

Creating WW1 digital stories using Windows Movie Maker

What is Digital Storytelling?

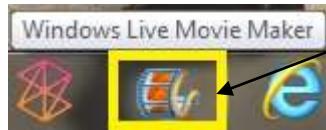
Digital Storytelling is a way of sharing everyday personal stories and heritage material through short pieces of multimedia. They can be touching and emotionally powerful, as well as humorous and informative. For examples of WW1 digital stories visit www.glosremembers.co.uk/ww1-blog

How to create a Digital Story using Windows Movie Maker

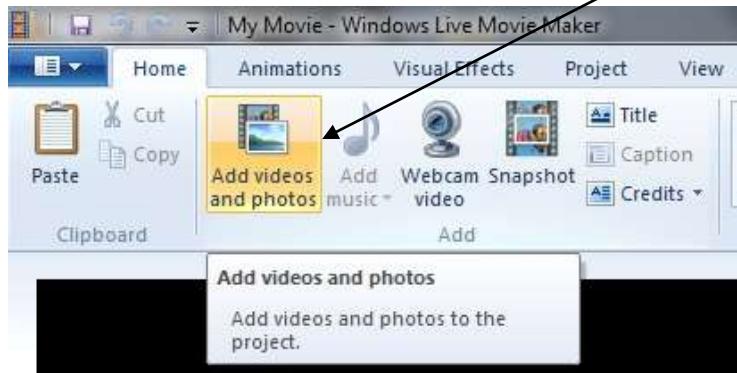
1 Download Windows Movie Maker for free from:

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-GB/windows/get-movie-maker-download>

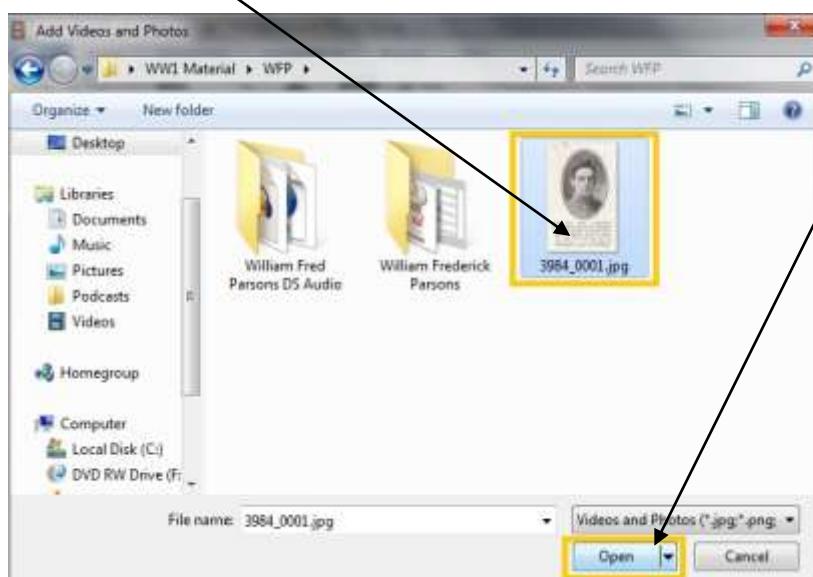
2 Open Windows Movie Maker by clicking on the icon



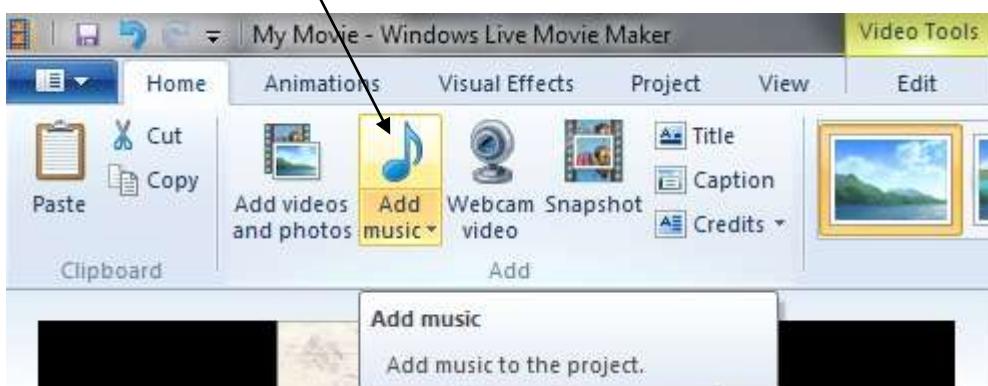
3 When the program has opened, click on the **Add videos and photos** icon to add the first photo to your Digital Story



