

# Loughborough Carillon War Memorial Museum

## What's On! August 2023

### Diary Dates:

#### 3 August Augmented Reality Heritage Trail

**Augmented Reality Heritage Trail.** Loughborough BID and Charnwood Borough Council are delighted to invite you to the official launch of the Discover Loughborough. [Augmented Reality Heritage](#) Trail. The launch will take place on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** and will start at 10.30am at the Granby Street entrance to Queen's Park and will include a brief walk around the key sites of the trail so you can enjoy the augmented reality experience and finish at 11.30am in the market place with refreshments.

The trail includes 15 key sites in Loughborough including Charnwood Museum, Fearon Fountain, Devonshire Square and the Sockman and provides a fascinating insight into the history of the town. They hope you are available to join them to launch this exciting new project, please make sure you bring your smart phones and comfortable shoes and confirm your attendance to [Janine.williams@l-p-l.com](mailto:Janine.williams@l-p-l.com) by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** A rather damp day to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary but went off surprisingly well. All the stalls turned up and there was a good turnout for the service which included the Mayor, Cllr Margaret Smidowicz being the first to ring the 'Anniversary Bell'.

The bell is mounted on a tripod and can be rung. The inscription on the bell reads '100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON 1923 – 2023' each letter and number paid for by a member of the public. The image is of Peter and the Mayor of Charnwood. It was Peter's persistence that saw this project over the line.



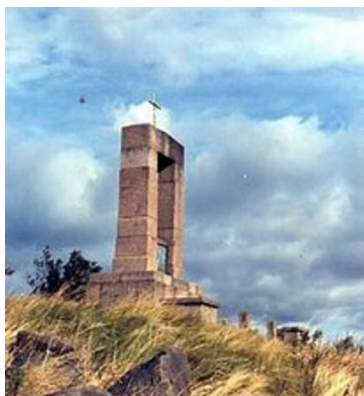
**Coincidence.** Neil was on duty in the Yeomanry Room on the day of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the unveiling of the Carillon War Memorial. He was showing a group of visitors the stereoscope using a photograph picked at random.

Amongst the group was this visitor, the photograph in the stereoscope at the time showed the destruction of the village of [Poelcapelle](#), near Ypres. The gentleman took the card out and read the inscription. "I am from Belgium and that is my home village." he said, such an amazing coincidence.

The story does have a happy ending. Apparently, the village was completely rebuilt after WW1, exactly as it had been in 1914 and he and his family now live happily there.



**Local Monuments.** The link below is to an excellent YouTube video about local monuments and features Coalville, Loughborough and Mountsorrel War Memorials. Thank you, Isaac and Jack. Well worth watching and Gary (of Charnwood Museum) makes a brief appearance, although it does appear that he is very quickly locking the door to keep them out.



Ensign Everard Aloysius Lisle Phillips VC gets a mention and if you want to read more about this gentleman; his story is on our Roll of Honour site. See: [Loughborough Roll of Honour - The Indian Mutiny \(loughborough-rollofhonour.com\)](http://loughborough-rollofhonour.com)

[Local Monuments around North West Leicestershire - A Thing Of The Past - YouTube](#)

**War Graves Tour – Loughborough.** I have been on the war graves tour of Loughborough Cemetery and I can recommend you take this opportunity and book a tour yourself. The guide is really informative and delivers the information in an interesting and engaging way and it's free! The tour takes about 1 hour



Each tour begins at 10.30 am from CWGC Plot. (Next to the carpark) Tours take place on the following dates: 29th July 2023, 12th August, 24th September, 22nd October and 5th November 2023. To Book Your Free Ticket visit: [Commonwealth War Graves Near You: Book Tours | CWGC](#)

For all other queries, please contact Guide Neil Strange on 07530 733051

**Emmanuel Church.** You will know from previous newsletters that Neil put together a 'Roll of Honour' folder using Marigold's research on the Loughborough casualties in the Great War, information he researched, including a visit to County Records and an excellent introduction as to the thinking behind the conventions when war memorials were being produced.

Three copies of his work were produced, one for us, one for the Local Studies Group and the third was for the Emmanuel Church and on Sunday 23 July we (Neil, myself and Mary) attended the morning service and at the end of the service Neil addressed the congregation, an excellent explanation of his work, and the fact that each of the 75 names listed on the Emmanuel Church memorial was a person sorely missed by family and friends and why churches felt it necessary to have their own separate memorials.



After the handover I was talking to a gentleman who admitted that, until then, he hadn't even noticed the memorial. The church's copy will be left out on a small table for the public to view. Our copy will be on display in the tower.

**What's New.** We have been offered a painted portrait and the sword of one of Loughborough's most famous soldiers, WO1 (RSM) Harry Lovett (his entry on the Leicesters' database is [here](#)) He was a legend in his time. He was against the building of the carillon and rallied the ex-servicemen of the town to support a proposal to build a row of cottages for disabled soldiers. They then switched their support to back the proposal to build a medical centre as a memorial to the fallen.



However, when the people of Loughborough were asked to vote the carillon won by a narrow margin. Almost certainly due to the fact that the committee who wanted a carillon phrased the question to favour the building of a carillon.

Interesting that he served in Dublin during the uprising. The British Army has, all too often, had a bad press for their involvement in Ireland but I have seen a letter from the residents of Ballsbridge (the area in Dublin where the 2/5<sup>th</sup> Leicesters' were operating during the uprising) thanking the battalion for their good behaviour and politeness. I am sure RSM Lovett had something to do with their excellent discipline.

Note. (WO1 is the rank, Warrant Officer class 1 and RSM - Regimental Sergeant Major is his appointment. WO1 is the highest non-commissioned rank)

**Medals.** My father's uncle, [L/Cpl Walter Gould](#)'s 1914/15 Star was offered for sale on eBay last week, he was awarded the Military Medal so the star was just one of four he was entitled to. Such a pity that medal sets have been split up like this and it reminded me that we have numerous single medals. The image is of the WW1 Victory Medal of Pte Kirkwright, West Riding Regiment. Why have we got it in our collection?



I will, next week, send out a list and providing we all agree, those with no local interest or connection, can be advertised amongst other military museums to see if we can match them up.

PS. I was outbid for Walter Gould's medal. It sold for over £70.

M Gould

25 July 2023