



Crofton Beam Engines
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Event Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Crofton hosts the exhibition of Wiltshire at War Exhibition 4 - Keeping the Home Fires Burning 17th May to 25th June

*Crofton Beam Engines will be displaying “Wiltshire at War Exhibition 4 – Keeping the Home Fires Burning” starting on 17th May until 25th June. Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund it is part of the Wiltshire at War: Community Stories project. For more information, please see www.wiltshireatwar.org.uk .

Wiltshire Museums have also organised for Emma Shelley to give a talk on “The Role of Women in the First World War” the afternoon of Thursday 25 May at 2.00 p.m. The talk will be free, but ticketed: for tickets, please email crofton@katrust.org.uk or tel. 01672 870300 to reserve your place as numbers will be limited.

Afternoon tea will also be available at the Engineman’s Rest for £6.95 per person, tickets for this will be sold in advance at Crofton.

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About Crofton: Crofton Beam Engines is situated on the north side of the Kennet and Avon Canal near to its highest point. It was built to pump water to the highest level of the canal some 13m (40’) higher and 1.13Km (0.7miles) to the west. It is home to two magnificent steam driven beam engines one of which can claim to be the oldest in the world still in its original location and doing the job it was installed for in 1812. Crofton Beam Engines is a Grade 1 listed site. It is also a branch of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust who operate the site through an enthusiastic band of volunteers all of whom are keen to provide visitors with a memorable experience.

Web: <http://www.croftonbeamengines.org/>

PRESS RELEASE CONTACTS

For further information please contact Crofton Beam Engines through the following address :

Email: publicity@croftonbeamengines.org

A poster for this event is attached to this release.

A talk by Emma Shelley

“The Role of Women in the First World War”

**Crofton Beam Engines, Nr Marlborough
Thursday 25th May 2017 at 2pm**



This talk focuses on the contribution of women during the period 1914-1918; not only in the household but also how they began to flex their muscles in the theatre of war. As their menfolk left them to join the frontlines, how did women change their own behaviour to fill the void? What new skills did they have to learn, pressures did they face, and lessons did they take from it? What price did women pay for the war raging in Europe, and what legacy did it leave? In this talk Emma looks at some of the roles played by women in the First World War and the questions these roles both asked and answered.

Free event

Afternoon Tea of sandwiches, cakes and tea/ coffee
available for £6.95 per person

For further information and to book your
ticket and afternoon tea please contact
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