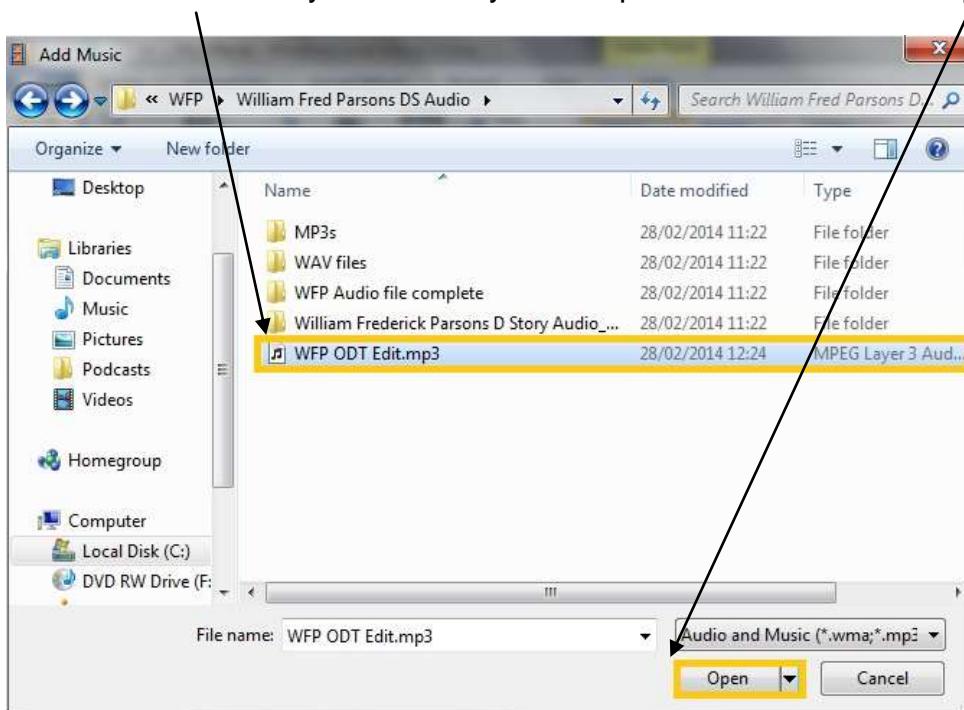
4 Find the **photo** you want on your computer then click on the **open** button



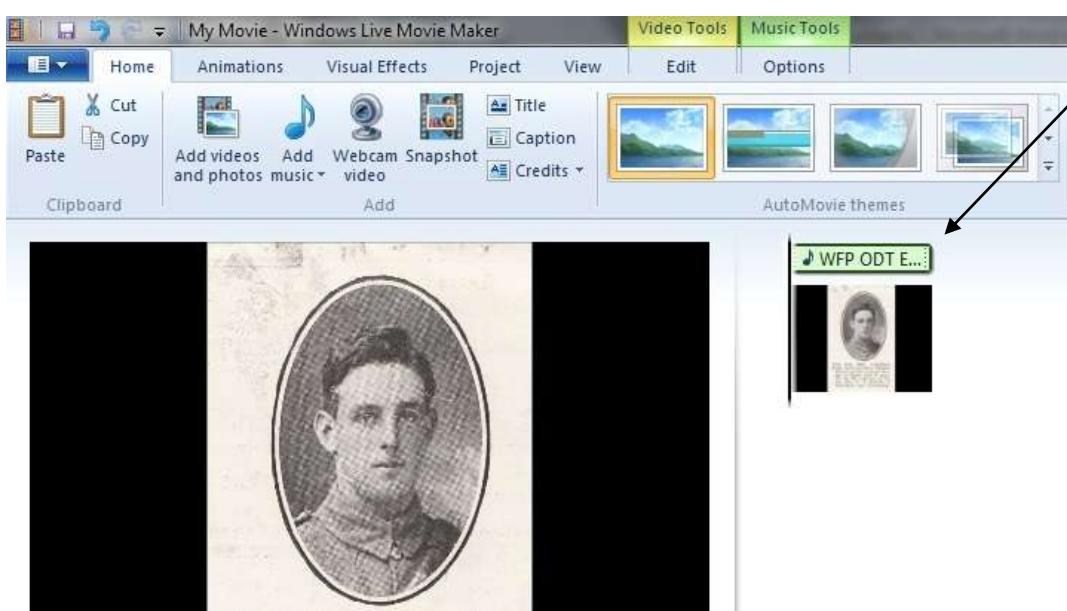
5 Next, click on **Add music** icon to add your audio track



