

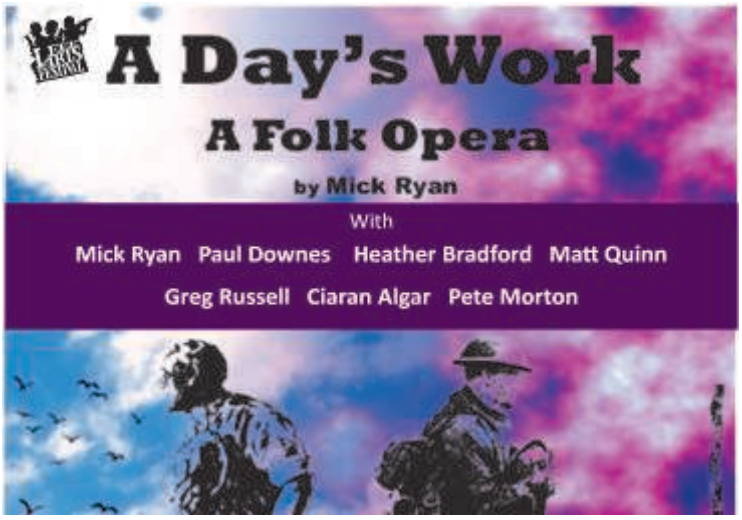
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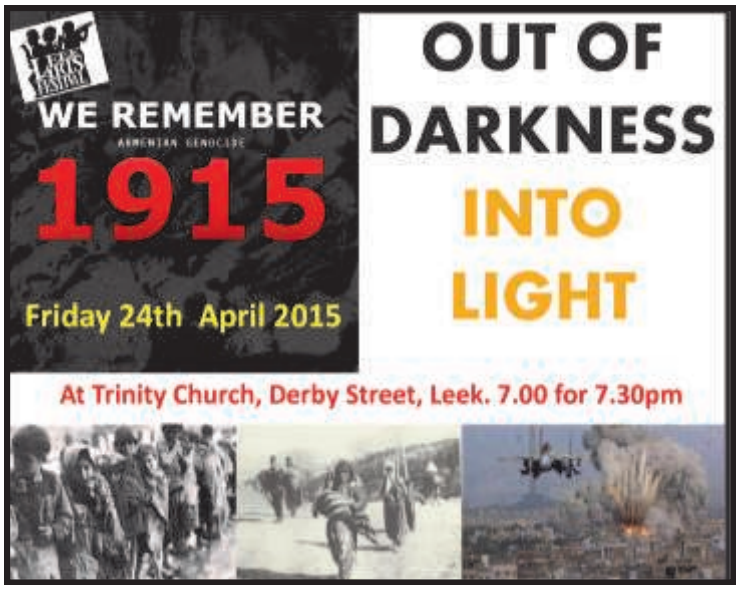
'A Day's Work'

folk opera at

Stoke Repertory

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Friday 24th April

'Out of Darkness into Light' - a live documentary at Trinity Church, Leek

Saturday 25th April.

'SPRING INTO PEACE' Folk Day

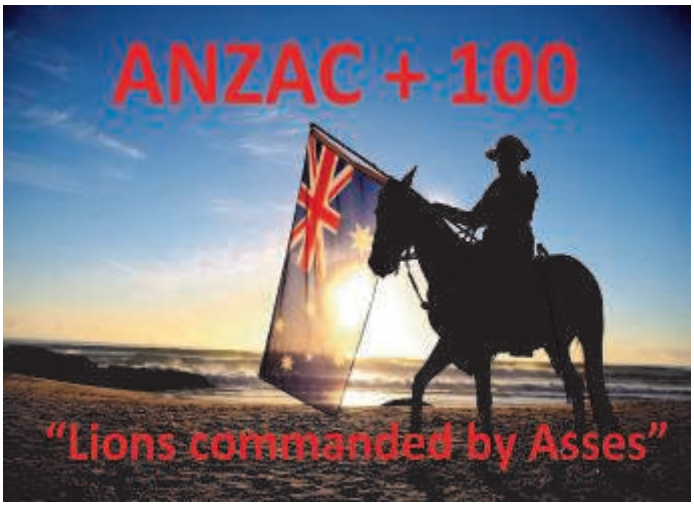
with

Martyn Wyndham Read

Longsdon Memorial Hall,

Longsdon, Nr Leek,

ST9 9QF



Thursday 23rd April

A Day's Work

A Folk Opera

by Mick Ryan

With

Mick Ryan Paul Downes Heather Bradford Matt Quinn

Greg Russell Ciaran Algar Pete Morton



Presented by Peace through Folk at -

Stoke Repertory Theatre, Thursday 23rd April

Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start - Tickets £12 each or £10 each for 10

