

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Westfield War Memorial Village

The son of the local architect, Thomas Mawson, was killed in April 1915 with the King’s Own. The Storey family who provided the land of the Westfield Estate and with much local fundraising the village was established in the 1920s and continued to be expanded providing accommodation for soldiers and their families. The village has it’s own memorial, designed by Jennifer Delahunt, the art mistress at the Storey Institute, which shows one soldier providing a wounded soldier with a drink, not the typical heroic memorial one usually finds. From the idea of “homes for heroes” and a group of right people at the right time Westfield Village was born.

Caton Road, Carriage and Wagon Works

The 5th Battalion of the King’s Own were billeted in the disused Wagon Works for a couple of days in August 1914, within days of their departure, work began to convert the site to a prisoner of war, or internment camp. Germans and Austrians who were in Britain at the time the war started were brought here, some were German waiters from hotels in Manchester and merchant seamen from ships in British harbours on the 4th August 1914. The Wagon Works was used as a POW camp well into 1915.



Bowerham Barracks

The Regimental Depot of the King’s Own Royal Regiment, now The Lancaster Campus of the University of Cumbria, was opened in 1880 and many thousands of men were to be trained here. In the First World War it was to here that reservists were called up, had their kit issued and then headed to camps in the south of England to continue training and then be posted overseas. Whilst new buildings have been added much of the original barracks can still be seen, including the Armoury, Officer’s Mess, Barrack Blocks and Married Quarters.

Site of Dallas Road Drill Hall

No trace now remains of the home of the “Lancaster Gunners” the local Territorial unit of the Royal Artillery. The large drill hall had plenty of space for the guns, but once they’d left for the Western Front the site was used by the Army Remount Service which obtained horses for military use – at both home and overseas.

National Projectile Factory

Nothing remains of the National Projectile Factory on Caton Road, located between the Shell Garage and Lancaster Canal, but this once massive industrial site produced munitions for the war. <http://www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com/npfcatonrd.htm>

National Filling Factory, White Lund

Only a few buildings, but few would know their purpose, remain on the White Lund site of the National Filling Factory. In October 1917 there was a massive explosion which caused so much damage that production did not restart until just before the end of the war.

THE FIRST WORLD WAR

WHY REMEMBER?

In August 2014 the world will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. But why should we remember?

The First World War was a turning point in world history. It claimed the lives of over 16 million people across the globe and had a huge impact on those who experienced it.

The war and its consequences shaped much of the twentieth century, and the impact of it can still be felt today.

Now, one hundred years after it began, the centenary events are ensuring those who lived, fought and served during the years 1914-18 will be remembered.

FAMILY HISTORY AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The following organisations have a wealth of resources, much of it online in order to research local families and histories connected with the First World War.

King’s Own Royal Regiment Museum,
Market Square, Lancaster, LA1 1HT
www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com

Lancashire County Council’s Libraries and Records Office
Archive Service, Lancashire Record Bow Lane Preston, PR1 2RE
<http://new.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives>