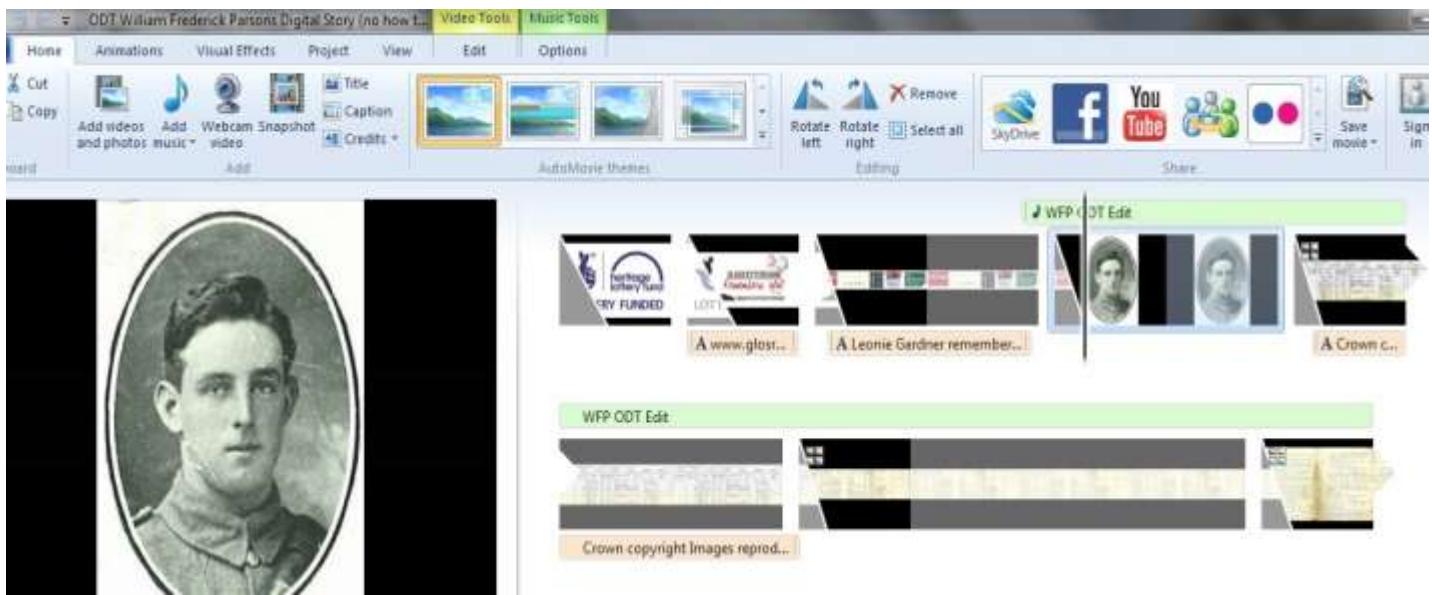
6 Find the **audio file** you want on your computer then click on the **open** button



7 Your project will display your first photograph and the audio track above it in **green**.



Repeat steps 3 and 4 until you have added all your photographs.



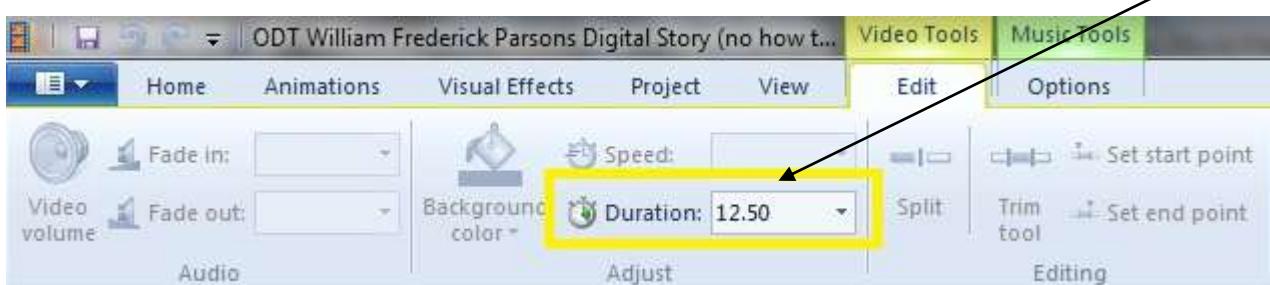
8. Now you can adjust the time that each photograph appears for. This allows you to synchronise each photograph with audio you want each to appear with.

8a. Click on the photograph and it will be highlighted in blue



8b. From the **Home** tab, click on the **Edit** tab beneath the **Video Tools** tab

8c. You can then adjust the length of time the photograph lasts for using the **duration** box.