From www.peacethroughfolk.org or phone 01538 360256 or 0780 552 9492

Thursday 23rd April



The great Duke of Wellington, great British hero
Stood on the ramparts and stared out to sea
The Captain beside him asked him a question
On that day, long ago, he asked him if he
Could think of a name to stand for the soldier
The soldier who marches, and fights where he must
Who says his goodbye to the girl at his shoulder
Who kills at command, and who dies in the dust
And the Iron Duke thought of his first day in action
How he rode through the lines when the battle was won
And there lay a soldier, a poor dying fraction
Of those on all sides whose last day had come
He begged to die easy. He begged them to leave him
He looked at the Duke, and he saw his dismay
"It's all in a day's work", he said, to relieve him
With these words, Tom Atkins passed peaceful away
Said the Duke, "Thomas Atkins to stand for our nation
"Six foot three in his socks, twenty years in the line
"Couldn't read, couldn't write, but without hesitation
"The best man at arms in the whole of my time"

And, seventy years later, the 'Tommies' did another day's work on the first day of The Battle of the Somme. They died in their thousands.

Using original songs, spoken verse, monologue and dialogue, 'A Day's Work' tells the story of a group of farm labourers, members of a mummers' team, who join up, or refuse to join up, and meet finally on the first day of The First Battle of The Somme.

The show examines war, love, courage and cowardice.

Originally written and performed in 1995, with great success on the folk scene and beyond, this revival for The Great War Centenary uses a re-written script, with some additional, newly composed, songs and a cast of well known, and highly respected, performers:-

Mick Ryan Paul Downes Pete Morton Greg Russell Ciaran Algar
Matt Quinn Heather Bradford



Presented by Peace through Folk at **Stoke on Trent Repertory Theatre, Thursday 23rd April**

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Friday 24th April



OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

At Trinity Church, Derby Street, Leek. 7.00 for 7.30pm







From Armenia 24th April 1915 to Syria today via Ukraine, The Holocaust, Cambodia, Bosnia, Darfur, Rwanda, Palestine and all points in between

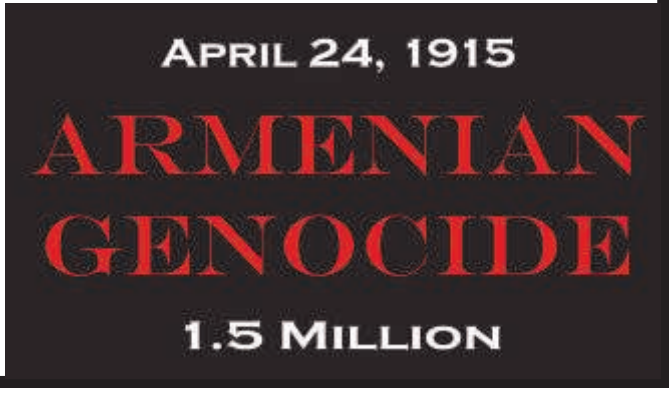


with traditional Armenian Duduk music played live by Tigran Aleksanyan, plus performances by Phoenix Singers, Birdscarers, Peace through Folk Choir, Brian Bull, Rick Ford, Ray Johnson, Virginia Meir, Jackie Redgewell, David Bowen & others

A dramatised live documentary about the deliberate killing of large groups of people of particular nations or ethnic groups; War crimes perpetrated by mankind on mankind. Concluding with a celebration of the goodness, reconciliation & decency that mankind is also capable of.

FREE TICKETS available from -

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Spring Into Peace Folk Day

at Longsdon Hall



An afternoon and evening of workshops and concerts with music and song in celebration of Peace, Goodwill and Reconciliation

Longsdon Memorial Hall, Longsdon, Nr Leek, ST9 9QF



On the centenary of The Gallipoli Landings, this day will include songs and music reflecting on the cruel futility of all wars and the heroic roles played in the Great War by Commonwealth people of all faiths and creeds. It will be a celebration of peace, goodwill and reconciliation and also contain lots of cracking good Folk Music featuring

Martyn Wyndham-Read

The Birdscarers, Rick Ford, Brian Bull, The Laners,

Pete Shirley, Pete Hopkins,

Peace Through Folk Choir with Lester Simpson and others.

Full day tickets £12 each or group rate—£10 each for 10

- Afternoon only tickets £6 - Evening only £8

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