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World War One began in the summer of 1914 and ended four years later with the world in disarray, empires and countries destroyed, the political and social order in upheaval, more than nine million people dead, and another world war soon to come.

One hundred years later the impact of the war still resonates, as people remember the war and the people involved and try to reconcile their differing responses to it. The heroism and valour of the participants is celebrated, while the political and national motives and reasons for the war are intensely debated.

As their act of remembrance, the Temple Church will be displaying an exhibition about the lives of Inner and Middle Temple members who took part in the war, which will run from 28 July until the end of 2014.

The Inner Temple Library has created a display focusing upon the creative and emotional responses of artists, poets and musicians who either took part in or were affected by the war, which have given rise to some of the most iconic, evocative, and loved, works of the twentieth century. Whether propaganda for the war, protest against it, or reflections of personal experiences, the creative output during and after the war was staggering, as was the impact on the artists themselves.

We have restricted ourselves to British arts, and have not been able to cover every element we would like to, but for those who would like to follow up their interest in this we have compiled a list of relevant events in London and some useful websites which we consider to be valuable resources.

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SELECTED RELEVANT WEBSITES

The First World War Poetry Digital Archive: www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/

The Guardian: www.theguardian.com/world/firstworldwar

First World War Centenary Events: www.1914.org/

British Library: www.bl.uk/world-war-one

Imperial War Museum: www.iwm.org.uk/history/first-world-war

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS IN LONDON

Temple Church	WWI Exhibition	31 July—31 Dec
Bank of England Museum	The First World War and the Bank of England	21 July—31 Dec
British Library	Enduring War	Until 12 Oct
British Museum	The Other Side of the Medal	Until 23 Nov
Cartoon Museum	WWI in Cartoon & Comic Art	Until 19 Oct
Florence Nightingale Museum	The Hospital in the Oatfield—the Art of Nursing in WWI	Until 26 Oct
Fusilier Museum	Outbreak 1914	4 Aug—31 Aug
Guildhall Library	From Beef 'Tea to Battleships	4 Aug—12 Nov
Guildhall Library	Remembrance Image Project	4 Aug—12 Nov
Hackney Museum	Writing Home	Until 30 Aug
Imperial War Museum	British Art of WWI	19 Jul—8 Mar
Jewish Museum	For King and Country?	Until 10 Aug
London Metropolitan Archives	Emergency! London 1914	Until 30 Oct
London Transport Museum	Goodbye Piccadilly	Until 8 Mar
National Maritime Museum	Forgotten Fighters: the First World War at Sea	From 2 Aug
National Portrait Gallery	The Naval Officers	Until 12 Oct
Queen's House, Greenwich	War Artists at Sea	Until 28 Feb
Royal Air Force Museum	Biggles and Chums	Until 4 Jan
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	Plants, People and the Products of War	Until 29 Aug
St James's Park	'Fields of Battle' Photography	4 Aug—12 Sep
Sir John Soane's Museum	Peace Breaks Out! London and Paris in the Summer of 1914	Until 13 Sep
Tate Modern	Conflict, Time, Photography	26 Nov—15 Mar
William Morris Gallery	Help is Better than Sympathy	Until 14 Sep