

Haringey

FIRST WORLD WAR **PEACE** FORUM

Annual Report July 2015 – October 2016



Haringey First World War Peace Forum was formally constituted on 31 July 2015 (although the group had already been meeting since 2013). The following agreed to take on responsibilities:
Valerie Flessati – chair; John Hinshelwood – secretary
Jennifer Bell – treasurer; Joanna Bornat – fundraiser
The Forum now has a bank account. Since July 2015 the Forum has met ten times to organise events and activities and to share local and national information about First World War Peace activities.

The activities of the Forum during this period include:

The development of an internet presence

Work on the Forum's Wordpress site (<https://hfwwpf.wordpress.com>) continued throughout the year. This now includes the names and brief biographies, compiled by Jennifer Bell and Joanna Bornat, of the 350 men identified as conscientious objectors associated with what is now the London Borough of Haringey. John Hinshelwood has maintained the site and included maps and images for the picture gallery. So far a few comments have been received.

Fundraising

£330 was raised in donations from an appeal to 60 individual local people.

Work was carried out on a bid to the Arts Council for a bid to fund a drama and schools workshops based on the Forum's research into local tribunals however this was put on hold in late 2015 when the then collaborator was unable to continue with the plan.

Attending meetings, workshops and conferences

Members of the Forum presented the results of their research at:

- the annual local history fair at Bruce Castle in February 2016
- the University of Leeds 'Resistance to War' conference on 19 March 2016
- two workshops in the 'Everyday Lives in World War' programme run at the University of Hertfordshire, on 10 September 2015 and 7 May 2016
- at the 'Everyday Lives' conference at the National Archives on 9 September 2016.



at Bruce Castle history fair

Organised the following local activities

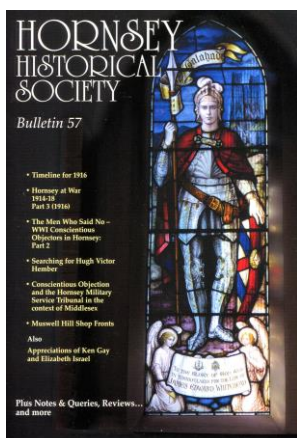
Members of the Forum have:

- assisted in the production of an audio trail featuring Haringey COs by Gary Maxen MA student at the University of East London
- contributed to the Peace Pledge Union exhibition set up at Bruce Castle Museum from September 2015
- organised a musical event 'Courage and Conscience' led by Clive Barrett (Peace Museum) held at the Mattison Road Church on the evening of 29 February. This was well attended, after being publicised locally, by around 100 people and raised £483.63, of which £400 was donated to the Refugee Centre at the Church
- marked International Conscientious Objectors' day on 15 May 2016 when members and supporters of the Forum hung posters in 100 roads in Crouch End, Haringay, St Ann's and Wood Green where COs were known to have lived.



Publishing

Members have published two articles in the bulletin of Hornsey Historical Society:



- Jennifer Bell, 'The men who said no – Conscientious Objectors in Hornsey: Part 2', *Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin*, 57, 2016: 16-21
- John Hinshelwood, 'Conscientious Objection and the Hornsey Military Service Tribunal', *Hornsey Historical Society Bulletin*, 57, 2016: 32-36

Publicity

The Crouch End *Broadway Ham and High* newspaper carried reports on Clive Barrett's music presentation and about the CO signs in Haringey streets. This was also covered by *Peace News* and Haringay Online.

Activities currently in progress

Members of the Forum are:

- continuing to explore possibilities for organising and funding the dramatic reconstruction of a Military Service Tribunal aimed at engaging older school students
- working with a stonemason, Will O'Leary, on the design of a memorial to the 350 Haringey COs to be installed at Salisbury Corner if possible, and funded through crowdfunding. So far three local councillors as well as the chair and deputy chair of Haringay Traders Association have expressed support and the Forum is consulting with council officers. The aim is to have installed the memorial by Spring 2017.
- Discussing a possible contribution to the Institute of Historical Research's Heritage Lottery funded project, 'Layers of London'.

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