The Regimental Museums
www.armymuseums.org.uk

Lancaster District Family History Group
www.lfhg.org

The Quakers
www.lancsquakers.org.uk

Lancaster University
www.lancaster.ac.uk

www.lancaster.gov.uk
T: (01524) 582420

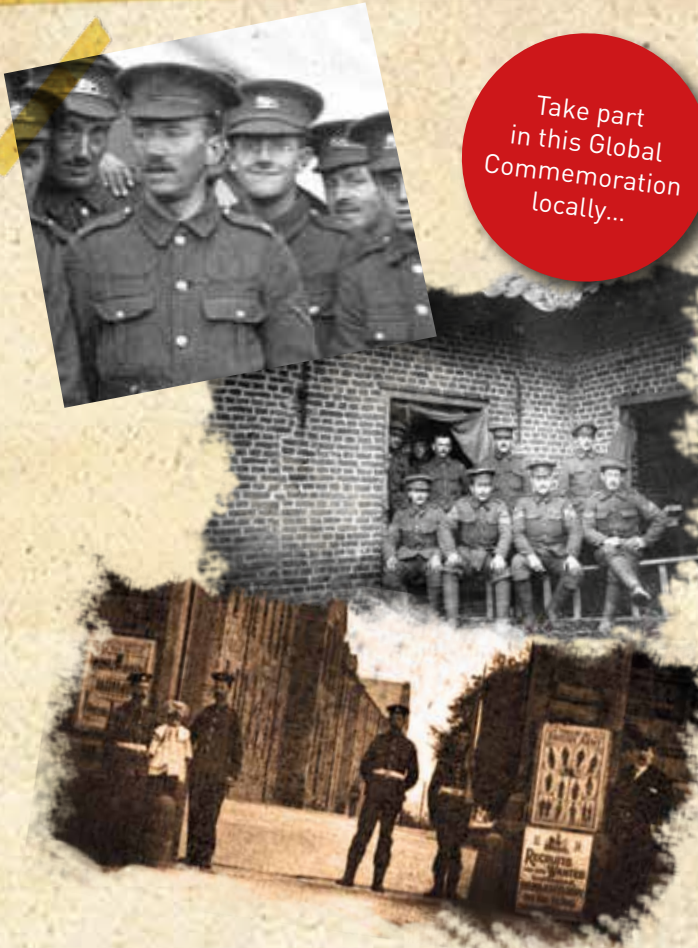
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LANCASTER & MORECAMBE DISTRICT

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND TRAIL GUIDE



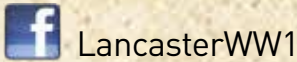
Take part in this Global Commemoration locally...

SUPPORTING PARTNERS:

Catwalks Guided Walks, Drama Factory, The Dukes Theatre, Global Link, King’s Own Royal Regiment Museums, Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Family History Museum, Lancaster Castle, Lancaster City Council, Lancaster Civic Society, Lancaster District Family History Group, Lancaster Guardian, Lancaster Military Heritage Group, Lancaster Priory, Lancaster University, Poulton Heritage Group, The Quakers, Westfield Memorial Village.

FIND OUT MORE...

www.lancaster.gov.uk/WW1



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Sat Jun 21 – Sat Oct 18
War! 1914 – Lancaster and the Kings Own go to War, Exhibition
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
Tel: 01524 64637

Sat Jun 28
All day Meet the First World War Soldier Character at the City Museum
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
T: 01524 64637

Sat Jun 28
10am - 11am Follow the footsteps of your Family in W.W.1
Where: Lancaster Library, Market Square, Lancaster
T: 01524 751504

Sat Jun 28
10am – 4pm Commemoration of Armed Forces Day. Day of events in and around the Castle grounds and Market Square. Lancaster Military Heritage Group.
Tel.01524 811396

Sat Jun 28
11am and 3pm Guided Walks “Beyond the Castle” with Jason Wood.
Where: Outside the Castle main gates.
www.lancaster.gov.uk/WW1

Sat Jun 28
7pm – 8pm Lecture by Allan Mallinson “That Lancaster on Lune may stand secure”
Where: The Storey, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, LA1 1TH
Buffet Supper can be purchased.
T: 01539 821977 to book.

Sun Jun 29
11:30am - 12:30pm Service in the Priory Church commemorating the Last Days of Peace
Where: Lancaster Priory Church, LA1 1YZ
www.lancasterpriory.org.uk



Mon Jul 7
Open 7pm “Why did I do it? Answering my grandfather’s question.” Talk
Where: Meeting Room, King’s Own Royal Regiment Museum, City Museum, New Street, Lancaster, LA1 1HT
£3 Admission
Tel: 01524 64637

Sun Jul 13, Sun Aug 10 & 31
7:30pm - 9:30pm Catwalks guided walk - Men, Munitions and Morale
Where: Lancaster Castle Main Gates
www.lancaster.gov.uk/WW1

