

Open air service in Leith today to remember the Quintinshill Disaster

Remembering those from Leith who died in the Quintinshill Disaster

There is a restored railway coach from the same type of train used to take soldiers to Liverpool in 2015 in Leith just in front of the Malmaison. 498 members of The Royal Scots were on their way to Liverpool to embark for Gallipoli when their train was involved in a collision at Gretna. The carriages were wooden and 216 soldiers died as a result of fire spreading quickly throughout the train. Many of the soldiers were from the 7th (Leith) Battalion.

This afternoon in Leith at 2.00pm the Lord Provost will take part in an open air service of Commemoration conducted by the Rev Iain May Minister of South Leith Parish Church supported by the church choir and the Lowland Band of The Royal Regiment of Scotland. All are welcome.

This follows a series of memorial events to remember those lost in the disaster in 2015. [You can read more about all of those here](#) See also the fabulous film below made for Gretna 100 by [Out of the Blue](#).



Bryan Maughan of Pilmeny Development Project was behind the creation of this 1000 poppy wreath



This tree was part of the Out of the Blue Gretna 100 project in 2015. Each disc bore the name of a serviceman from Leith