



Southam Women in World War 1



The story of the Grange VAD hospital,
told in photographs, letters from the front, and memories
Vivian House, 21 Market Hill, Southam, CV47 0HF

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Opening: Southam Carnival Day May 26th 12:00 - 16:00
Every Tuesday: June 3rd - Sept 30th 10:00 - 12:00
Farmer's Market Saturdays: June - Sept 10:00 - 12:00

Bandages and fresh air - a chance for their wounds to heal and their minds to rest ...



The Red Cross Hospital at The Grange received over 1,000 wounded soldiers. Southam women of all ages became VADs and folk from the area gave money to equip the hospital.

The nurses in their flowing crisp uniforms must have been a familiar sight in the town. Come and spend some time browsing the life stories of the women and girls who left their families, manual work or home comforts to do demanding, sometimes harrowing voluntary work.

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The Cardall and Alan Griffin Collections of photographs give a unique glimpse of life at The Grange. Descendants and relations of the VADs have shared family photographs, letters and memories to help us trace their stories.



Follow the story of Alec Colbeck, a Yorkshire lad, injured in battle and treated here.

Group Leaders: We can open the Exhibition for group visits at other times. Please contact us, and why not book our illustrated talk 'Bandages and Fresh Air' for your next season? Please contact Val Brodie on 01926 812179 for details.



Discover Daisy Chamberlayne serving in France and find out about Lily, Isobel, Violet, Beattie, Olive, Helen, Sarah, Mary, Nellie, Lady Honor, Nancy, Maria, Adelaide, Selina, Moyna, Sisters from the Convent and many more...

Southam's Cardall Collection
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