Thu July 17, 24, 31 and Thu Aug 7 & 14
7:30pm - 9:30pm Catwalks guided walk - Men, Munitions and Morale
Where: Lancaster Castle Main Gates
www.lancaster.gov.uk/WW1

Mon Aug 4
1pm - 2pm Origins of the Great War Lunchtime Talk
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
T: 01524 64637

Mon Aug 4
7pm - 9pm “Your Remembrances” Talk
Where: Meeting Room, King’s Own Royal Regiment Museum, City Museum, New Street, Lancaster, LA1 1HT
£3 Admission,
www.wfanlancs.co.uk



Fri Aug 8
11am and 7pm Guided Tours of Bowerham Barracks with Peter Donnelly curator of the KORR Museum.
Where: Reception at University of Cumbria, Bowerham Road, Lancaster.
www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com

Thu Aug 14
All day Centenary of the departure of the 5th Battalion, King’s Own Royal Lancaster Regiment
T: 01524 64637

Sat Aug 23, Tue Aug 26
All day Meet the First World War Soldier Character at the City Museum
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster

Sun Aug 31
7:30pm - 9:30pm Catwalks guided walk - Men, Munitions and Morale
Where: Lancaster Castle Main Gates
www.lancaster.gov.uk/WW1

Mon Sep 1
1pm - 2pm Lancashire in the Great War Lunchtime Talk
Tim Padfield of BBC Radio Lancashire
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
T: 01524 64637

Mon Sep 1
7pm - 9pm North Lancashire Branch Western Front Association Talk
Where: Meeting Room, King’s Own Royal Regiment Museum, City Museum, New Street, Lancaster, LA1 1HT.
£3 Admission,
Tel: 01524 751504



NOW AND THEN – LINKING PAST WITH THE PRESENT...

Wed Sep 3
All day ‘Britons at War 1914 – 1918’ by Paul G.Smith
Where: Barton Road Community Centre, Barton Road, Bowerham, Lancaster.
Tel: 01524 751504

Sat Sep 6
All day Centenary of the Church Parade of the ‘Lancaster Pals’ of the 5th Battalion, King’s Own Royal Lancaster Regiment.
Where: Lancaster Priory & Parish Church, Lancaster
www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com

Sat Sep 6
PM Only - Meet the First World War Soldier Character at the City Museum
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster

Mon Sep 8
1pm - 2pm Lancaster, The King’s Own and the First Days of the Great War Lunchtime Talk by Peter Donnelly
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com

Thu Sep 11 – Sun Sep 14
All day Heritage Open Days
Where: Various locations
www.lancaster.gov.uk/heritageopendays

Mon Sep 15
1pm - 2pm Picture Postcards of the Great War
Lunchtime Talk by Fergus Read
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com



Mon 29 Sept – Sun 2 Nov
‘I Remember’ Exhibition by Darren Andrews, Faces of War
Where: The Dukes Gallery
The Dukes, Lancaster
www.dukes-lancaster.org

Sat Oct 4 – Sun Oct 12
Witnessing for Peace
Exhibition, talks and other events,
Where: The Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster LA1 1TX
www.lancsquakers.org.uk

Wed Oct 8
2pm – 4.30pm Supporting the War whilst Working for Peace? Workshop
Lancaster University’s Regional Hosting Centre
Where: The Friends’ Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster. LA1 1TX
£10/£8 Admission
Tel: 01524 593770 to book

Fri Oct 10 – Sat Oct 25
‘A Farewell to Arms’ Stage adaptation of Ernest Hemingway’s great war time love story.
Where: The Dukes, Moor Lane, Lancaster
www.dukes-lancaster.org

Sat Nov 8
7:30pm - 10pm Lancaster and District Male Voice Choir
Where: The Chapel, University of Cumbria, Lancaster
Tel: 01524 582396

