



# Newsletter

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### "We Will Remember Them"

Sixty-one servicemen from the Bishop's Waltham area died fighting for their country during the four years of the Great War. To mark the centenary of the end of that war, Peter Ridley, Alan Inder and Tony Kippenberger have written a book, to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> November, that commemorates their lives and their deaths.

Peter Ridley has done extensive research and written brief biographies of these men. These have been published over the past four years in *Bishop's Waltham & Upham Parish News* in chronological order of the centenary of their death. While originally focused on the War Memorial, the work also took into account two Rolls of Honour commemorating those who died in the Great War, one held in Bishop's Waltham Museum and the other on the wall of St Peter's Church. These stories have been expanded and are now presented in alphabetical order.

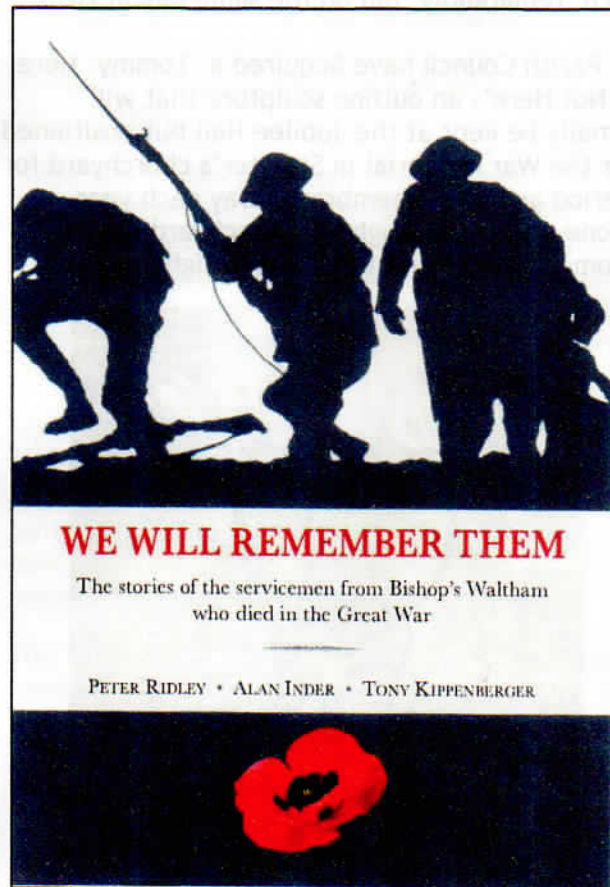
Alan Inder is the instigator and overall editor of the project. He has also written about the main cemeteries and memorials where men from Bishop's Waltham are buried or commemorated.

These men lost their lives fighting in a conflict that was seen at the time as the biggest war the world had ever known. It was fought on many separate fronts between many different nations, on land,

sea and in the air. Tony Kippenberger provides a brief background to the Great War and gives an account of its progress. He explains the different military fronts on which these men fought and gives the reader a context for the battles and actions in which they laid down their lives. Brigadier David Webb-Carter OBE, MC, has written the Foreword to the book.

At 156 pages and illustrated with over 50 photographs, the book tells the stories of where the men and their families lived, where they fought and how they died. Many of them belonged to large local families and were related by kinship and marriage. It's hard to imagine the impact these deaths would have had on our small market town.

Throughout the book are war poems chosen to reflect not just those who gave their lives, but also those who lived with the consequences of this terrible conflict. This book remembers them too...



Available from Studio 4 in the High Street from 1<sup>st</sup> November (£8.99)

The Society does not expect to cover its production costs for the book but believes that this is precisely the sort of occasion and subject that the Society should properly commemorate, even if it adds to our costs. The Society does not wish to make any financial gain from publishing the book, so we intend to donate any income after break-even to the Royal British Legion who do such sterling work for servicemen and women, and their families. We hope many members will want to have a copy to read and keep on their bookshelf.

