

**WW1  
Centenary  
Events  
Programme  
And  
Poppy Trail**



# Sampford Peverell during the First World War



Sampford Peverell Society

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**Sampford Peverell Society**  
— discovering our heritage



## **Painted Pebble Hunt**

Pebbles, painted by the schoolchildren, have been hidden around the village. Can you help to find them? All pebbles found should be brought to the Church and placed just inside the porch (or outside the door if locked). They will then form part of the children's craft display in the Church.

## **Programme and timetable of events**

*(further details about each event can be found in the following pages)*

### **From Monday 5th to Friday 16th November**

The Poppy Trail

### **From Thursday 8th November**

Painted pebble hunt

### **Friday 9th November**

10 am to 4 pm: Church open for WW1 flower and memorabilia displays

10.45 am: School Remembrance service in Church

### **Saturday 10th November**

10 am to 4 pm: Church open for WW1 flower and memorabilia displays

11 am to 4 pm: Methodist Chapel open for WW1 displays

12 to 3 pm: Sports events in Playpark

7.00 pm: Commemorative performance in Church

### **Sunday 11th November**

10 am to 4 pm: Church open for WW1 flower and memorabilia displays

11 am: National 2 minute silence

11 am to 4 pm: Methodist Chapel open for WW1 displays

11 am to 4 pm: 'From Fields of Devon to Fields of Conflict' Exhibition in Village Hall

4 pm: Wreath-laying service at Church

4.30 pm: Assemble outside the Church ready to walk to Connigar Hill

5 pm: Beacon-lighting at Connigar Hill and start of celebration for the centenary of the end of WW1

5.30 pm: Lantern procession from Connigar Hill to Village Hall

6 pm: Tribute Party in the Village Hall

N.B. Timings for outdoor events subject to change according to the weather conditions.

## The Poppy Trail



The poppies of the poppy trail have been placed at the homes of the 125 Sampford Peverell men and women who served in the First World War. Each poppy is accompanied by a card giving a little information about the person concerned, along with a black silhouette if the person died during the war. A map of the trail is in the centre spread of this booklet.

We hope you will enjoy following the poppy trail, while finding out a little more about our local heroes. The trail is not suitable for unaccompanied children, as there are busy roads to cross and, in places, no footpaths. However, we think it will be informative for adults, and we hope that children will enjoy finding the answers to the following quiz.

The Memorial Hall (now known as the Village Hall) is a fitting start for the trail, as it was built to commemorate all those from the parish of Sampford Peverell who took part in the war. At the Hall, you will find poppies for the men who lived in the parish, but for whom we have no known address.

From the Memorial Hall walk westwards along Lower Town towards the Merriemeade to find poppies in memory of the Fewings brothers. The soldier silhouette for Herbert shows that he was killed in the war. As you go along, you may want to keep a tally of all those who died.

***What was the occupation of Herbert Fewings' father?***

***Which two brothers who took part in the war lived next door to the Fewings family?***

***Which regiments did the Hutchinson brothers join?***

***Lucy Wallington was one of only three women from the village who did war service. Why was her profession so essential to the war effort?***

***What jobs did the Norrish brothers do before the war?***

Now cross the road carefully to Challis House.

***Where did Wilfred die?***

Go eastwards along Lower Town to the Globe.

***Who lived here? What a remarkable name!***

Next you will come to a long row of poppies in memory of the men who, as boys, had lived here in St Boniface Home; a building which was demolished many years ago.



***What was William Keeley's job in the village?***

***Why was Walter Brown disciplined?***

***Why is Matthew Bell's silhouette different from the others?***

***And how many of the Home boys died fighting?***

Cross Court Way. A group of 8 cottages used to stand here.

***Which regiment did the Gale brothers join?***



***What heroic deed caused Walter to lose his life?***

***The war began on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914. How old were George and Percy Trevellyan when war began?***

Retrace your steps and cross the main road again by Challis House to walk down Chains Road.

