, 'Haig, Foch, Pershing and the Battle of St.Mihiel' with Michael O'Brian, (Birmingham)	'Haig, Foch, Pershing and the Battle of St.Mihiel' with Michael O'Brian
(73) 15.03.2018, 'The Chinese Labour Corps' with Wenlan Peng, (London (East))	Wenlan will be talking about The Chinese Labour Corps and showing her documentary film, 'Forgotten Faces of the Great War; The Chinese Labour Corps'.	(170) 22.09.2018, 'Clearing the Dead' by Dr Peter Hodgkinson, (Scotland (North))	Dr Peter Hodgkinson talks about the huge effort required after the war to try and recover and identify the dead soldiers, and the organisation of the teams that scoured the battlefields and carried out the exhumations.
(74) 16.03.2018,	An illustrated	(171)	Tony's talk is

UK War Graves: a talk by the CWGC, (Milton Keynes)	talk by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.	01.10.2018, 'A Trip to Switzerland – a little-known aspect of WW1' by Tony Foster, (Lancashire (North))	on the heart- warming story of the visits by wives and sweethearts to POW's in Switzerland in 1916.
(75) 16.03.2018, 'The Provincial Press and the Outbreak of War - a Unionist View in Worcestershire' with Nick Beeching, (Worcester & Herefordshire)	Nick Beeching will give a presentation on the unionist coverage by the provincial press in Worcestershire at the outbreak of war.	(172) 02.10.2018, Battle of Selle October 1918 - by Peter Hodgkinson, (Chesterfield)	Battle of Selle October 1918 - by Peter Hodgkinson
(76) 17.03.2018, 'The Life of General Sir Horace Smith- Dorrien' with Athur Aston, (Birmingham)	'The Life of General Sir Horace Smith- Dorrien' with Athur Aston (Birmingham)	(173) 03.10.2018, The Guards Division at the Battle of Loos 1915' by Dave Griffiths, (Cambridgeshir e)	This presentation by Dave Griffiths will look at the Guards Division
(77) 17.03.2018, 'The Chilterns in the Great War' by Paul Croft, (Ox & Bucks)	Paul Croft will give a presentation on the Chilterns in the First World War.	(174) 08.10.2018, Dr Peter Caddick- Adams - a talk regarding his Grandfather, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	Dr Peter Caddick- Adams - a talk regarding his Grandfather
(78) 17.03.2018, 'An Artist's War', (Scotland (Tayside))	An Artist's War published earlier this year and will be used to	(175) 13.10.2018, The Royal Naval Air	The Royal Naval Air Service' a talk by Phil

	illustrate her lecture on the Williams's life and work.	Service' a talk by Phil Tomaselli (Yorkshire)	Tomaselli
(79) 19.03.2018, 'The Ottoman Empire in the Great War' with Jeff, (Tyneside)	A talk on the Ottoman Empire in the First World War.	(176) 20.10.2018, 'Everyday life of Corporal Vince Schurhoff' with Dr. Jim Beach, (Birmingham)	'Everyday life of Corporal Vince Schurhoff' with Dr. Jim Beach
(80) 19.03.2018, 'The Battle of The Aisne, Chemin des Dames & The French Mutiny' - Talk by Philip Stevens, (Southend on Sea)	Philip Stevens is a former army officer and author of The Great War Explained, a beginners guide to the Great War which is now in it's third edition.	(177) 22.10.2018, British Intelligence and the German Spring Offensives with Dr Jim Beach, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	Jim's presentation will explain what British intelligence knew in advance of the German offensives
(81) 20.03.2018, 'Backs to the Wall - The Fourth and Fifth Battles of Ypres' with Sean Godfrey, (Cleveland)	Sean Godfrey will be looking at the actions of these battles which although largely forgotten inflicted more casualties than the 1st and 2nd Battles of Ypres.	(178) 27.10.2018, Forgotten Victory Conference 1918 - 27/28 October 2018	Forgotten Victory Conference 1918 - 27/28 October 2018
(82) 21.03.2018, 'From Flying Dreadnought to Dogfighter' by Greg Baughen, (Avon)	In this talk, Greg Baughen describes the story behind British efforts to overcome the problems.	(179) 05.11.2018, 'Verdun, 1916, the battle that changed the 20th Century' by Philip Stevens,	Verdun, 1916, the battle that changed the 20th Century by Philip Stevens