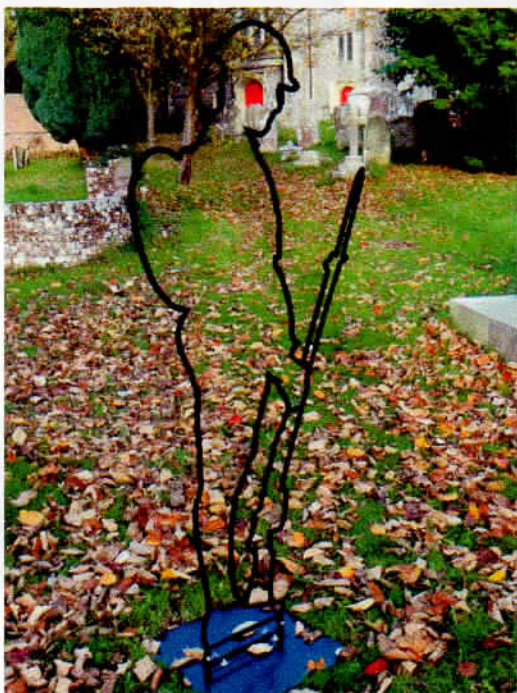
There will be a formal launch and book-signing with the authors at the King's Church, on the High Street, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please join us to buy a book and/or have one signed.

The book will also be on sale at St Peter's church after the Remembrance Service on 11<sup>th</sup> November and again that evening at the Beacon Lighting event in Priory Park (details below). Copies can also be reserved or ordered by contacting our Treasurer, Keith Fry, at [keith.fry@googlemail.com](mailto:keith.fry@googlemail.com) or on 01489 894625.

### The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day

There are a number of events marking this year's Armistice Anniversary and Remembrance Day which, remarkably, fall on the same day in 2018.

The Parish Council have acquired a 'Tommy: Here But Not Here', an outline sculpture that will normally be kept at the Jubilee Hall but positioned near the War Memorial in St Peter's churchyard for a period around Remembrance Day each year. Anyone walking through the churchyard will become familiar with the six-foot high figure.



On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November the annual Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance Service will take place at the War Memorial at 3:00 pm.

This year's Remembrance Day Parade to St Peter's Church will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The parade will march along the High Street at 10:30am and return from the Church to St George's Square at approximately 12:00pm.

# BATTLE'S

# O V E R



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE



That evening the Parish Council will be lighting a beacon in Priory Park, Elizabeth Way, as part of the national 'Battle's Over' tribute. This will start at 6:30pm with the lighting of the beacon scheduled for 7:00pm. There will be a live band, with food and refreshments available. The Society will have a small stand to provide the opportunity for people to buy the new book.

### Graves from the Great War in the churchyard

During the First World War soldiers who died in battle were buried near to the place where they fell but many have no known grave - 'missing presumed dead' or lost at sea, for example. As part of the research into the new book, "We will remember them", one of the authors, Peter Ridley, identified three graves of servicemen, who died in the Great War, buried in St Peter's churchyard.

As one would expect, this means that they died whilst back in Britain from wounds or through illness. One of these is a Commonwealth War Grave and therefore easily identifiable. It is the burial place of Gunner Thomas Edwin Andrews.

It took longer to find the final resting place of Gunner Harry Etheridge because it was a private grave and had become overgrown with weeds.

The site of the third serviceman's grave, Private George Cottle, was even more difficult to find. It was eventually discovered tumbled down, surrounded by pine logs and much overgrown with cherry tree branches and ivy. See below.



As the grave was when re-discovered

The Society wished to mark these three men's deaths by laying its own wreaths on their graves, as a simple gesture on this centenary occasion. So a working party was formed to clear the area and restore his grave. Thanks to Robin Shepherd, Ralph Bolton, Keith Fry and Jacky Kippenberger the burial site now looks more as George's widow and three children would have liked it to be.



George Cottle's grave after restoration, with Thomas Andrews' war grave stone behind it

It is now possible to read the poignant inscription.



A simple wreath-laying will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 3:00 pm. It will not be a service, but there will be a short recital of a small number of war poems. All members of the Society are very welcome to attend this informal occasion

### How observant were you (Part 2)?

In our Summer 2017 newsletter we asked who had noticed the beautiful Acacia (Mimosa) tree near the Crown Inn.

This time, we'd be interested to know how many people noticed that a wisteria produced a great display on a large tree beside a busy road in Bishop's Waltham, in May of this year. It has clearly been growing up the tree for a number of years to reach this height. What is the road's name?



