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Yorkshire Lads

During a recent visit to Craven Museum, Norfolk resident David Tapper, was so inspired by the copy of *Craven's Part in the Great War* on display that he wrote the following poem:

*From the glorious Dales, with
stunning views and babbling brooks,*

They went singing,

*To a living hell of exploding shells and
sodden trenches,*

*Giving their lives and futures to save
ours.*

Now, memories stir, a century old,

*Bringing home their spirits to Craven,
to roam free once more.*

Lest we forget.

Western Front 2019 trip

The Western Front Association with Bibby's of Ingleton are planning a 2019 battlefields tour during April or May next year. The basis of the tour is to find as many of the remaining Bentham men that the group failed to find on their visit in 2017. Of the major sites that will be visited are Tyne Cot, Menin Gate, Thiepval, Vimy, Loos and quite a few of small rarely visited cemeteries. Anyone interested can email Allan Hartley at HartleyAlmal@aol.com or on 015242 61173.



Craven News

Raikeswood Camp dig



Young archaeologists from schools across Craven were invited into the gardens of residents living on the site of Skipton's former WW1 training and POW camp in August to carry out small-scale excavations.

This year's archaeological dig marked the culmination of 3 years of excavations in the area thanks to support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, which also saw the students



return to the field at the top of Raikeswood Drive where the previous digs have been focussed. Amongst the WW1 artefacts found this year was a German shell fuse found by one of the local residents, which along with the German and British military artefacts found in previous years digs, will be on display at Skipton Town Hall as part of a new exhibition opening in October (see below).



WW1 exhibition at Skipton Town Hall

A new exhibition to coincide with the centenary of the Armistice exploring the impact of the First World War on the people of Craven will open at Skipton Town Hall at the end of October.

The exhibition will draw upon much of the research carried out for the annual exhibitions at The Museum of North Craven Life (The Folly) which have followed every year of the war since the start of the centenary commemorations in 2014, as well as new research carried out into life in Skipton and surrounding villages.

The exhibition will open on 26 October and run through to 24 November (see overleaf for more details). Meanwhile, visitors to The Folly can explore the final year of the war and the impact on North Craven at the '1918: The Long Last Mile' exhibition which runs through until 22 December.





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Craven Events

September

'1918: The Long Last Mile' exhibition

until 22 Dec, 1-4pm every day - The Folly, Settle

The final year of WW1 took the greatest toll of lives among the men of North Craven and in this, the next in our series of commemorative exhibitions, we look at their stories, the part played by the newly formed RAF, the development of motor transport and how life was for those at home.

Admission: Adults £2. 16 and under: FREE

'1914-1918 Tribute to the Fallen' concert

Sat 15 Sept, 7.30pm - Holy Trinity Church

Steeton Male Voice Choir and The Royal British Legion Skipton Branch present a grand concert at Holy Trinity Church Skipton as a Tribute to the Fallen of the Great War.

Tickets: £8. Available from JOHN PHILIP & CO, 28 Newmarket Street, Skipton, by phone on 01943 817341 or 07704123176.

'History Wardrobe: V for Victory' presentation

Thurs 20 Sept, 7pm- Skipton Town Hall

An uplifting new presentation about life on the home front in World War One.



V is for vegetables – learn more about the life of a Land Army gal, and the hard work involved in running a wartime household on limited rations

V is for the Vote – what was it like to vote for the first time ever?

V is for Victory – celebrations, jublations, fears for the future and new hopes

History has never been so well-dressed!

Tickets: £15 inc drink & nibbles. Available online [here](#), by phone on 01756 792809 or at Skipton Tourist Information office.

Casterton WW1 exhibition and rededication of war memorial

Fri 21, Sat 22 and Sun 23 Sept - Casterton, nr. Kirkby Lonsdale

A service of rededication of the war memorial by the Bishop of Carlisle, James Newcome, will be held at 10am on Fri 21 Sept at Holy Trinity Church, Casterton. On the Friday, Saturday and Sunday there is to be an exhibition in the Village Hall and Church, 11am to 3pm each day, with photos and history of the men of Casterton who fought in WW1, both those who died and those who came home. There will also be a section on the life of the village in the period 1900-1920. FREE to attend.

