The Faculty of Health and Social Care Historical Society is commemorating 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War with a series of talks on the effects of the conflict, together with a new exhibition ‘The First World War: Returning Home’ in the Museum at its Riverside Campus in Chester.

**The First World War: Returning Home**

This new exhibition will provide an insight into what a soldier invalided back from the Front would have found on his return to Cheshire. Using local examples wherever possible, the exhibition covers aspects such as medical advances, the psychological effects of war, volunteering and volunteer nurses, a doctor’s country practice, home life, food and recipes, rural life and social welfare. The Historical Society volunteers, together with contributors from a range of local institutions, have created the initial displays and it is hoped that they will evolve over the four-year commemoration of the conflict.

‘Returning Home’ will complement the existing collection of curiosities from the world of medicine, nursing, midwifery and social work in the Riverside Museum which is open to the public on the first Wednesday of the month between 1pm and 4pm. Visitors with an interest in health and social care or local history are always welcome to come along and find out more from the volunteers, many of whom have a healthcare background. Please note that we have modest accommodation with limited capacity (maximum of 30 people) and group bookings for six or more people can be made at other times by prior arrangement. Visit www.chester.ac.uk/hsc/historical-society for further details or contact: Roger Whiteley, r.whiteley@chester.ac.uk, 01244 511619.

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**Programme of Events**

• Wednesday, 1 October, 1-4pm **Riverside Museum Opening**
• Wednesday, 1 October, 4pm - **Dunham Massey to Stamford Military Hospital** - Katie Taylor, House & Collections Manager, Dunham Massey Hall will talk about how Dunham Massey has been transformed into the Stamford Military Hospital and some of the rich stories they have found in the archives.
• Wednesday, 5 November, 1-4pm **Riverside Museum Opening**
• Wednesday, 5 November, 4pm **Nursing Men with Psychological Trauma during the First World War, Dr Claire Chatterton**, Staff Tutor, Faculty of Health and Social Care, The Open University in the North West, will explore the medical and nursing care that was provided for over 80,000 men that suffered from mental health problems during the First World War.
• Wednesday, 3 December, 1-4pm **Riverside Museum Opening**
• Wednesday 3 December, 4pm - **Veiled Warriors: Allied Nurses of the First World War by Professor Christine Hallett**, Professor of Nursing History, University of Manchester and Chair of the UK Association for the History of Nursing who will speak about her book, *Veiled Warriors*, in which she traces the story of professional and volunteer nurses during the First World War.

Further details on these events are available at: www.chester.ac.uk/hsc/historical-society and events for 2015 will be posted here as soon as they are finalised.

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