

Programme

Saturday 24th June

- 10.00am - 4.00pm Church open for Exhibition
Including audio-visual presentations.
- 12.00 noon onwards Barbecue in church grounds
- 7.30pm Concert featuring Jenny Hill with
poetry and period songs and music.
In aid of Help for Heroes

Sunday 25th June

- 10.00am - 1.30pm Church open for Exhibition
Including audio-visual presentations.
- 1.30pm - 4.15 pm Peal of hand-bells in church tower.
The church will be open for people to
come and listen to the peal and visit
the exhibitions, but silence is
requested so as not to disturb the
ringers.
- 4.30pm Service of Remembrance
Any proceeds from this weekend (with the exception of the concert)

Acknowledgements

Baytown Players
Bay-Thorpe Crafters and all who have knitted poppies
The Bellringers -
Denis Crosby
Doug Lowther
Fylingdales Local History Group

Jenny Hill
Robin Hood's Bay Museum
RHB Brownies
The Most Rev and Rt Hon John Sentamu, Archbishop
of York and his staff

And all who have provided memories, helped with displays and refreshments and in any other way to make the weekend a

WORLD WAR 1 WEEKEND

St. Stephen's
Parish Church

Robin Hood's Bay

Exhibitions - Refreshments - Concert
Peal of Handbells - Service of Remembrance

World War 1 Weekend

On 25th June 1917 Sapper Richard Duck, was killed in action aged 33 and is buried in Mendingham Military Cemetery, Belgium

On 15th April 1918 Private John William Lowther MM was killed in action aged 36 and is buried in Lille Sud Military Cemetery, France .

Both these men came from Robin Hood's Bay and were bell ringers at St Stephen's. Bell ringers throughout Cleveland and North Yorkshire are attempting to ring a full peal on the anniversary of the death of all ringers from the region who were killed in the First World War. On the afternoon of the 25th, Jennifer Town (Northallerton), Peter Sanderson (York), Johny Stokoe (York) and James Holdsworth (Halifax) will be ringing a peal on handbells in recognition of both men. Sadly, the peal cannot be rung on the church bells at St Stephen's as it is not safe to ring them.

The weekend will also commemorate all from Fylingdales who lost their lives in that war, as well as life in the village at that time, with an exhibition of memories, photos and family documents in the church. The Bay-Thorpe Crafters and Brownies are also contributing displays.

Jenny Hill, a local poet and singer, has written a book of poems based on the personal recollections of people involved in the war, and on Saturday evening she will read some of her poems and perform songs of the period. Proceeds from her concert will go to Help for Heroes.

This is a village event, not a church event, and many local groups have agreed to help and support the weekend, from providing items for display to making poppies

The Archbishop of York, the Most Rev & Rt Honourable Dr John

St. Stephen's Bells

The present peal of 8 church bells at St. Stephen's was installed in 1914. The bells themselves are sound, but in need of cleaning and restoration. The girders and mountings are worn and corroded and extensive work needs to be done to enable the bells to ring again safely.

There is an Ellacombe chime, which allows the bells to sound without being swung and although this is still used for weddings and on major festivals, it is showing signs of wear and also needs restoration.

The Church Council is currently studying reports on the bells and assessing what work can realistically be done to restore the bells to a

Ringing a Peal

A full peal is the ultimate performance in ringing and comprises not fewer than 5,000 changes, all different. Typically, depending on the weight and number of bells, this takes between two and a half to three and a half hours of non-stop ringing which requires considerable stamina and unbroken concentration. Not all attempts to ring a full peal are successful; the usual success rate is around 70-80%. If successful, a full peal is recorded for posterity and is published both in the ringers' newspaper, The Ringing World, and on line.

Because the tower bells are not currently in a ringable condition, 4 ringers will attempt a full peal on handbells in the base of the tower.

Handbell ringing involves each ringer ringing 2 bells. This is very challenging and requires great concentration to be sustained throughout. Come to see and hear some of the ringing but please can