Regional events

'Recovery? From Flanders to Afganistan' exhibition

Thackray Medical Museum
Until 31 Dec 2018 - £7 adults

A thought-provoking look at the medical advances that emerged from the First World War, drawing in parallels from modern day conflicts.

www.thackraymedicalmuseum.co.uk

Ambulance Trains exhibition

National Railway Museum
FREE

An exhibition telling the forgotten story of the ambulance trains used to evacuate sick and injured troops on an unprecedented scale during the First World War.

www.firstworldwar.nrm.org.uk

'Huddersfield's Great War Stories' exhibition

Tolson Museum, Huddersfield
Until 31 Dec 2018 - FREE

An exhibition which explores people's lives at home and away in Huddersfield during WW1

www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums

If you have any events coming up that you would like to be included in the next issue, please contact Rob Freeman on 01756 706225
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'Women, Work, War: Women in WW1' talk

Fri 5 Oct, 7.30pm - The Folly, Settle

A talk by local author, Robert Bullock, as part of The Folly's '1918: The Long Last Mile' exhibition.

Admission (in advance): £7. Call 01729 822893 to book.

'Dick, Kerr Ladies football team' talk

Tues 9 Oct, 7.30pm - Burton in Lonsdale village hall



Author Gail Newsham will give a talk on the Dick, Kerr Ladies football team, formed by munitions workers in Preston in 1917. In a year when we mark 100 years since the end of WW1 and the

Representation of the People Act (as well as the World Cup of course!), Gail's talk will appeal to history buffs, those interested in WW1, suffragettes, soccer enthusiasts of both sexes – and those who simply like a good story, particularly if it has a theme of overcoming prejudice.

Tickets: £4 on the door (subject to availability) or £3.50 in advance from Burton Village Shop – on sale from late Sept.

'The Thankful village' play

Sun 14 Oct, 7pm- New Road Community Centre, Earby

A poignant play that follows the lives of three women from the same rural household - above and below stairs - through the long years of The Great War, left behind to cope as their men-folk march off to Flanders.

Tickets: £12 (concessions £10, under 16s £6). Available at www.badappletheatre.co.uk / 01282541804 or on the door.

'Women of Aktion' play

Sat 20 Oct, 7pm- Skipton Town Hall



In this imagined piece, Bent Architect expertly weave newly unearthed verbatim histories of the women of Kiel with the radical force of Joan Littlewood, to hear those voices resound afresh, to

reveal a new, hitherto barely considered truth about a war which engulfed the world, which was brought to an end when ordinary people rejected conflict in favour of peace. Tickets: £10 / £8 (under 18s). Available online [here](#), by phone on 01756 792809 or at Skipton Tourist Information office.

'WW1: Craven at War' exhibition

26 Oct – 24 Nov, 10-4pm Mon - Sat - Skipton Town Hall

The exhibition will follow the fortunes of the men and women of Craven through every year of the War, exploring what life like was like 100 years ago for those fighting abroad and those left behind. Free

November

'Swords into Ploughshares' concert

Sat 3 Nov, 7.30pm - Christ Church, Skipton



KVU singers perform a concert to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 and to celebrate those who have worked for peace across the world. Call 01535 653009.

Bentham WW1 display

Sat 3 Nov, 10am-5pm & Sun 4 Nov, 12-5pm - Lower Town Hall

A WW1 display comprising of memorabilia from Benthamers with photographs, artefacts and articles linked to that era, including details of the many conscientious objectors from Bentham. Free admission and light refreshments available.

Theodore Bayley Hardy talk

Sat 3 Nov, 3.30pm - Bentham Parish Church

A talk by David Raw based on his new book about Theodore Bayley Hardy V.C., D.S.O., M.C., the most decorated non-combatant during WW1 from Bentham. Free

'Tunstill's men' re-enactment

Sat 3 Nov, 10am – 4pm - outside Skipton Town Hall

Staff and students from The Skipton Academy will re-enact scenes from their acclaimed production of *Tunstill's Men*.