		(Lancashire (North))	
(83) 21.03.2018, 'Gough's Fire Brigade - the role of the cavalry in resisting the German 'Michael' Offensive in March/April 1918' with Nick Howgill, (Surrey)	Nick Howgill will give a presentation on the use of cavalry by Gough during the German Spring Offensive of 1918.	(180) 06.11.2018, The 501 Piece Jigsaw - by Bryn Hammond, (Chesterfield)	This Months talk will be by Bryn Hammond titled The 501 Piece Jigsaw - Tank
(84) 22.03.2018, 'See How They Ran - The German March Offensive' with John Chester, (Spalding and South Lincs)	John Chester will be giving a presentation on the Spring Offensive, 1918.	(181) 07.11.2018, 'Not again: The Battle of the Aisne, 27 May 1918' by Peter Hart, (Cambridgeshir e)	Peter Hart will be giving a presentation on the 3rd battle of the Aisne
(85) 26.03.2018, 'Ordinance, Equipping the British Army in the Great War 14/18' with Philip Hamlyn Williams, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	Philip Hamlyn Williams will give a presentation on ordinance and equipping the British Army in the First World War.	(182) 10.11.2018, 'Winning with Laughter: Cartoonists & the Great War' a talk by Luci Gosling, (Yorkshire)	Lucinda Gosling considers the role of the cartoon during the First World War
(86) 26.03.2018, 'Kaiserschlacht!' - (The German Spring Offensive, 1918) by Carl Watts,	Carl Watts will give a presentation on the German Spring Offensive, 1918	(183) 12.11.2018, "The End of the Great War" by Professor Stephen Stephen	"The End of the Great War" by Professor Stephen Badsey

(Northumberland )		Badsey, (Staffs (North) & Cheshire (South))	
(87) 26.03.2018, 'The Story of the Loughborough Carillon' by Mel Gould, (Leicestershire & Rutland)	Mel Gould will be giving a talk on the Loughborough Carillon.	(184) 12.11.2018, Sanitation, Sand & Shells with Dr Claire Hubbard-Hall, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	Sanitation, Sand & Shells: The war diary of Corporal Alfred Cockburn
(88) 26.03.2018, 'Operation Michael' with Rob Thompson, (Leyland & Central Lancashire)	Rob Thompson will give a presentation on Operational Michael.	(185) 17.11.2018, 'The Secret of Success BEF Transport & Operational Success 1918' with Rob Thompson, (Birmingham)	'The Secret of Success BEF Transport & Operational Success 1918' with Rob Thompson
(89) 26.03.2018, 'American Expeditionary Force on the Meuse Argonne 1918' with Peter Hart, (Hampshire & Isle of Wight)	Peter Hart will give a presentation on the AEF in the Meuse Argonne in 1918.	(186) 01.12.2018, Branch AGM & Members Medley, (Scotland (Tayside))	Branch AGM & Members Medley
(90) 28.03.2018, 'Germany and Austria after the War' with Susan Pearson, (Wales (Gwent))	Susan Pearson will be giving a presentation on Germany and Austria after the First World War.	(187) 03.12.2018, The Great War and Remembrance with Tim Atkinson, (Lincoln & North Lincolnshire)	This talk will be on 'The Great War and Remembrance'
(91) 28.03.2018,	Marie McCarthy	(188)	AGM and

'The Life and Times of Flora Sandes' with Marie McCarthy, (Cork)	will be giving a talk on Flora Sandes.	03.12.2018, AGM and Christmas Social 2018, (Lancashire (North))	Christmas Social 2018
(92) 28.03.2018, 'The Guns of Passchendaele' with Peter Hart, (Lancashire (East))	Peter Hart will give a presentation on the guns of Passchendaele.	(189) 04.12.2018, Auxiliary Hospitals and the role of the VAD Nurses - by DrPhylomenaB adsey, (Chesterfield)	Rounding the year off in style will be DrPhylomenaB adsey on "Auxiliary Hospitals
(93) 29.03.2018, 'The Chinese Labour Corps' with Wenlan Peng, (Kent (North West))	Wen lan Peng will give a presentation on the Chinese Labour Corps in the First World War,	(190) 05.12.2018, 'Traditional members evening 2018', (Cambridgeshire)	'Traditional members evening 2018'
(94) 29.03.2018, 'Gothas Over England ' with Ian Castle, (Thames Valley)	Ian Castle will be giving a presentation on Germany's First World War bomber offensive against London	(191) 08.12.2018, 'Brothers in Arms: Breaking the Hindenburg Line' a talk by Clive Harris, (Yorkshire)	'Brothers in Arms: Breaking the Hindenburg Line' a talk by Clive Harris
(95) 30.03.2018, 'The Italian Front' by John Chester, (Devon and Cornwall)	John Chester will be giving a presentation on the Italian Front.	(192) 15.12.2018, Member's Talks, (Birmingham)	Members' Talks
(96) 03.04.2018, Not Again - The German Offensive on the Aisne, May 1918	No stranger this guy, Peter Hart making his annual pilgrimage to	(193) 06.02.2019, 'Nursing through shot and shell' by	'Nursing through shot and shell' by Viv Newman.

- by Peter Hart, (Chesterfield)	Chesterfield.	Viv Newman, (Cambridgeshire)	
(97) 03.04.2018, 'Memories of Austro Hungary' with Andrew Brooks, (Lancashire (North))	Andrew Brooks our erstwhile Chairman will be presenting a selection of memorabilia from Austro Hungarian Front. This is intended to complement the February talk by Graham Kemp; Austro Hungarian War 1914-18 - The Great Debacle.	(194) 06.03.2019, 'Zeebrugge Raid' by Alan Wakefield, (Cambridgeshire)	'Zeebrugge Raid' by Alan Wakefield.
		'(195) 03.04.2019, The Battle of Dogger Bank 1915' with Dr Scott Lindgren, (Cambridgeshire)	Dr Scott Lindgren will be talking about this naval engagement which occurred on the 24 January 1915