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100 Years

1163 Names

1 Major Exhibition

15 Illustrated Talks

2 Film Screenings

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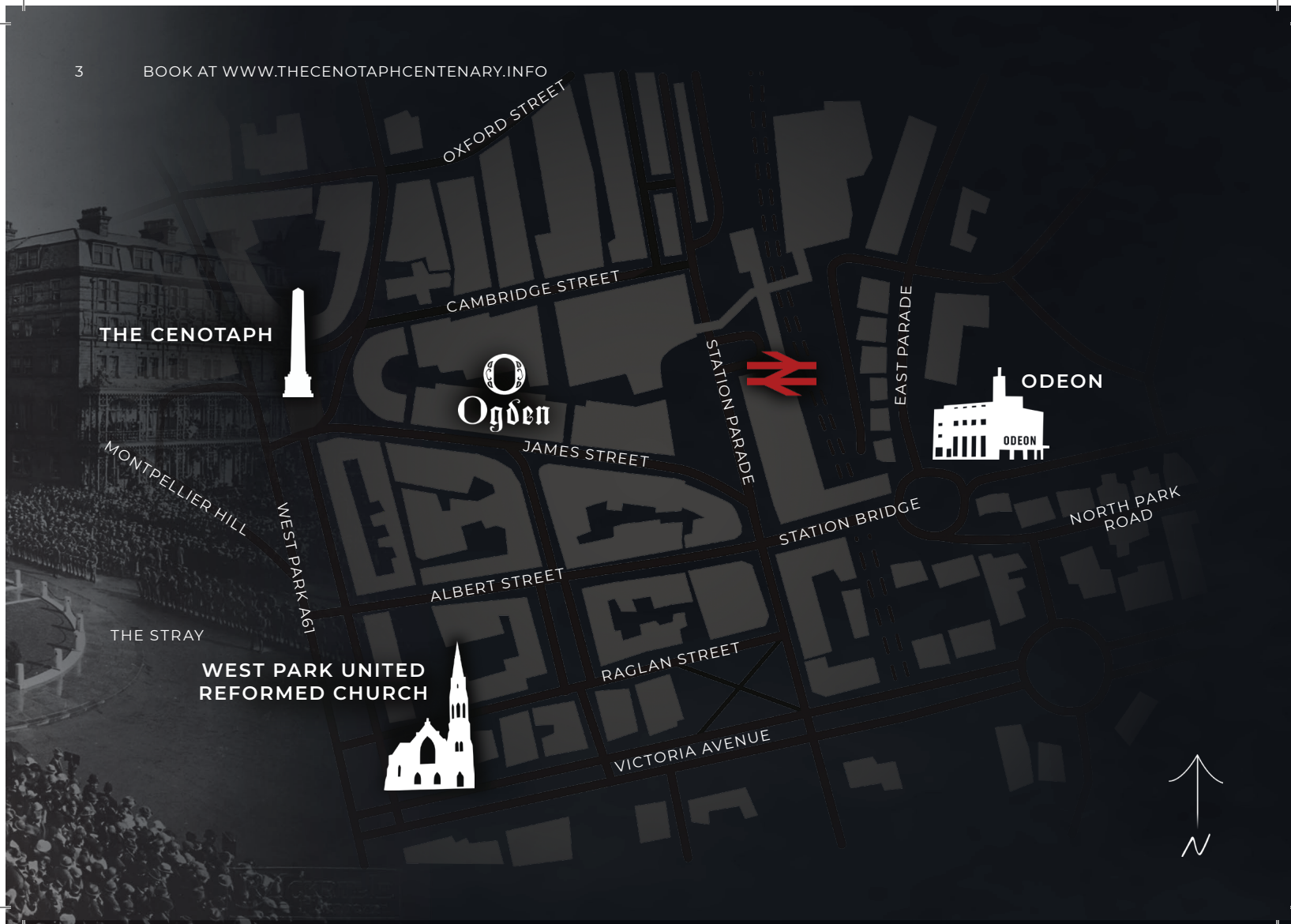
COMMEMORATING THE CENTENARY OF HARROGATE'S WAR MEMORIAL

This year marks **100 years** since Harrogate's war memorial was unveiled by Henry Lascelles, 6th Earl of Harewood on **1st September 1923**.