***Can you find two more members of the Trevellyan family?***

***For how many years did William Goffin serve in the Royal Navy?***

***Which ranks did he hold at the start and end of his career?***

Walk to the beginning of the canal towpath towards Halberton to find information relating to people who lived in an outlying property.

About Turn! Follow the canal path back towards the bridge, go up the slope, cross the road carefully, stop to look at the poppy at number 4 Lower Town, cross the footbridge over the canal, cross Higher Town and then cross carefully to the footpath on Turnpike.

***Into which service did Wilfred Goffin enlist?***

Cross the road again on the bend where you see two poppies above the curved garden wall.

***Cyril had to cycle everywhere to perform his important war work signalling and scouting ahead. So why was he discharged?***

Carefully walk back around the front of the cottage next door to find the poppies planted in pots. Then walk up the cut-through to join Blackdown View, go straight ahead to join Higher Town, and turn left.

***Which of the three Cornish brothers would have been able to make you a pair of shoes? And which one was killed in action?***

***Into which service did Lionel and Walter (known as Sid) enlist, and how old were they when war began?***

About Turn! Walk down Higher Town forking left down the lane towards the mill to find more poppy sites.

***What was Wilfred Cook's job in war time?***

***What work did the Pedler family's daughters do during the war?***

***And which famous person rewarded Mary for her war work?***

About Turn! Walk uphill to the school, where you will see poppies on the school fence. The school car park was the site of Royal Oak cottages, home to the Milton family.



***Francis could have been awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery. What did he do to deserve this?***

***What was Edmund Salter's job in peacetime?***

***How were the two Fredericks who lived at the house that is now 3 and 5 Higher Town related? And where did young Frederic go to school?***

Now walk down Boobery.

***Why was Herbert Morrell's job after the war so remarkable?***

***Albert Legge survived the First World War. But in which war did he die?***

***What jobs did the Parkhouse brothers do in peacetime?***

***Who was Archibald Caudwell's half-brother?***

***The war ended on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918. How long before this did Ernest Tucker die?***

Turn left at the end of Boobery into Whitnage Road.

***How were the two Williams at Mount Pleasant related? And why was William's job as a vet so important during the war? Which awards were made to him after his death?***

Just beyond the last house on the left before the bridge under the link road, you will find information relating to people who lived in properties to the north of the village.

***How old was William Andrews when he went to war? And how far was he allowed to march in a day?***

About Turn! Walk back down Whitnage Road.

***How did James Trevellyan die?***

At the main road, turn left to walk along the footpath.

Quick March! Then Eyes Right to look out for more poppies.

***Who lived across the road in a cottage that was demolished many years ago?***

Stay on the footpath to find the home of the Dinham brothers.

***How many brothers went to war? What prevented Frederick from serving on the battlefield?***

Retrace a few steps to the traffic island and cross the road to the grassy triangle with the flower box. Here you will find information relating to people who lived in outlying properties to the east of the village.

***Why could William Needs be thought of as a lucky man?***

Continue down Station Road.

***How many members of the Hine and Pillar families who served in the war worked on the railways?***

About Turn! Return to the village to find the last poppy of the trail on your way back to the Memorial Hall.

***Why was William Mitchell Browne's occupation particularly useful during wartime? And how did he die after the war?***

Please now enter the gate at Turberfield House and put a pebble in the pot to show what you thought about the poppy trail.



***Congratulations on finishing the poppy trail. Did you keep a tally of all those who died? How many were there?***

More information about all of these brave men and women, and the impact that the war had upon the village, can be found in the new book entitled 'Sampford Peverell during the First World War'. See inside the cover of this booklet for further details.

# WALKING IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS

## WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATION FLOWER AND MEMORABILIA DISPLAY

St John The Baptist Church,  
Sampford Peverell

ON

9th, 10th, 11th, November  
From 10am-4:00pm daily

Tea/coffee and cake served  
throughout the day



## Pew silhouettes

Sampford Peverell Team Mission Community have been successful in receiving an award of 10 pew silhouettes to help celebrate the WW1 Centenary this year.

