

Sowood WI Poppy Trail -Walk 4-Stainland circular via Carr Hall-approx 1.5 hours

Start at Stainland Memorial Park Car Park

Walk through the Memorial Gates and take a moment to view the newly sited historic memorial plaque and marble triptych from the former Providence Congregational Chapel and the Sowood WI Memorial Seat. Then return to the car park and turn left down Stainland Road. Walk past Manor House, dated 1703 and one of the oldest houses in Stainland. You will also pass St Andrew's Church. **Flight Cadet Eric Bottomley Rayner** is buried in the graveyard. He was seriously wounded in an aeroplane accident and died in 1918 whilst still in training.

Further down the road on the left is Thorne St where **Private Benjamin Gee** and **Private Percy Allen Shaw (1)** lived. Just further down and on the opposite side of the road is The Carriage Drive. Walk 50 yards down Carriage Drive and through a gap in the hedge on the right to find the graveyard of the demolished Stainland Wesleyan Church. The ground is very rough and uneven. **Private David Dunwell Shepperd** is buried here. (see Walk 3) Return to Stainland road, turn right and you will find Beech St where **Ordinary Seaman Leonard Gledhill (2)** lived. Before you reach Holywell Green School, you will pass Crossfield and Longfield home to **Private George Norman Barker** and **Private Walter Collins (3)**.

Walk past the school and turn left into Holywell Green Farm to find Northgate where **Private John James Henson**, **Private Joe Willie Iredale** and **Private Smith Hindle** lived (4). Northgate was also the home of **Lance Corporal Philip Oswald Forrest's** mother. Although he didn't ever live here he is commemorated in St Andrew's Church, Stainland. Holywell Green Farm is a listed building. Cross over Stainland Road and walk down Shaw Lane. **Captain Alexander Morton Shaw (5)** lived at Brooklands in Shaw Park. The park was the garden of Brooklands House until the house's demolition in 1930. In 1955, Raymond Shaw gave the garden to Elland UDC after which it became a public park. Prior to the war **Captain Shaw** distinguished himself in the legal profession and was a barrister in practice on the North Eastern circuit. His brothers, although they did not die during the 1914 - 1918 War, were both wounded. **Major Raymond Morton Shaw** was reported dead but was found injured and survived the war. **Captain John Leslie Morton Shaw** was badly injured in Gallipoli and died in 1925.

Walk back up to Stainland Road and past the Holy Well Inn and you will find Thomas Street on the left where **Private John Reginald Holroyd's** parents lived (6). The Holy Well Inn was originally called The Wagon and Horses when it opened in 1822. There was a toll booth nearby for the Stainland to Sowerby Bridge Turnpike. When the railway came in the 1870's it changed its name to Station Hotel and then in the 1980's it changed its name to The Holywell Inn when a 60-foot-deep well was found beneath an outhouse.

Walk past Thomas Street and turn up Chapel Street to find the secluded graveyard of the demolished Stainland and Holywell Green United Reformed Church. Here you will find the graves of **Private Frank Taylor** and **Private Sam Turner** (see Walk 3). Retrace your steps and cross over Stainland Road. Behind the shop there is a children's playground with a WI bench. Walk down Chapel Street and turn right on Cross Street to join Station Road. You will pass Honeymoon Square, which is a popular name for housing

built by the Shaw family for newly-married couples who worked at their nearby Brookroyd Mills. Brookroyd Mills employed over 1,200 people in 1857 but has since been demolished.

Walk down the hill, crossing over the old railway line and Holywell Brook. Turn right up Jagger Green Lane to find Greaves Place, home of **Private Joe Binns (7)**.

Then you will come to Benroyd Terrace, home of **Private Horace Wheeler (8)** and **Lawrence Wolfenden (9)**. **Private Wheeler** enlisted with his friend **Private George Thorpe** (see Walk 3) of Station Road. They were both killed by the same projectile in France. Both were in the Training Reserve, North Staffordshire, and became attached to the York and Lancaster Regiment. Before enlisting, **Private Wheeler** was employed by Messrs. Dempster, Elland.

Continue up the hill and Jagger Green Hall is on the left at the bend. This was the home of **Private Emanuel Davidson (10)**. Jagger Green Hall is a Grade II Listed building, listed for its special architectural or historic interest.

Walk straight forward on Jagger Green Dean***(detour here to find **(13)**). Holly Tree Cottage is on your right, home of **Lance Corporal James Henry Sutcliffe (11)**. Jagger Green Dean turns into a dead-end track and is where **Private George Herbert Brook (12)** lived.

From here walk along the track and turn right down the bridleway or follow the footpath to the right past The Old Sunday School, turning left at the metal gate and then joining the bridleway. Continue down the bridleway and past the Castle. On the 1891 Census it says that **Private Sam Haigh** lived at Carr Hall **(12a)** but we are not sure exactly where. In 2008 Carr Hall Castle was voted 'Britain's Best Home' in a Channel 5 series. This Grade II folly which looks like a Norman castle started life in the early 19th Century as a farmhouse and barn for breeding shire horses. It was converted into a castle by the Shaw family in about 1860 but they didn't ever live there. There is a deer park next to the castle.

As you walk further up Carr Hall Lane you will see an ancient long stone trough called Carr Hall Well. It has a compartment at the inlet end, presumably to keep animals away from the part used by people collecting water for domestic consumption. Eventually this track comes out at Cross Farm on Stainland Road close to the Memorial Park. Before returning to the Memorial Park look at the Listed medieval stone cross opposite to the church. **Able Seaman James Willie Hey (14)** lived at The Cross. This could be Cross Farm or a row of houses which is now demolished. Prior to the Great War he was an engine tender at R & D Norcliffe & Co, Firth House Mills. He enlisted in the Royal Navy on 28th August 1916. After training at Crystal Palace he served as a gunner on several merchantmen and sailed to the Indies, San Francisco and West Africa. He was drowned when his ship, the armed merchantman SS Frankby carrying a cargo of nitrate from Antofagasta (Chile) to Marseilles, was wrecked on Formigas Rocks, off St Michael Island in the Azores. He was the first naval man from Stainland to die in World War I.

*** Detour here up New Road past Jagger Green recreation ground which is the site of a WI picnic bench. Turn left down Old Lindley Road, past the bend with a house called Clough Head to Moorside Cottage on the left, home of **Private William Morton (13)**. In 1911 **Private Morton** was employed as a potter. He was killed in action on 28th September 1917, aged 31. He is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium, (previously buried in a smaller rural cemetery but later exhumed and reburied at Tyne Cot).