The projected cost of the memorial and site was £10,000 but had risen to £12,000 by its completion. The foundation stone was laid on 2nd June 1922, by Major The Hon Edward Wood MP for Ripon (later Viceroy of India and the Earl of Halifax), in a ceremony apparently witnessed by 10,000 spectators.

Like all war memorials, Harrogate's is of huge historical importance to this town, proudly recording the names of **1163 local brave men and women** who died in two world wars. To mark this milestone anniversary, their names are being matched with their personal stories in an immersive exhibition **More than a Name on a Memorial**. The commemoration plans also include a comprehensive programme of **illustrated talks, music and two special film screenings**.

The Harrogate War Memorial Centenary Project Group would like to express its appreciation and gratitude for all the help and support it has received in commemorating the war memorial's centenary: main sponsor **Ogden of Harrogate**; **SSAFA North Yorkshire**; **Harrogate Civic Society**; **West Park United Reformed Church**; **Harrogate BID**; **Destination Harrogate**; **Harrogate Dramatic Society**; **Harrogate Film Society** and **Harrogate Odeon**; **Harrogate District Improvement Trust**; **North Yorkshire Council**; **Eden Camp**; **York Army Museum**. But our biggest thank you is reserved for two special individuals - **Graham Roberts** and **Terry-Mike Williams** without whom none of what you see and experience would have been possible.



MAJOR EXHIBITION

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MORE THAN A NAME ON A MEMORIAL

1 SEPTEMBER - 12 NOVEMBER

FRIDAYS	10:00AM	4:00PM
SATURDAYS	10:00AM	4:00PM
SUNDAYS	1:00PM	5:00PM

An emotionally charged exhibition but an immensely interesting one as we take a glimpse into the lives of those who should never be forgotten.

Local historian Graham Roberts has researched the 1163 names and much has been learned. The exhibition also draws on the creative skills of another local historian, Terry-Mike Williams, founder of the New Park Heritage Centre and fresh from his recent successful exhibition 160 years of Harrogate Station. Through photographs, written documents, vintage film footage and three newly narrated films, we'll learn about who these brave people were - the youngest aged just 15.

We'll find out where they lived in Harrogate: their military service: what they did before going to war: who they left behind: where they died and were buried, although more than 300 of the First World War names have no known grave.

This country has many different shaped war memorials but why is ours an obelisk? Obelisks were prominent in the architecture of the ancient Egyptians - these commemorative structures were believed to attract the reviving rays of the sun, thereby allowing the resurrection of the deceased. The exhibition will reveal their fascinating history.

The horrors of war do not die with the dead. What about the survivors, their families, their loved ones? What about those left in need; those left damaged in body or mind? The final part of the exhibition will highlight the vital work still being carried out by military charities to this day.

ILLUSTRATED TALKS

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In order to guarantee your place please book in advance online. You can also turn up at the door of the church, but we can't promise a seat will be available. Any problems? Contact 07841 906998 or 07886 628996.

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FROM ST LOUIS BLUES TO ROCK 'N' ROLL: 1914 to 1951

THURSDAY 7 SEPT | 3:00PM

Derek Shelmerdine author of the book, *Rock 'n' Roll Unravelled*. How the music scene developed across two World Wars and beyond. As well as the music, innovations in recording, independent record labels, and DJs like Alan Freed, all played their part on the road to rock and roll. *St Louis Blues* was published in 1914. How the music scene evolved until 1951, when Jackie Brenston and his Delta Cats released *Rocket 88*, considered to be the first rock and roll record.



