

Carillon Chimes

The Newsletter of the Loughborough
Carillon & War Memorial Museum

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POW Newsletter. We have in our collection a number of newsletters (Cat No 2019.031) produced by prisoners in Stalag 18A during their captivity in WW2. The camp was located at Wolfsberg in Southern Austria. By June 1944 there was a total of 38,831 prisoners registered at the camp although the vast majority were scattered amongst numerous labour camps.

We were contacted by a Mr Ian Brown who runs the website: [Prisoner of War \(stalag18a.org\)](http://Prisoner of War (stalag18a.org)) (everything you need to know about Stalag 18A) with a request to have the newsletters on loan so that he could scan them all and of course we were glad to help. Pleased that some of the hundreds of items of ephemera we hold will get to see the light of day.



He has now been in touch again - he is visiting the museum in Wolfsberg (Museum im Lavanthaus) in early October as they have an exhibition focusing on the prison camp, Stalag 18A. He asked if he could take the newsletters to loan them the items for the duration of the exhibition and again, we are delighted that the newsletters will be made available to a wider audience. The scans of the newsletters will be alongside so that visitors can read the contents of them.

What's New. Mr Malcolm Ball of Loughborough has donated a WW2 era G45 Gun Camera. It was used throughout the war by RAF fighter units. It had variable frame speeds to correspond to the rate of fire of the various machine guns in use at the time. The G45 was the standard camera used by Fighter Command: Spitfires and Hurricanes and was triggered by firing the weapon. Not only did it record how effective the fire was but also a valuable training aid. If you have ever watched any WW2 documentary you will have seen footage filmed by the G45 Gun Camera.



Volunteer Recruitment Fair. We will be holding our third volunteer recruitment fair on Thursday 20 October at Loughborough Library 10am till 2pm. There will be eight tables for organisations who rely on volunteers. We will not have a presence, closing at the end of September we have not got a lot to offer, however once our situation becomes clear we will be recruiting.



In the meantime, we need a volunteer to post on our [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/) account. Two posts a week, ten minutes of someone's time. Look at our page! It's simple. We have 517 followers but haven't posted since 29 August. Do you know a young person who could look up from their own phone long enough to help us out?