

#### **4. Battle of Messines & life behind the lines**

*Visit of and Lunch at Messines Peace Village, Nieuwkerkestraat 9, Messines*

- **Messines**

*Visit to the Irish Peace Park, a place of silent memory for all the fallen of Ireland, no matter religion or political background. Also a small visit to monument of Samuel Frickelton, New Zealand Victoria Cross Winner and the new visitor's point in Messines.*

- **Pool of Peace (Wijtschate/Heuvelland)**

*One of the craters from the mine explosion of the 7/06/1917.*

- **Talbot House (Poperinge)**

*The 'Every Man's Club' at Talbot House is one of the most evocative sites of the Great War. Founding padre 'Tubby' Clayton catered for over half a million soldiers. Rank did not matter, everyone was and still is treated equally. Soldiers could borrow books, play the piano,... in short, become human again. The unique spirit can perhaps best be experienced in the newly renovated 'Upper Room' or Chapel. Next door, a life-sized album on 'Life Behind the Lines' and a 'Concert Party' take you back in time. Experience the true atmosphere of war years in this 'Home away from Home'. The kettle is already on... We finish the visit with a cup of tea.*