SPEAK MY NAME AND I LIVE FOREVER

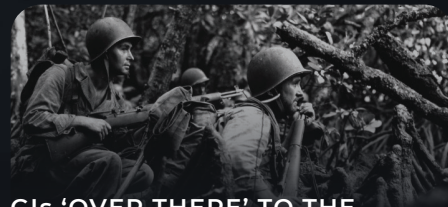
WEDNESDAY 13 SEPT | 3:00PM

What is a war memorial? What is a cenotaph? Why is ours an obelisk? Who designed it? Who paid for it? Who does it commemorate and what are their stories? Terry-Mike Williams, designer of the *More than a Name on a Memorial* exhibition, will be explaining all and why our war memorial means so much to so many.

100 YEARS PLUS: WOMEN IN WAR

THURSDAY 14 SEPT | 7:00PM

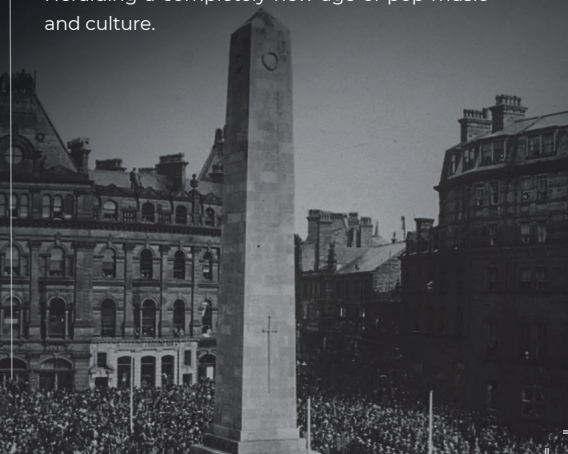
WO2 Catherine Munro MBE, the first British Army female soldier to hold the role of Commonwealth Sergeant Major. Walking through the events that led to women being legally allowed to serve in the Army. We chart their journey, following their progress from 'simply being tolerated' to 'being a nuisance and a threat to men's jobs' - through the change in legislation which finally recognised women's valuable contribution to modern warfare.



GIs 'OVER THERE' TO THE BEATLES

THURSDAY 21 SEPT | 7:00PM

Derek's second talk covers how popular music evolved, from the American GIs arriving in the UK to the birth of the most famous band in rock'n'roll history - The Beatles. The American soldiers brought a whole new culture to the UK. This led to big bands and crooners giving way to the new popular music of trad jazz, skiffle, British rock'n'roll and the birth of The Beatles. Heralding a completely new age of pop music and culture.





THE ROAD TO THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS

WEDNESDAY 27 SEPT | 3:00PM

Sheila Pantin celebrates her own centenary this October. In 1941, aged 17, she joined the ATS, the same service as the late Queen. Trained as an ambulance and staff car driver, Sheila closely followed our forces across France and Belgium and into Nazi Germany where she was one of the first British service women to enter a German concentration camp. At 99 and still a vivid raconteur, Sheila's talk is not to be missed.

WWI IN HARROGATE: WOMEN & CHILDREN ON THE HOME FRONT

THURSDAY 28 SEPT | 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY 4 OCT | 3:00PM

Dr Paul Jennings. WWI was one of the deadliest global conflicts in history. Fighting occurred throughout Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Pacific, and parts of Asia. But what was it like for those left at home? Paul's talk looks particularly at the experiences of Harrogate's women and children during the conflict.

WWI IN HARROGATE: REFUGEES, NON-COMBATANTS, OBJECTORS & INTERNEES

THURSDAY 5 OCT | 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY 11 OCT | 3:00PM

Paul's second talk on WWI back in Harrogate looks at the war for several groups, including refugees from Europe, men who didn't go to war, for whatever reason including a conscience objection and those foreign born who were interned as enemies.



DEBACLE AT SUVLA: HARROGATE'S KITCHENER VOLUNTEERS GO TO WAR

THURSDAY 12 OCT | 7:00PM

Graham Roberts, Harrogate historian and researcher of names on Harrogate's War Memorial. In August 1915, Kitchener's volunteers landed on the Gallipoli peninsula and went into battle for the first time. They included Harrogate men of the 9th West Yorkshire Regiment. This talk looks at what befell the untried men as they entered the ill-fated campaign.