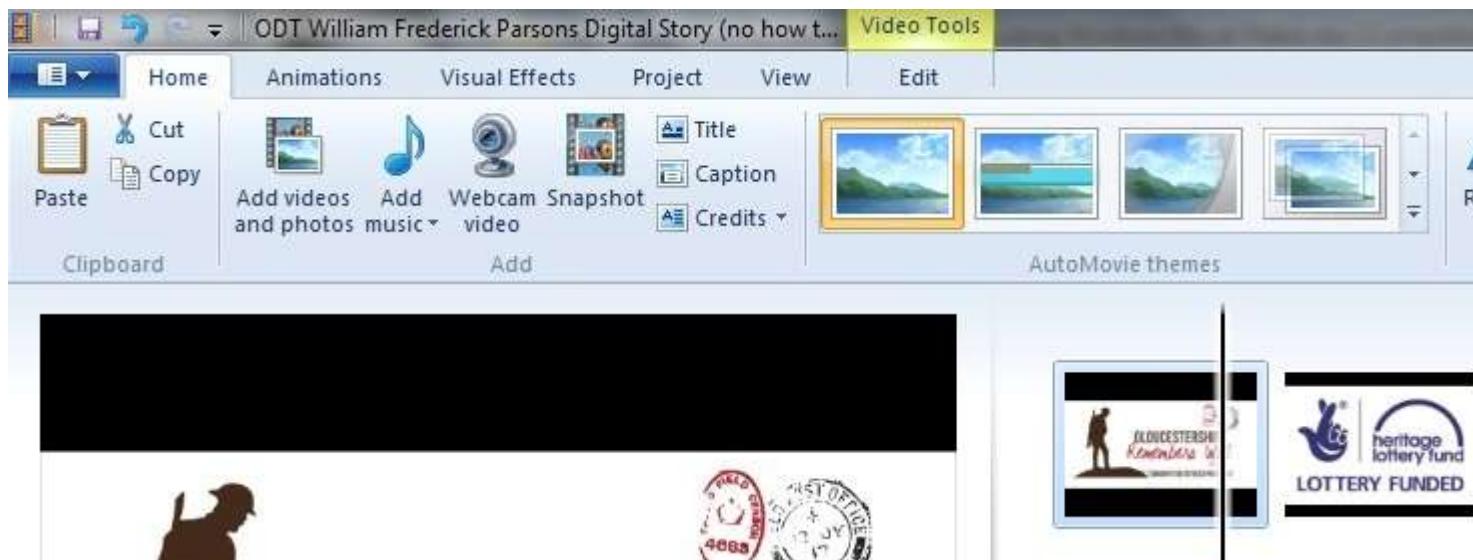


9. You can adjust the order in which your photographs appear by dragging and dropping them into a different order using your mouse

9a. Click on the photograph you want to move. It will be highlighted in blue.



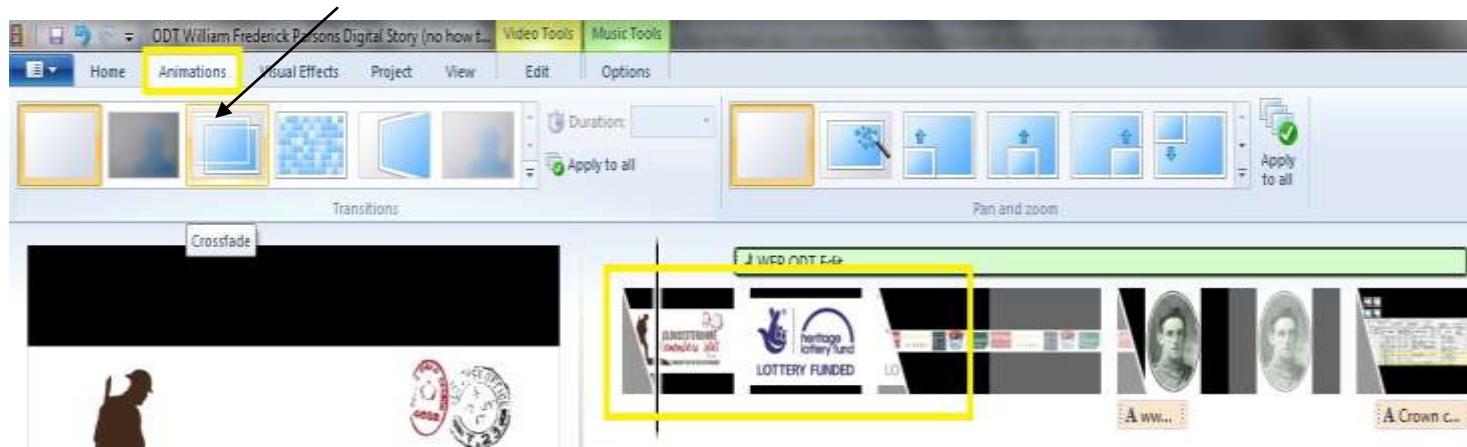
9b. Drag the photograph to where you want it to appear.