Sun Nov 9
11am Remembrance Sunday
Where: Garden of Remembrance, Lancaster Town Hall and The Priory
Tel: 01524 582396

Sun Nov 9
11am Remembrance Sunday
Where: Morecambe Cenotaph and The Platform, Morecambe
Tel: 01524 582808



Sun Nov 9
Military Tour of Lancaster Cemetery. The Civic Society
Where: Lancaster Top Cemetery
Tel: 01524 382097

Mon Dec 8
1pm - 2pm Christmas in the Trenches Lunchtime Talk
Where: Lancaster City Museum, Market Square, Lancaster
www.kingsownmuseum.plus.com



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LANCASTER WW1 WALKING TRAIL

ON THE WAR PATH

1 We begin on the steps of the **City Museum** in Market Square, known as the **Old Town Hall**. In 1914 it was a major recruiting office where many locals joined up. Buses used to line up in Market Square to take them to the munitions works at **White Lund** and **Caton Road**. Take a look around the museum of the **King's Own Royal Regiment** inside. Notice the Unitarian Church and Royal Albert Hospital **memorials** too. As buildings change over years, the memorials are now kept safe in the King's Own Museum.

2 **22 Penny Street** - Now The Pound Bakery. In 1914, this was Happold's Pork Butchers owned by one of many German families who had settled in Britain in the latter part of the 19th Century. Whilst anti-German feeling sometimes ran high, families like the Happold's were by no means pro-German. Happold actually left his studies to enlist in the King's Own, one of the **"Lancaster Pals"** and was later commissioned and awarded the **Distinguished Service Order**.

3 **39 Penny Street** - Now The Cornish Bakery - was another business affected by anti-German feeling. Owned by Frederick Kramer, the pork butcher's shop was attacked by Lance Corporal Joseph William O'Brien, of the 2nd Battalion, King's Own. A veteran of the Boer War, who had served in France from 25th January 1915 - was dealt with by Lancaster's Police Court and then returned to service.