MY LIFE AT ST DUNSTAN'S

WEDNESDAY 18 OCT | 3:00PM

In 1944, Terry-Mike William's mother, whose sight was already weakened by radar work in the ATS, was blinded by a V1 rocket while on leave in London. Later she was transferred to St Dunstan's, the home for the service blinded. And it was at St Dunstan's (now Blind Veterans UK) that I spent much of my childhood - an extraordinary experience that has affected all my life. This is both her story and mine.





HARROGATE'S HEROES

WEDNESDAY 1 NOV | 7:00PM

Harry Satloka of Harrogate's Free Walking Tours. Out of the horror of the first World War, Harrogate was home to some of the bravest and most remarkable men and women to step forward. He could talk about any one of the two thousand young people that left our North Yorkshire to head to the mud and blood of Europe in 1914 to 1918. But join him to hear just three of their stories and how life in Harrogate was affected, never before had such a huge shock come to our tranquil little town and it would never be the same again both in spirit and quite literally in appearance.

HARROGATE IN WW2

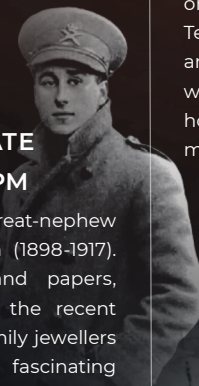
THURSDAY 2 NOV | 7:00PM

Harry's second talk tells Harrogate's story during the second World War. Harrogate has always been regarded as one of the most important places in England. But during the 1940s it quite literally kept the Luftwaffe and Nazi Germany at bay. From tales of the Air Ministry requisitioning our spa hotels, to tales of allied airmen strolling the streets and taking some well-earned rest, we see Harrogate's transition from looking after the most fortunate in society, to the most in need.

A TEENAGER AND HIS TANK NAMED HARROGATE

WEDNESDAY 8 NOV | 7:00PM

Robert Ogden, great-great-great-nephew of 2nd Lieutenant Walter Ogden (1898-1917). A cache of correspondence and papers, discovered in the attics during the recent renovations of fifth generation family jewellers 'Ogden of Harrogate', provides a fascinating insight into the experience of a front-line soldier killed in the Great War, and the family he left behind. All four of company founder James Roberts Ogden's sons went to war. While three returned home, Walter, the youngest, was fatally wounded in his tank at the Battle of Cambrai on 1st December 1917.



ONE TOWN AND ITS TERRITORIALS

THURSDAY 9 NOV | 7:00PM

Fraser Skirrow, author of 'Massacre on the Marne' – the History of the 2/5th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment. This talk focuses on the ordinary men of Harrogate who made up its Territorial Battalions. It uses letters, newspapers and military records to tell the story of who they were and relate their experience of the war, at home and in France, and the fighting in which many of them died.



FILM SCREENINGS

HARROGATE ODEON

Harrogate Film Society, now in its 68th season, is supporting the Harrogate War Memorial centenary exhibition programme by arranging two special screenings, in partnership with Harrogate's ODEON.

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BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPT | 7:00PM

Your chance to view this epic, multi-award-winning film on the Big Screen. It always ranks highly in lists of greatest films ever made. Directed by David Lean in 1957, the events and characters are fictional, but are based on the construction of the Burma railway. Starring Alec Guinness, William Holden, Jack Hawkins and Sessue Hayakawa. Ticket price includes tea and coffee. Any surplus funds will go to SSAFA North Yorkshire, the charity offering lifelong support for veterans, serving soldiers and families.



FILMED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

WEDNESDAY 8 NOV | 2:00PM | 7:00PM

Following on from the outstanding success of 'Harrogate on Film', HFS brings you this wonderful, moving film from the Yorkshire Film Archive, a unique tribute to people from WW1. YFA painstakingly restored and researched many hours of archive material to make this possible. Using the research, Graham Relton will tell you the story of what happened to many of the race goers 'coming alive' at the Ripon Races in 1916 and what became of the sergeant captured waving at us, as he marched over Lendal Bridge in York. Any surplus funds will go to a military charity.

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