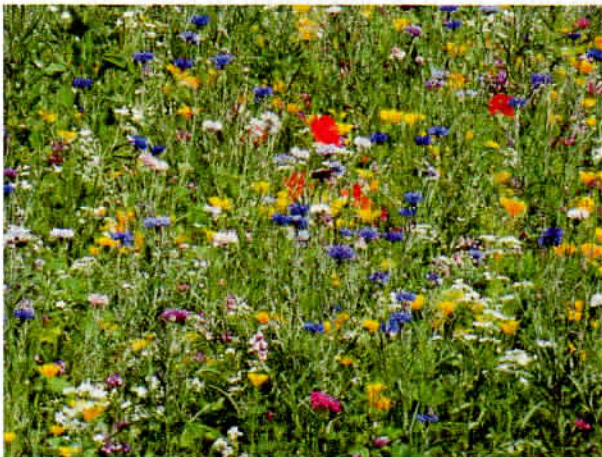
Answers to [info@bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@bishopswalthamsociety.org.uk). Sorry, no prizes this time. It's just for fun!

### The wild flower beds

In the last newsletter we explained that the display of wild flowers planted by Bishop's Waltham in Bloom (BWIB) on the Hoe Road/Willow Road roundabout suffered a setback when the Parish Council's groundsmen accidentally weed-killed the bed. However, the Parish Council paid for the replacement seed and BWIB re-sowed it. We are still the bed's sponsors and were pleased to see it looking good again later in the year.



Our sponsorship of the wild flower beds at both Hoe Road and Tangier Lane seems to have been ill-fated this year. The annual wild flowers at the top of Tangier Lane were starting into good growth when Winchester City Council's grass-cutting contractor cut them all down. Although they did recover a bit, they certainly didn't put on as good a display as last year (see below).



Tangier Lane in 2017

We had more luck with our sponsorship of the children's hanging basket competition in Red Lion Street that BWiB arranges.



The entries were good again this year and provide a very pleasant passageway for visitors as they walk from the main carpark to the High Street.

Our sponsorship of these three projects this year has cost around £300. We believe that the wild flowers are not only bee-friendly but add a richness to the town's floral displays that is of considerable value to everyone. We are also keen that children should get involved in plant life and share in the reward of seeing something that they have planted produce an abundance of beautiful flowers over the summer months.

### The General Data Protection Regulation

This new EU law came into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 to replace the previous Data Protection Act. The regulation introduces new requirements for how organisations process personal data. Almost all of us were inundated in the early summer with organisations and businesses informing us of their new privacy terms.

We are grateful to you, our members, for your response to our request to fill in our form, sign it and return it to us. We have had a tremendous return with only a few still outstanding. This means we now hold a nearly complete and very up-to-date list of members. This will prove invaluable if we need to contact the membership urgently for any reason.

If you are one of our members who hasn't yet returned their form, please do so as soon as possible. If you have lost your form or pre-paid reply envelope, just contact us at [info@bishops-walthamsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@bishops-walthamsociety.org.uk).

### Citizens Advice



Back in April the Society was approached by the Citizens Advice Bureau about sponsoring some very important training for its staff of volunteers.

The Citizens Advice office in Bishops Waltham, at Well House in Brook Street, is open three days a week, 10am-2pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is led by one paid worker alongside a team of 19 volunteers, 14 of which are trained advisers. In its full financial year 2016-2017 the Bishops Waltham office helped over 1,500 individual clients with some 3,000 different issues.

The people who come to Citizens Advice for help are often some of the most vulnerable people in our community - those on low incomes, people with mental health issues or people who have a disability or long-term health issue. As a result, the most common issues that Citizens Advice help people with relate to benefits, tax credits and financial issues.

Citizens Advice Winchester District (of which the Bishop's Waltham office is part) is a registered charity which has to raise **all of the funds** it needs to provide its service through grants and donations.

As recent news coverage has reminded us, Universal Credit is intended as a new benefits payment for people over 18 but under State Pension age who are on a low income or out of work. It rolls together six so-called 'legacy' benefits (including housing, children and childcare, disability and carers benefits) into one benefit paid monthly to claimants.

Universal Credit (UC) has been planned as the biggest change ever made to the benefits system. Citizens Advice evidence shows that Universal Credit clients are more likely to have debt problems than those on legacy benefits. One of the problems is that claimants have been waiting for up to six weeks for their first regular payment, which can cause or exacerbate debt problems. Another issue is that claimants need to open a bank account and some are struggling with this process, and many claimants find it difficult to adjust to monthly (rather than weekly) benefits, and budget accordingly.

Bishop's Waltham is in a 'Live Service Area' for Universal Credit, which means all new working age applicants, or those people who have a change of circumstance, now need to make a Universal Credit claim.