'Skipton War Memorial' talk

Tues 6 Nov, 2pm - Skipton Library

A talk by local historian Ella Hatfield and conservation expert Sue Wrathmell about some of the Skipton memorials and the town in 1914– 1922. Tickets £2. Call 01609 534548 or e-mail skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk to book.



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'Find your FWW ancestor' IT sessions

Wed 7 Nov, 10am - Skipton Library

Get help to find information about your ancestor from the First World War. Free, but booking required. Call 01609 534548 or e-mail skipton.library@northyorks.gov.uk

'Battle of Ancre film' live orchestral screening

Fri 9 Nov, 7.30pm - Skipton Town Hall

Skipton Camerata will perform Laura Rossi's award winning score to 'The Battle of the Ancre,' alongside a screening of the film. Tickets available from www.skiptoncamerata.com

'From Farnhill to the Front' Exhibition

Sat 10 Nov, 10am to 4pm - Kildwick and Farnhill Institute

Two years of research into the lives of 68 village men who volunteered to serve in the Great War is being brought together in the final event of the Heritage Lottery funded Farnhill WW1 Volunteers project. Information about their lives before, during, and after the war and what village life was like at the time will on display along with slideshows, photographs, artefacts, children's artwork and the acclaimed poppy waterfall made by Knitwick and Yarnhill craft group. Free admission. More information at www.farnhill.co.uk/volunteers



Bentham memorial plaque service

Sat 10 Nov, 2pm - Bentham Parish Church

A special service at Bentham Parish Church marking the installation of a new war memorial plaque.

Slaidburn WW1 exhibition

Sat 10 Nov, 10am-4pm - Slaidburn Archive

A day of events to remember all the men and women in the Hodder Valley who served in WW1, including an exhibition, launch of a book about those named on the Valley's Memorials (10.30am) and series of talks (11.30am, 1.30pm and 2.30pm) on a variety of topics such as the story of the six "Tunstill's men" who were among the first volunteers from the area in 1914 and the day-to-day struggles of a nursing sister. Refreshments available. FREE to attend.

Burton-in-Lonsdale Armistice events

Tues 6 Nov, Sat 10 Nov and Sun 11 Nov—Across Burton

A series of events will take place in the village, including a film screening of the 'The Wipers Times' (Tues), a commemorative soccer match on the recreation ground and concert featuring songs, poetry and prose (Sat). On Sunday, a remembrance service will be held on the village green and church, where there will also be an exhibition featuring memorabilia from the period. At 7pm, the beacon will be lit on Castle Hill, followed by a meal and sing-song in the pub. More details to follow.

Emsay Armistice events

Sat 10 Nov & Sun 11 Nov – Across Emsay

On Sat 10 Nov, there will be an exhibition in the village hall of WW1 artefacts, photographs and stories with a selection of readings, anecdotes and songs at 2pm reflecting what had gone on during a war that saw 'society' change dramatically. On Sun 11 Nov, following the traditional service at the Memorial at 11am, Emsay railway will be putting on special trains (12.15pm, 1.45pm and 3.15pm) with re-enactments of soldiers returning home. There will also be a community party and show in the village hall at 2pm. More details to follow.

Concert to commemorate centenary of Armistice

Sun 11 Nov, 3.30pm – Priory Church, Bolton Abbey

Chamber choir Cantores Salicium will perform a concert to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice at Priory Church, to include Mozart Requiem. More details to follow.

'Anaesthesia' Big Read event

Tues 13 Nov, 2pm - Bentham Library

Bentham based author Adrian Horn discusses his first novel *Anaesthesia*, a love story set against the background of drug addiction in the First World War with Bentham Library Reading Group. Everyone welcome.

'AND IN FLEW ENZA' talk

Tues 20 Nov, 7.30pm - New Road Community Centre, Earby

Earby and District Local History Society present a talk by Tony Foster on the Spanish Flu Pandemic at the end of WWI. Tickets: £1.50 (on the door)