



"MARCHING ON" a talk by Anne Cotton, Thursday 6 November at 2.00 p.m.

Many of you will have very fond memories of buying shoes from R.C. Cotton & Sons shoe shop in Market Place, Oundle. It was founded in 1871 by Robert Charles Cotton, the son of a bootmaker, and was owned and run by family members until its sale in 2017.

On Thursday 6th November at 2.00 p.m. in St Andrew's Church, Cotterstock, PE8 5HD Anne Cotton, great, great granddaughter of the founder will give an illustrated talk entitled "Marching On". Anne will talk about the impact of the first world war on the manufacture of footwear in Northamptonshire, the changing role of women in the industry and the history of the family business during this tumultuous time.



No county played a more crucial role in the supply of boots to allied forces than Northamptonshire, 50 of the 70 million pairs worn came from local factories. Boots made at this time by Loake Shoemakers of Kettering will be on display.

If you would like to come to this fascinating talk, tickets are limited and can be purchased from Stu-Pots in Market Place, Oundle for £10 (cash only) which includes a complimentary glass of prosecco or juice and nibbles. Tickets go on sale from Monday 1st September.

After Anne's talk a large art installation in the chancel, created by the London based artist Angela Wright entitled "Broken Lives" reflecting on the aftermath of war, will be unveiled. People will have an opportunity to see the installation, (which will have been a week in the making), and to meet Angela too.



There will be a quality raffle prize draw (cash only) with lovely prizes donated by local businesses and sponsored by King West estate agents.

There are steps in church; a toilet will be on site.