

# History at St Andrew's



There are plenty of examples of the Manchester Camerata's past projects on their website:

<http://www.manchestercamerata.co.uk/learning/videos>

This should give you an idea of what is in store!

## Bridgewater Weekender 21 and 22 June 2014

### Saturday

Worsley to Manchester City centre cruise	11am
Flotilla on the canal	1:30-2pm
Heritage Walk	2pm-4pm

### Sunday

Family picnic on Worsley Green	2pm-4pm
Music Festival in Dukes Drive, Monton	2pm-7pm

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## Celebrating History

### World War One Centenary

As I am sure most of you are aware this year marks the 100th year anniversary of WWI. It is important that the children recognise such a historic event and find ways to commemorate the sacrifices that were made.

Over the next four years schools have been encouraged to explore ways to celebrate the war not just in school but also in the local community.

### Ways to celebrate

Through a consultation meeting with teachers, Salford City council have compiled a list of some initial ideas for schools. Some fantastic ideas have been put forward such as creating a travelling exhibition to tour schools, events involving dance,

music and art and even the adoption of a local war memorial by a school!

### Imperial War Museum North

During the next school year we are looking to organise a trip to the IWMN. This was also one of the suggestions put forward by the council and as it is practically on our doorstep we felt it is the perfect opportunity to kick start our celebration of the centenary. The aim is for each year group to go and gain some experience of what life was like for everyone involved in the war. Also, a **First World War exhibition** opened in April 2014 and will be available for a year, so we would like the children to visit whilst this is in place. I am sure it will be a memorable experience for both teachers and pupils.

### Bridgewater Canal

Salford City Council recently announced that they had secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to revitalise the Bridgewater Canal in Salford. I was fortunate enough to be invited along for a special preview at Worsley Delph to see the upcoming plans for development. £5.5m will be invested over the next four years to transform the area with new tow-paths, information panels and rejuvenated parks. From pictures and discussions with those involved, it was clear to see that this is going to be something special. It will be the first time in many years that the public will have access to Worsley Delph and Barton Aqueduct; very exciting times ahead!

## Bridgewater Opera with Manchester Camerata

Thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund, we have been selected as 1 of 6 schools to take part in a project entitled 'Our History'. This consists of a 3 part opera with Manchester Camerata's Learning and Participation Department.

Manchester Camerata are going to be working with each school to create a new 3 part opera based on the heritage of the Bridgewater Canal. The 6 schools will be paired up and each pair will work with musicians, a composer and a dramatist from the

Camerata to create an opera which will then be performed for family, friends and the local community. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and it is something we are proud to be involved in.