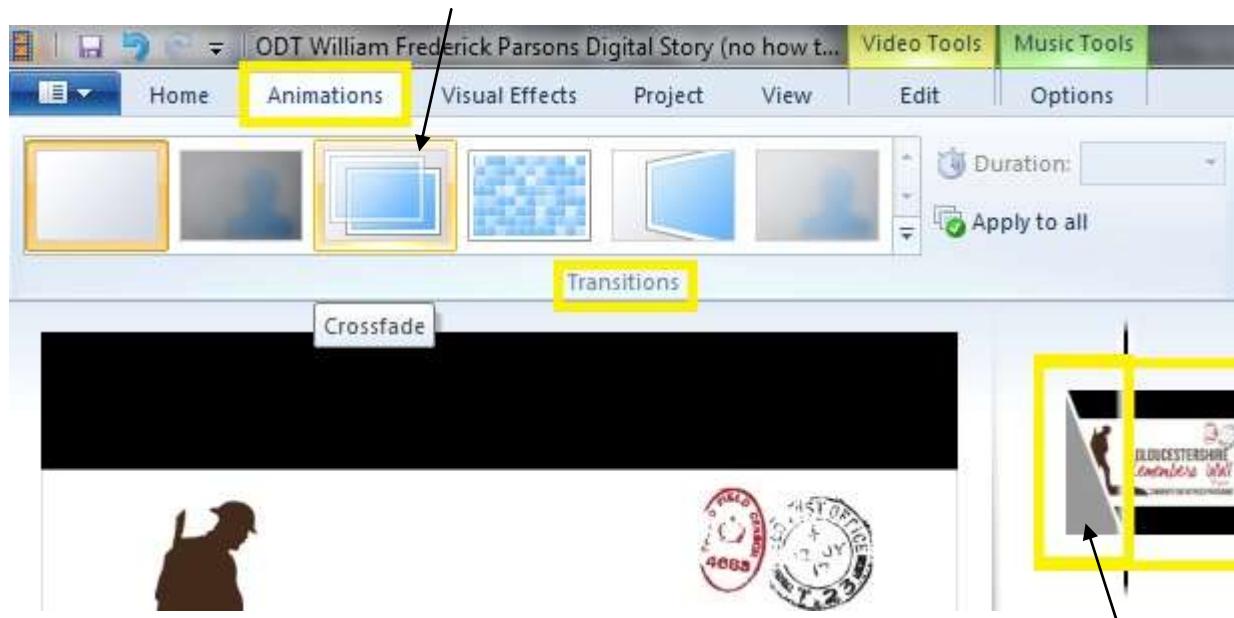
9c. Repeat step 8 if needed to adjust the duration it appears for

N.B. You can move the point at which your audio begins by selecting and dragging it in the same way.

10. You can change how photographs transition between each other and how they are displayed by clicking on the **Animations** tab

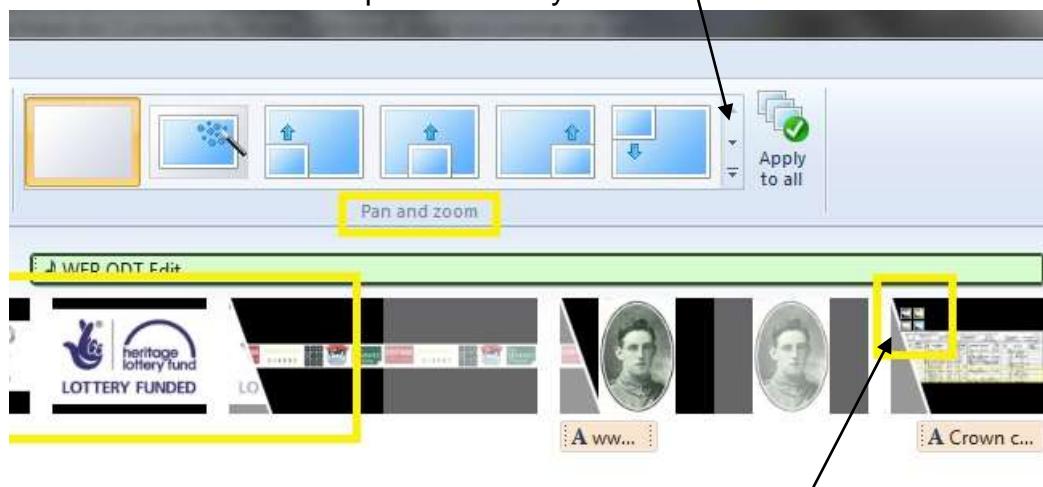


10a. On the left hand side of the menu are the Transitions which effect the transitions between photographs. Adding a **Crossfade** makes a smoother transition between photographs.



