

Kirkby Lonsdale's WWI heroes

Lunesdale Hall, Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7:30pm



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae 1914

Armistice Day – 11th November – marks the day World War I ended. Over the past few months, I have been leading WWI-themed guided walks around St Mary's Churchyard in aid of the Armed Forces charity SSAFA, which supports service families, and I'm delighted that I raised a total of £245.

I am aware that there are many people who would like to have joined my walks, but were unable to do so, and would like to offer you the opportunity to join me on a 'virtual tour' at 7:30pm on Wednesday 11th November in the Lunesdale Hall. Because of measures adopted in the hall as a result of coronavirus, places will be limited to 30, so please book a place by calling me on 015242 72530 or emailing Tess.Pike@btinternet.com. Tickets, priced £7, will also be available from the Visitor Information Centre from the end of October, and all proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion. Should the talk not be able to go ahead in the Hall as a result of restrictions imposed because of the pandemic, I will do a virtual tour at 7.30 via Zoom. Thank you to the Lunesdale Hall Committee for your support during this challenging year for all charitable associations.



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