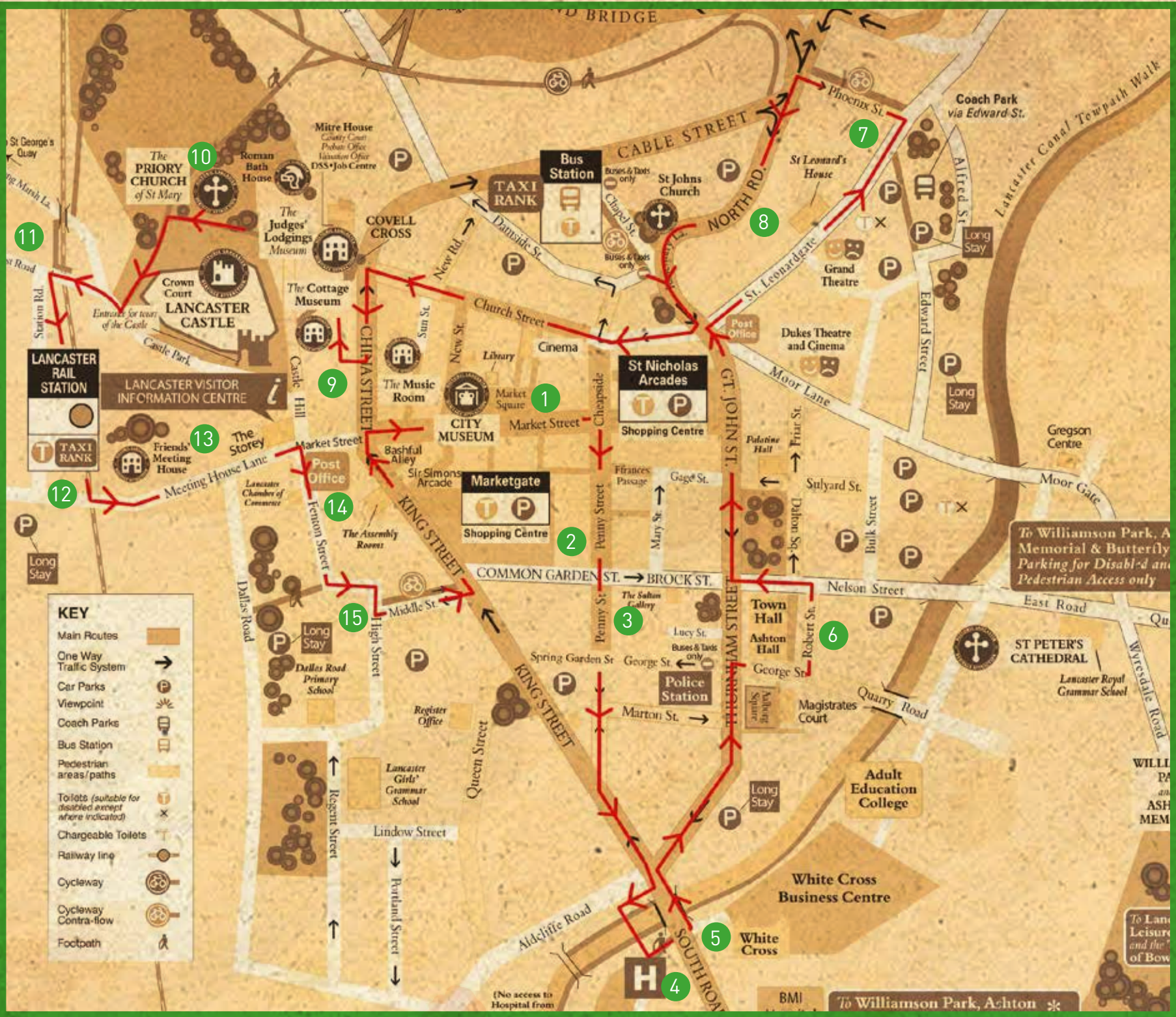
4 **A6 - Royal Lancaster Infirmary** In September 1914 the **Committee of the RLI** agreed to offer bed spaces to the government for wounded soldiers. The first of many arrived in November 1914, 12 British soldiers and two Belgians. At the old entrance to the RLI can be found **two memorials** commemorating individuals who fell in the first world war (also known as the Great War) - Spencer Ellwood Barrow and Captain Frank Millar Bingham, who, whilst **a doctor**, and much in demand by the military, served as an infantry officer with the 5th King's Own. Unfortunately, he was killed by a sniper on 22nd May 1915 and the memorial bronze was unveiled in December 1915, may be **Lancaster's first memorial of the war**.

5 **South Road - Springfield Barracks (White Cross)**
Across the road from the RLI is the site of **Springfield Barracks**, which accommodated the **Royal Lancashire Militia** between 1854 and 1883. The site was acquired by the Lancaster firm of Storey's and during the First World War accommodation was made available by them for **Army Cadets**.

6 **Dalton Square - The Town Hall**. Opened in 1909. The then Mayor and Mayoress William and Mary Briggs, did much to support the war effort. The King's Own regiment was welcomed home in 1919 with parades in Dalton Square.

In 1924 Lancaster's **War Memorial** in the Remembrance Gardens by the side of the town hall dedicated just over one thousand Lancastrians who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Look out for members of the same families who are bracketed (|). Notice that the Corless Brothers are not as they are separated by another Corless not related. Not everyone listed on the memorial fell in action. Sergeant Richard Dixon was run over and killed on 12th September 1915 by a motorcyclist on Caton Road, a George Taylor of Hornby, whilst he was guarding the **Prisoner of War Camp** at the old Wagon Works. Dixon, a veteran of the Boer War, is buried in **Lancaster Cemetery**. Notice the **Waring & Gillow** and **Co-operative Society Memorials** located in the Town Hall, these were placed here for safe keeping as buildings changed over the years.