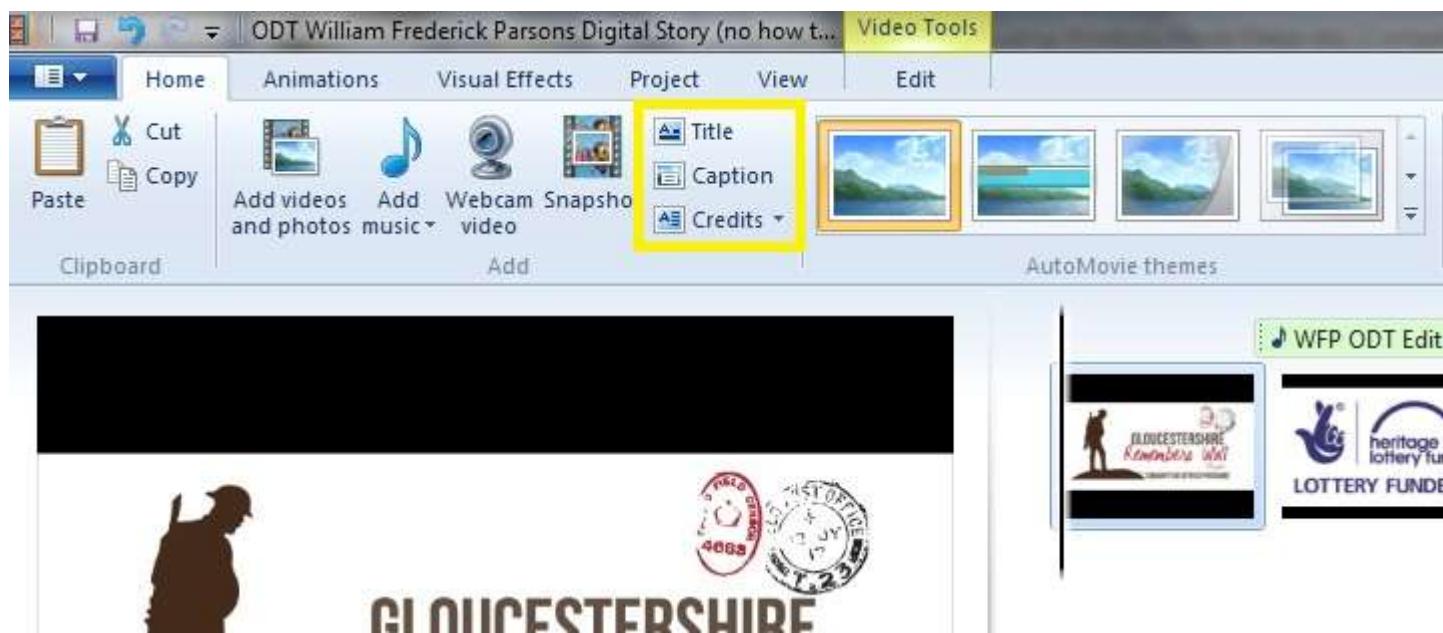
10b. When a transition is in effect between photographs it is indicated by a **small grey triangle**

10c. On the right hand side of the Animations tab is the Pan and zoom menu. Click on the drop down menu to select the pan or zoom you want.



