**Delville Wood commemorative weekend**

**15-17 July 2022**

**Friday 15 July**

**17:30** Evening at MOTH Shellhole .

View museum, medal collection and various military collections.

Special presentation on battle of Delville wood and on the life and times of WW1 and the effects on Dundee

and its people including

- SA Native Labour Corps and Lieut Richardson of Dundee who died on the SS Mendi.

- Rev Ireland, the local Presbyterian minister who offered his services and died at Salonika.

- meet some of the descendants of Dundee men who fought and died at Delville Wood.

Evening meal. Cash bar available.

**Saturday 16 July**

There will be numerous food and refreshment stalls in the museum grounds as well as stalls and exhibits of military collectables, books, crafts etc.

9:30 Soccer tournament at Talana Museum to commemorate the 1914 Christmas Truce

11:00 – 11:45 Illustrated talk by Pam McFadden on her visits to Delville Wood, other memorials, Talana Farm cemetery and as a representative laying a wreath at the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium on 11 November 2014.

12:00 – 1:30 **Screening of the film “They shall not grow old”**

*In Pam McFadden conference room*

The 2018 [documentary film](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Documentary_film) directed and produced by [Peter Jackson](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Jackson).

This film was created using original footage of the [First World War](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_World_War) from the [Imperial War Museum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperial_War_Museum)'s archives, most previously unseen, all over 100 years old by the time of release.

Audio is from [BBC](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BBC) and Imperial War Museum (IWM) interviews of [British](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_people) servicemen who fought in the conflict.

Most of the footage has been [colourised](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Film_colorization) and transformed with modern production techniques, with the addition of [sound effects](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sound_effect) and [voice acting](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voice_acting) to be more evocative and feel closer to the soldiers' actual experiences.

**12:45-14:00 Lunch break**

14:00 – 14:30 View museum – guided talk in First World War exhibit

15:00 - 16:30 Reenactment of the battle of Delville Wood with an introductory talk to set the scene

18:00 for 18:30 At Battlefields Country Lodge.

Cash bar open. Evening meal included – served at end of performance.

19:00 – 20:00 **AT ALL COSTS**

**by PETER TERRY director JANICE HONEYMAN**

*“The Delville Wood of 1970 is very different from the one I last saw in 1916. I spent all these years trying to shut the battle out of my mind’s eye. So why on earth would I go back?”*

In this powerful piece of Solo Theatre, based on painstaking research into the event, Peter Terry plays the fictional character of David Wells, a South African soldier who fought at the bloody Battle of Delville Wood in 1916.

In 1970, he reluctantly returns to the Wood, to face his nightmares head-on, and finds himself reliving the terrors of the five days that have haunted him all his life.

Duration 50 minutes

**Sunday 17 July**

11:00 MOTH Memorial Parade and wreath laying at War Memorial Victoria Street Dundee

MOTH Shellhole will be open for refreshments at conclusion of service.

**Ticket entry Fri evening R100 includes meal and talk**

**Saturday R70 for the day events**

**Saturday evening includes meal and theatre production R 250**

**Sunday no entry fee**

**Full weekend ticket R395**

**Ticket sales/enquiries info @talana.co.za**

***Special accommodation tariffs*** *have been arranged with*

* *Battlefields Country Lodge for the weekend at* ***R650p/p per night sharing on B&B basis* or R900p/p per night single.** Booking Code **KZN Promotions** to get this preferential rate.
* *Kwarie caravan park and chalets* ***R330p/p per night self catering*****Booking Code Deville Wood**
* *Kwakunje Village/Khaya 4U* ***R500 p/p B&B sharing* Booking code Delville Wood**

**All accommodation contact details are available on tourdundee.co.za**

**Will advise as soon as other special offers on accommodation are available.**