The award was made under the Armistice and Armed Forces Communities programme, which makes awards to bring communities together to remember; and to think about the Armed Forces today.



The pew silhouettes are a powerful way to remember those within our own villages who fought in the Great War. Beautifully moving, the silhouettes are a poignant reminder of those who gave their lives. The project name 'There but not there' simply, yet emotively, describes their aim.

*"What an amazing way to encourage remembrance, respect, empathy, warmth and gratitude towards men who mustn't be forgotten. Brave men, who gave their lives"*

*"When we saw the pew silhouettes in place neither of us could speak. We both sat next to it and conversed silently. A beautiful experience. Incredibly sad, but incredible at the same time"*

If you would like to see the pew silhouettes, they will be in place in St John the Baptist Church from Thursday 8th until Sunday 11th November (Armistice Day). They will also be in Sampford Peverell Methodist Chapel as part of their Remembrance display on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November.

## Methodist Chapel

The Chapel will be open on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November from 11 am to 4 pm.

Our main display will be of selected, highly significant, Prayers and Verse, written by those with first-hand experience of the First World War. The Chapel will be hosting some 'There but not there' pew silhouettes (*see above*) as a powerful message of Remembrance. A Poppy quilt, especially made for the occasion by the village Linus group, will also be on view.

Please pop in and take a look.

## Sports Events

*100 years ago a sports day was arranged for the children of the village to celebrate the end of the war. We are recreating this event today, to pay tribute to those people from this village who sacrificed so much for us in wartime.*

Come along for the opportunity to meet new people and have some fun! Children and young adults are invited to join in the following events on **Saturday 10th November**:

**12.00 to 12.30 pm Tug of War** (Ages 11 and over).

**12.30 pm to 2 pm Stretcher and Obstacle Races** (Ages 5 and over).

**2 pm to 3 pm Canoeing / Boating Races on the Canal** (Ages 13 and over).

- If you haven't canoed before, arrive early and have a go first.

XXXX Prizes of Amazon vouchers for race winners XXXX

If you would like to take part in any or all of the above, please come and register 15 minutes before the start of each of the three events. The Registration tent will be in the Playpark.

***Please come suitably dressed: you may get muddy; you may get wet!***

Children need to have parental consent to take part, and young children need to be accompanied by an adult.

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## World War 1 Centenary Commemorative evening



An evening of Remembrance for those people of our own village of Sampford Peverell who were involved in the War, and especially for those who died in it.

A performance of songs, poems and narrative.

Created, produced and performed by the people of this village.

**Saturday 10th November at 7.30 pm** in St John the Baptist Church.

**Doors open at 7 pm** when refreshments will be available.

**Admission free.** Proceeds to be donated to the Royal British Legion.

## 'From Fields of Devon to Fields of Combat'

*A special exhibition to commemorate the people of Sampford Peverell during the First World War.*

**In the Village Hall from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday 11th November**

*A moving and atmospheric exhibition telling some personal stories of those who took part in the war and of those who remained in the village.*

**Free admission.**

Donations to the Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.



**Pictures:**

WW1 postcard



Henry Heywood's medals

Arthur Bass home on leave



James Trevellyan's death penny

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### Lighting the beacon on Connigar Hill

*One hundred year ago, one of the ways in which the people of this village celebrated the end of the war was with a bonfire and fireworks on Connigar Hill. These had been banned during wartime. We are recreating that event today.*

Please assemble outside the Church at 4.30 pm on Sunday 11th November ready to walk up to Connigar Hill. The schoolchildren present will be bringing battery-powered lanterns, which will come in useful for the return journey, and you may also wish to bring a torch with you.

**As the ground may be muddy, please wear suitable shoes or boots.**



**Tribute Party** to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1



**In the Village Hall on  
Sunday 11th November from 6 pm.**

*After the beacon-lighting on Connigar Hill, come and warm up, join the fun and be refreshed in the Village Hall!*

- *Hot and cold food available*
- *Licensed bar and soft drinks*
- *Entertainment from the piano*



**Everyone welcome - no admittance charge**

*Profits in aid of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Charity*



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