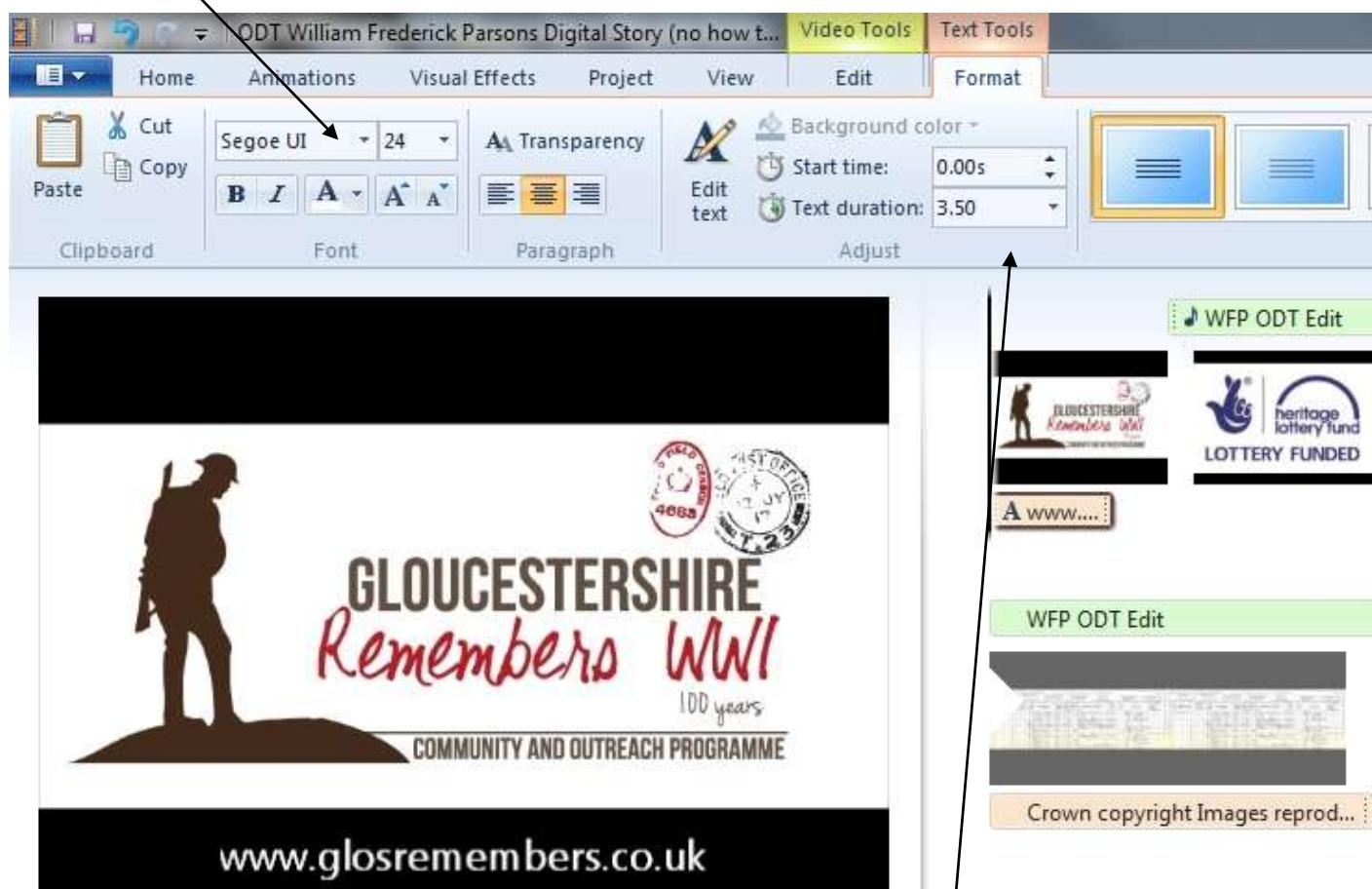
When a pan or zoom is selected it is indicated by an icon in the top left of a photograph.

11. You can add a **Title** slide, **Caption** to a photograph, or **Credits** at the end of your Digital Story from the Home tab.



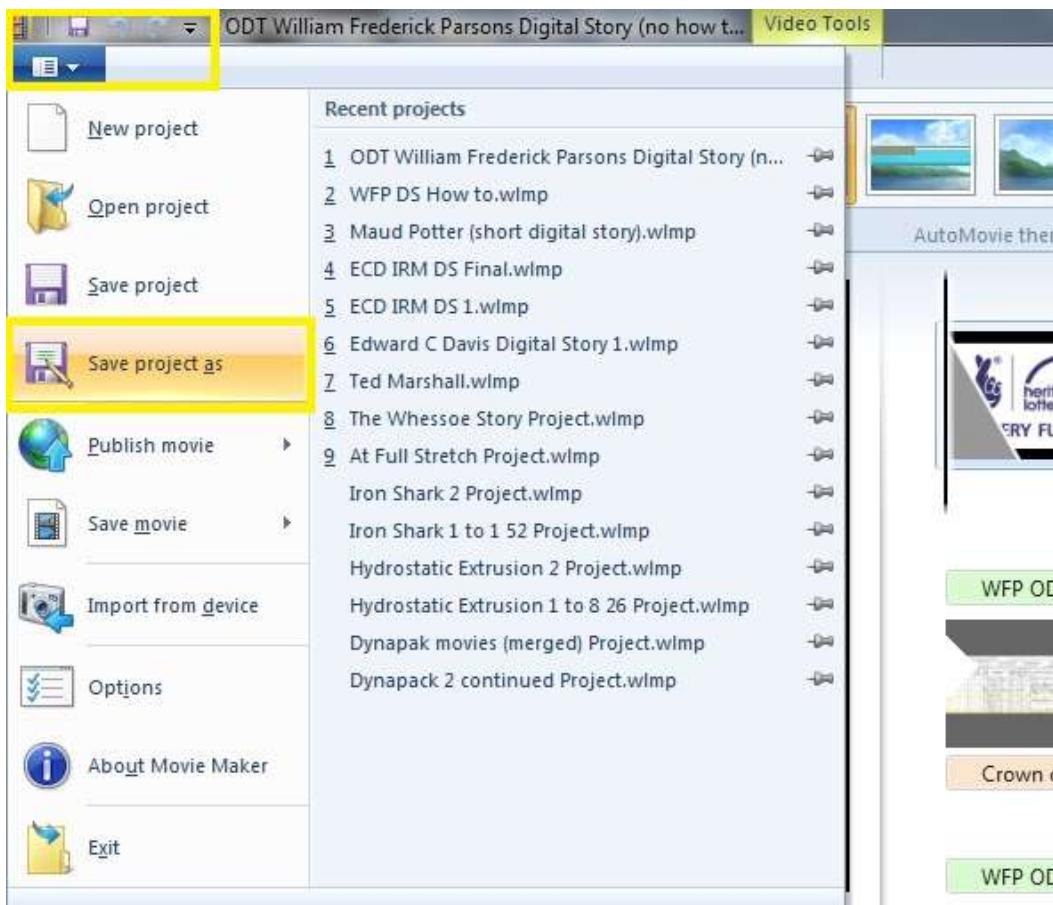
11a Click on the Format tab underneath Text Tools to format your text.

