

Lest We Forget!

Nearly 100 years ago, on 11 November 1918, the guns of the First World War fell silent for the first time in 4 years.

On 11 November 2018, the anniversary of the end of what was described as '***the war to end all wars***' will be marked across Great Britain. The Parish Council has taken the decision to take part in these national events as well as organising some local events to commemorate Parish people who took part in 'The Great War'.

So far there are four parts to this commemoration:

Morning – The normal Remembrance Day Service held in St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Claborough.

Afternoon, 2 pm – The planting of Memorial Oak Trees on the Parish Pasture by residents of the Parish. Two of these of these Oaks have been given by the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire with others donated by Sherwood Forest Country Park in Edwinstowe.

Afternoon – The tree planting will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall and a display of photographs and biographies of those men of the Parish who died in World War 1.

Evening, 7 pm – Lighting of the Beacon, along with many other beacons across Great Britain.

We need your help in carrying out this programme of events:

Organising – join the small group of people currently organising the event;

Ideas – the ideas above are ours, can you suggest more and better?;

Information – we have been given the list of names, shown below, of men from the Parish who were soldiers who died in the First World War. Have you heard of them? Are they relatives of yours? Do you know relatives of these men? Do you know of other men from the Parish who served or died in that war? Do you have any letters, photographs, medals, artifacts etc of these men, or the Parish around 1914 – 1918, which you would be prepared to lend for a display? Do you know of any sailors or Royal Flying Corps members from Claborough who served or died in the war?

List of soldiers from the Parish known to have died in World War 1:

Briggs John William, Brooks Harry, Brownlow Arthur, Howgate Arthur Edwin, Kirton Charles Henry, Markham William Hiley, Marsh T. H., Pattison Walter, Peatfield William, Smith Albert, Smith Harry, Stevenson John William, Stocks Charles, Whitlam George.

List of soldiers who were missing from the electoral roll after the First World War about whom there is no definite information:

Bennett Algernon, Bland Charles Henry, Bland George, Brown Herbert Horace, Cobb John George, Cobb Wilfrid, Doncaster Thomas, Durham Leonard, Green Charles, Hatch John, Jeffcock Philip Eric, Jeffcock Win. Henry Claude, Parkin Evan George, Sanderson Albert Thomas, Stevenson Tomm, Swindin George, Swindin Tom, Thorp Leonard, Thorp Roger, Thorp Roland John, Thorp W. H., Ward Alfred, Wilkinson Ernest, Wilkinson Percy, Worthington John William Rogers.

If you recognise any of the names in the 2 lists above and/or would like to help organise the events set out above then please contact Steve Bowler - steve@purplestripe.co.uk, or telephone 01777 711 119.

We must not forget!

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