Citizens Advice is the 'go to' advice agency within Winchester District on Universal Credits, so it was clearly essential that its advisers were fully prepared and briefed on how they could provide independent, reputable advice to residents from Bishops Waltham and the surrounding areas who need their help.

As the first stage of their preparation for Government's intended roll out, the Bishop's Waltham office wanted to run a one-day training course for all its local advisers and needed funds to cover the cost. The Society's trustees felt very strongly that this was something that the Society should rightly sponsor for the benefit of the wider

community. We therefore provided the £396 donation that enabled the training to take place.

Citizens Advice were delighted and the training occurred toward the end of April. We have asked Sarah Berry to give us a talk on the work that CA does as part of our programme of talks for 2019. The date is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### The Society's public appearances

In late June the Bishop's Waltham Town Team put on a special event for the children (aged from 3 to 13) that involved many of the town's voluntary organisations. It was called **KidSTreat**.

It was a Sunday and the High Street was closed and between noon and 5:00pm it and the surrounding area became a "kids' zone". Around 30 local community groups and societies joined in, offering all sorts of different ways of involving the children, including learning to do something, making something, participating in music or performing arts, being entertained, competing or just watching. It was a great success.

The Society had a stand and provided two quizzes for families and kids to do. Both were quizzes that could only be completed by walking the length of the High Street and being observant. There was a large take-up and lots of kids got a bag of sweets as a reward for their correct answers (or a big handful of strawberries if parents were concerned about sugar consumption!).

We also took part in the Friend of St Peter's Fayre in September. Our stand with new banners and a display of posters for our talks attracted plenty of attention.



As a result, we not only sold a good number of our publications, but also attracted a really rewarding number of new members. We will continue to take a pitch at appropriate events. **Do please stop by and talk to us if you see us!**

### Did you see the Tulip Trees this year?

As you enter St Peter's churchyard from Maypole Green (Free Street), you pass a row of three fine-looking trees on your right hand side (or on the left hand side if you have walked up from St Peter's Street!).

These were planted by Chris Smith, an enthusiastic gardener, allotment grower and environmentalist. He also designed and planted the original Butterfly Garden by the railway gates at the start of the old railway walk near Station roundabout. His ashes are buried under the middle tree, marked by a small granite monument.

The trees are Tulip Trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), a member of the Magnolia family. They are typically large and deciduous and are sometimes called 'tulip poplars' or 'yellow poplars'.

However, it takes up to 15 years for them to flower! In 2017 one of the trees produced its first trademark 'tulip' flowers but this year all three trees flowered.



Close up, the flowers are even more remarkable.



Keep your eyes open. They should all now flower every year in May/June!

### Planning and Development Management

Let anyone should think that the Society's Trustees have become over-focused on the centenary of the Great War or the flora around Bishop's Waltham, the Society continues to track and respond to planning applications of any size or significance.

We have submitted written comments and/or objections to the following applications so far this year:

Abbey Mill, application no. **17/02075/FUL** - a further letter of objection dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Albany Farm, application no. **18/00254/REM** - welcome for some changes but continued objections, dated 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Coppice Hill, Phase 2, application no. **17/03237/FUL** - welcome to revisions and two suggestions for further improvement, dated 8<sup>th</sup> February.

Locks Farm Standby Generator, application no. **18/01337/FUL** - objection on the precautionary principle dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Second letter questioning the accuracy of some the information supplied by the developer's agent, dated 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Malt Lane development, application no. **18/000170/FUL** - a mixture of support for some features with reservations about others dated 5<sup>th</sup> March. Followed by an extended, 4-page letter about the archaeology potential of the site, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March. See page 7 opposite.

Postmead, Shore Lane, application no. **17/01723/FUL** - continued objection to revised plans, dated 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Postmead, Shore Lane, new application no. **18/01654/FUL** - continuing objections, as before, dated 10<sup>th</sup> August.

All these pieces of correspondence can be found on Winchester City Council's Planning website. A 'Simple Search' using the associated application number will take you to a page that enables you to click on 'Documents' which are then available, uploaded in date order.

Because the 16<sup>th</sup> March letter about the archaeological significance of the Malt Lane site has wider implications than simply planning issues, a summary of its content is provided in the next section of the newsletter. It followed a valuable site visit with qualified archaeologists, Liz Lewis and Penny Copeland.

## The archaeological importance of the Malt Lane site

In 1967-8 Liz Lewis undertook a detailed archaeological excavation at the site of the old Palace Stables, or Mews, while they were being demolished to make way for the town's bypass.

