

Sowood WI Poppy Trail -Walk 3-Around Broad Carr Lane via West Vale and Station Road-approx 3 miles/1.5 hours

Start at Holy Well Inn Pub or Shaw Park Car Park on Station Road

Holywell Green was recorded in the Domesday Book as being "a small hamlet within the township of Stainland." It gets its name from St Helen's Well which was known within the area during medieval times. The location of the original Holy Well is uncertain.

Walk down Station Road where **Private Fred Fairbank, Private George Lee, Private Frank Reynard Stott, Private George Stott, Private George Thorpe, Private Sam Turner, Private James Ross Gilmour, Private Harry Whiteley Davidson** and brothers **Lance Corporal Edward George** and **Private John Jack George (1)** lived. Turn left on Cross Street home of **Private David Dunwell Shepperd (2)** and then turn right down Chapel Street where you will see North View home of **Acting Bombardier John James Paley** and **Private Albert Edward Shaw (3)**. In 1917 **Acting Bombardier Paley** was invalided from France and admitted to York City Infirmary with septic poisoning. He was treated successfully but contracted double pneumonia and died on 23rd February 1917. He was awarded the Victory Medal, the British War Medal and the 1915 Star. He is buried in Stainland.

Turn right and walk back onto Station Road. Across the road the former St Helen's Square where the bungalows are now was the home of **Lance Corporal William Ackroyd, Private Thomas Hyde** and brothers **Private Frank Taylor** and **Corporal Harry Taylor (4)**. This is also the site of one of the Holy Wells and the date 1843 is carved into the stone. Nearby on Mellor Mill Lane was the home of **Private John Cyril Mortimer (4a)**.

Continue down Station Road and pass over the old railway line. Stainland and Holywell Green railway station served the two villages from 1875 until 1929. Goods services ended in 1959. Pass Rock View on the left, which was the home of **Private Irvine Gledhill** and **Lance Corporal Walter Drake (5)**. At the bottom of the hill there is a stone seat on the left for a rest before you start walking up Broad Carr Lane and past the Rock Inn at Holy Well Brook. **Private Johnny Atkinson (6)** lived at Holywell Brook. In the 1770's John Shaw (1749-1820) started in business at Brook Mill, Lower Holywell Green. This was a small mill with its own water-wheel and was dam fed by the Holywell Brook.

At the top of the hill on the right you will find Broad Carr Terrace. **Private Ernest Smith (7)** lived at number 13. **Ernest** was one of five children and he was a member of the St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Continue up the hill and past the 9-hole Elland Golf Club and the Cycle Track. There is a WI bench outside the cycle track. Turn left along Hammerstones Road and left onto Hullen Edge Lane. Hullen Edge is translated as 'the edge where holly grows'. Walk down the hill and turn first right along an unnamed road (at the bottom it is named Featherbed Lane). At the junction turn left on Workhouse Lane. Not surprisingly the workhouse was situated there until it closed in 1840. Then turn right onto Green Lane. Walk past Middle Dean Street

Chapel which is popularly known as Middle Diddle and closed in 1972 before being converted into apartments.

Private Percy Ramsden Nichol (8) lived on the right at 53 Green Lane. He was born in 1887 and before enlisting he was a member of Stainland Harriers. He married Gladys Shaw at St Andrew's Church, Stainland in 1915 and must soon after have enlisted with the Duke of Wellingtons. His regiment left Liverpool aboard the SS Aquitania on the 3rd July 1915. They had a near miss the next day when their ship was attacked by submarine with a torpedo missing the vessel by about 8 feet. **Percy** eventually landed at Suvla Bay as part of the infamous Gallipoli campaign. At some point **Percy** was reported missing and later presumed dead. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Helles memorial at Canakkale, Turkey. Two of **Private Nichol's** brothers also died in The Great War. **Private Thomas Henry Nichol** and **Private William Edwin Nichol** lived at Moor Hey which is on Walk 1 of the Sowood Poppy Trail.

Retrace your steps back up Green Lane and down to the right near Ingwood Parade would have been Ingwood Terrace now demolished to build the new houses. This is *where* **Private George Chadwick (9)** lived.

Along here take a short detour down a path to the right just before the former Ingwood, to reach the railway viaduct. With 13 sandstone arches, West Vale Viaduct on the short Stainland branch is now protected by a Grade II listing. From here you have panoramic views in both directions.

Continue to the end of Green Lane and turn left up Stainland Road. A short way up the road there is a WI bench to rest on and take in the view over woods and farmland. Further up you will pass the entrance to Bradley Hall Golf Club. Bradley Hall itself was built in the 16th century and was badly damaged by a fire in 1629.

Pass the Golf Club and Burrwood Terrace is on the right, home of **Private Robert Wright** and **Lance Corporal Sam Morton (10)**. The Royal Oak pub, which closed in the early 1990s, was at the bottom of Burrwood Terrace; it is now a house. Continue up the hill to North Lea House on the left (219 Stainland Road) where **Corporal Walter Clarke** and **Corporal Harry Simpson** lived (11). **Corporal Simpson** was a talented violinist and was reported to be ever willing to assist any worthy cause.

Continue up Stainland Road and return to the Holy Well Inn. Brooklands Lodge, on the junction of Stainland Road and Station Road, was the gatehouse for a mansion known as Brooklands House. The house was demolished in 1930 and the houses on Brooklands Avenue were built from the stone from it.