On the left hand side of the menu, you can alter the font, font size, and alignment of your text.

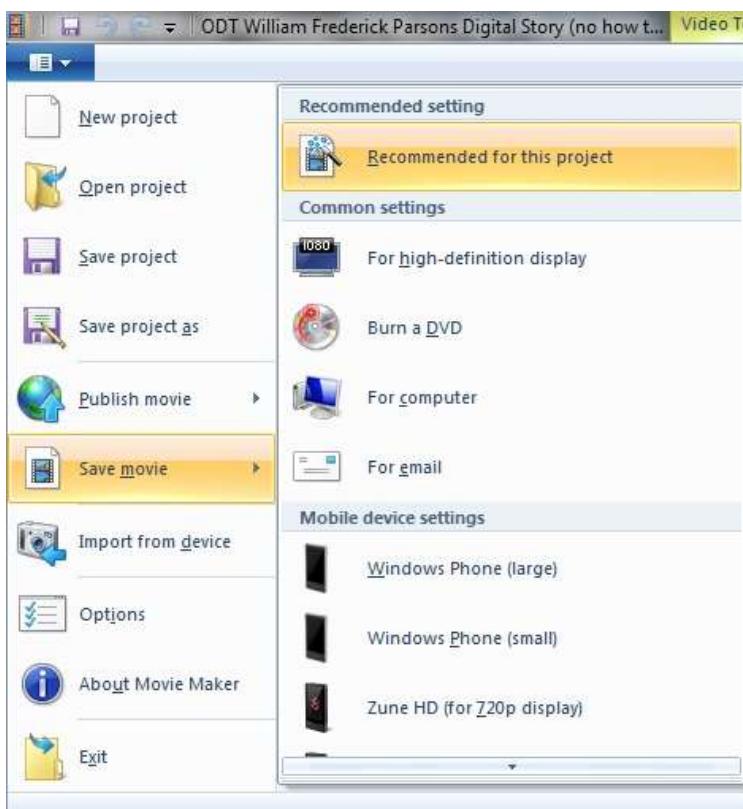


On the right hand side of the menu you can adjust the duration your caption lasts for and when it appears.

12. To save your Digital Story click on the blue drop down menu in the top left of your screen and select Save project as. This will allow you to save your project as a Movie Maker file so that you can make adjustments to your project at a later date.



12a. To save and finalise your Digital Story as a video file click on the same blue drop down menu and select Save movie and then Recommended for this project. You will then be able to choose where to save the movie on your computer and the type of video file you want to save it as.



More about 'Gloucestershire Remembers WW1'

The 'Gloucestershire Remembers WW1' project is an HLF-funded programme to help individuals, groups and communities across Gloucestershire commemorate the centenary of the First World War, at home and abroad.

Since November 2013, the project has organised training and designed toolkits to help individuals and communities to research soldiers from their area, as well as life on the Home Front. We are now creating new resources to help people share what they have learned through events and exhibitions, online and in print.

Find out more about the Project here: www.glosremembers.co.uk

Find out how the project can help you explore and share your WW1 heritage:
www.glosremembers.co.uk/how-we-can-help

Explore the Project's free research toolkits and support resources:
www.goucestershire.gov.uk/archives/WW1

Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GlosWWI) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/GlosWWI).

Join us on Historypin: www.historypin.com/en/explore/first-world-war-centenary/gloucestershire-remembers-ww1/