This walking trail includes sites of both military and civilian significance to tell the story of the Great War in Lancaster. The Trail highlights sites of relevance to the war including memorials, both public and lesser known ones, and some where only the observant eye would notice evidence of its former wartime use.



7 **Phoenix Street** (now) **The Old Rifle Volunteer Drill Hall** had in 1908 become the home to the **5th Territorial Force Battalion of the King's Own**. On 6 August 1914, the battalion left for its first duty of the war to guard the docks at Barrow. Returning to Lancaster for only a couple of days before heading to the south of England on 14th August and within 6 months were on the **Western Front**. The Phoenix Street Drill Hall was used until 1991.

8 **North Road - Waring and Gillows**. Now retail and leisure businesses, the Waring and Gillow furniture factory was used to **produce wings for the DH9 aircraft and wooden ammunition boxes**. With so many men called up for military service women replaced the men, doing jobs which only a few years earlier would have been unthinkable.

9 **King Street - YMCA (opened in 1908)**
During the war the YMCA welcomed thousands of soldiers and provided a place for rest and recreation away from military training.



10 **The Priory Church and the King's Own Royal Regiment's Chapel**. It was in this Chapel that the **Colours (flags)** of the **5th Battalion** were laid up on 6th August 1914, for not since 1881 had Colours been taken on active service. When the war was over the **Regiment's War Memorial** was located here, and many individual plaques record soldiers of the regiment including those awarded the **Victoria Cross**. Outside the **Regimental Chapel** and in the main body of the church can be found additional memorials to the **Lancaster Gunners**, **St. John Ambulance** and to the **7th Battalion of the King's Own**. The 7th's request for a memorial in the Regimental Chapel was declined by the Regiment so still remains outside the Chapel.



11 **Giant Axe Field**
You can see the Giant Axe field from the rear of the Priory Church. Used for military parades for many years, in September 1914 the **Lancaster Pals** or 'Gallant 200' as the local press called them, gathered here before leaving for the south of England for training. On 14 February 1915, many of the Pals went to the **Western Front** with the rest of the **5th Battalion of the King's Own**.

12 **Lancaster Railway Station**
It was from here that on 6th August 1914 the 5th Battalion departed to **Barrow in Furness** to guard the docks, it was again from here that on 14th August 1914 the 5th Battalion departed to the south of England and eventually end up on the **Western Front**. Throughout the war thousands of soldiers of the Regiment and of other units passed to and fro through **Lancaster Castle Railway Station**. It was here that the first 14 wounded soldiers arrived from admission to the **Royal Lancaster Infirmary** in November 1914, the first of many.



13 **The Friends Meeting House**
A Quaker meeting house has stood in Meeting House Lane since 1677. Since declaring its commitment to peace in 1660, the Religious Society of Friends has opposed all wars. In WW1 whilst a small number of young male Quakers enlisted, many resisted the call to arms. Some joined the Friends' Ambulance Unit working close to the frontline - unarmed - in ambulance convoys and medical stations. Others wanted nothing to do with the war and were known as Absolutists. Many came to this Meeting House to find mutual support and practical advice from others struggling with their consciences.

14 **Lancaster's General Post Office** displays a **war memorial** for the postal workers who served and fell in both World Wars, and can be found just inside the ramped entrance from Fenton Street. Many memorials have been moved from their original locations as buildings change and are now housed elsewhere. Look out for the **Unitarian Church** and **Royal Albert Hospital** memorials in the **King's Own Museum** and the **Waring & Gillow** and **Co-operative Society Memorials** in the Town Hall.

15 **1A High Street** is the birthplace of poet **Laurence Binyon**. On 21st September 1914, before the full horror of the war was to be realised, he wrote the poem **"For the Fallen"** which has been described as the "the most beautiful expression of sorrow in the English language". The verse most known, and used in **Remembrance Day** services across the world, is:

*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them"*



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