

Lofthouse Park's Forgotten History, 1900-1919

Did you know that Lofthouse Park was the site of an amusement park and aerodrome in the early 1900s before it became a camp for more than 1,000 German and Austrian civilians and officers during the First World War? Did you know that research is under way to recover some of this history?

If you would like to find out more about Lofthouse before, during and after World War One, join us for a free and family-friendly event on:

> **Heritage Open Day Sunday** II September 2016 **Lofthouse Gate Working Men's Club** 12 Canal Lane, Lofthouse, Wakefield, WF3 3HN

Display, refreshments and children's activities: 11-16.00 Guided neighbourhood walk: 11.30 and 14.00 (starts at WMC) Mapping workshop: 12.00 (14+) **Short creative performance: 15.00**

Did your family live in or around Lofthouse 100 years ago? Do you have any documents or photographs relating to the local area from the 1900s or 1910s? Do you know any stories about the park or the camp? Have you found objects around Park Avenue, Park Square, Park View or Peter Duffy Ltd. that might date back to the early 20th century? Would you like to get involved in a local history project?

Please come and discover, share your knowledge or join the team.



This event is organised by In the Wrong Place at the Wrong Time, a British German project exploring the little known history of civilian internment during WWI. The project contributes to the First World War Centenary Partnership, led by the IWM, and is supported by the AHRC/Centre for Hidden Histories and Legacies of War at the University of Leeds. http://ruhlebenlofthouse.com

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