In early March 2018 our chairman, Tony Kippenberger, had a site visit to the proposed new Malt Lane development with Liz Lewis. They were accompanied by Anita Taylor, curator of Bishop's Waltham Museum, and Penny Copeland, who is a professional archaeologist both freelance and at Southampton University. As a result of this visit all agreed that the Malt Lane is a critically important site with strong connections to Bishop's Waltham's early history.

All had been disappointed in the 12-page so-called 'Archaeology Report', submitted with the planning application by Studio Four Architects, because of its poor quality and indeed lack of actual archaeology. A another concern was that the Report had not been produced by an independent third party, as is usually the case, but by the developer's own architects.

In her 1967-68 excavations of the Palace Stable buildings on and around the Budgens site, Liz Lewis had found material that indicated Mesolithic occupation. There is every reason to believe that there will be similar Mesolithic remains on the adjacent site of this new development.

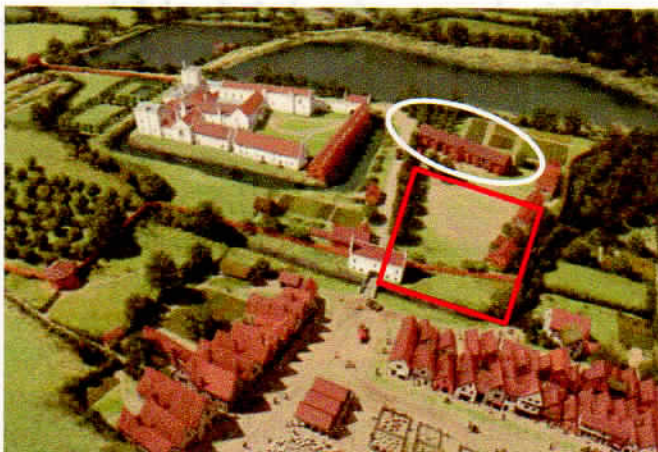
The proposed development site also lies but a few metres from the site of the timber-framed 11th century aisled Hall that was found underneath the Palace Stables. This late Saxon building was high status, so it would be surprising if it wasn't surrounded by ancillary buildings which may well be spread across the whole Malt Lane site.

The Palace Stables themselves were originally constructed as an aisled building in the late 13th or early 14th century, probably as a barn. As such it may well have been associated with other farm or storage buildings which could easily have spread across the proposed development area.

Perhaps of more significance is the exact site and nature of the gate and gatehouse to the Palace grounds, which would have stood somewhere to the eastern extremity of the proposed development.

**We are sorry that the summer edition of the newsletter has become an autumn edition! The editor felt that the new book about the Great War took precedence. Not least because it had a very finite publishing date!**

An impression of the Palace, its grounds and the town - as they may have been in the 15th century - has been created by English Heritage. This is shown below.



The red square approximates to the proposed development site and the white oval indicates the site of the Palace Stables, and the area beneath Budgens, excavated in the 1960s. It illustrates that English Heritage also speculates that they may well have been other buildings, part of Bishop Langton's wall and even the gatehouse all within the site. This is why investigation is so critical to understanding the town's history.

The Archaeological Report asserted that "it is strongly suspected that any presence of items of high archaeological importance within the site boundary have since been destroyed or compromised".

There are indeed a few areas on the site where items of archaeological importance may well have been damaged or disturbed. For example, the area where underground petrol tanks are sited within Fox's Garden Machinery land, and a possible cellar under the now demolished 19<sup>th</sup> house called Wych Elms.

However the finds made in the 1960s excavations were a metre deep. So suggesting that a gravel driveway may have disturbed them or that temporary wooden huts placed on brick or concrete stands could do serious damage at such a depth is to exaggerate.

The Society didn't feel that just an archaeological 'watching brief' would be enough or do justice to the site. Instead we proposed that the developer commission a full geophysical study of the whole area (as far as it is accessible). This would not be costly (£1-2,000) and would provide the all-important information about the value of conducting any specific archaeological activity. It would also suggest areas where a close watching brief may be necessary. Unfortunately, there has been no response to date.

## A timeline for Bishop's Waltham

The Bishop's Waltham Museum asked Tony Kippenberger to develop a timeline for the town. This is Part 2. You can see Part 1 on the back of the last newsletter and there is a third one still to come!

# Bishop's Waltham: A brief timeline

## The next 700 years



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