



## Honouring Great Paxton's 1st and 2nd World War Heroes

and commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War.



### WW1 remembrance meetings

NOTES for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in church

1. Welcome, AR CT GJ DJ GB JW CH GA RL - apologies MH
2. Omitted from last notes – thanks to CT for cleaning the memorial. We did thank her at last meeting but it was missed from notes.
3. Thanks to CT for getting donations – she has gained over £250 for Great Paxton Remembers. Also thanks to RL as champion book seller.
4. Plans from
  - a. school, getting excited. Display to be set up by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. School wreaths to be on windowsills for concert, but lowered for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> to be laid on war memorial for the archive photograph.
  - b. Brownies and Rainbows. Setup in Lady Chapel on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November before concert. 28 girls, 5 leaders as well as parents are coming on 11<sup>th</sup>. They have lent us use of their display boards –given to DJ
5. Ibbetts donation – very generous £150. CT to pass on the sponsors book and our thanks.
6. Expenses for October PC meeting, original receipts or invoices if possible. JW, CH, DJ received and sent to Parish Clerk. MH has declined. Also preparation of cheque for PCC for church heating. There will be costs for the window posters (£11) as well as travel expenses for the cornet player and donation to Bedford Brass
7. Book reprint arrived, another 100, already sold 6, and 10 more to shop
  - a. Museum? DJ/GJ to check about payment. Done, not sold any yet but have special event on 11/11/18. JW to give GJ 5 more books to take down, plus invoice. Done
8. Volunteer leaders for outside displays setting up and removal. List checked. Poppy displays will be set up in church before the concert but the memorabilia display will not be set up until after the concert on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Therefore JW & GJ can do lampposts.
  - a. Meet 0930 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at church green, to begin the great setup of displays. All hands needed to help, and as many extra volunteers as possible request put on Facebook.
9. Which properties to have Maggie's wreaths – see previous list. There will be enough for one at Petherwin as well as Manor Farm for Cardell. Bullens Farm will

have one for Norman. Help for MH and CH. If needed CT.

10. High Street houses - Speaking to those in soldiers houses (or site of).

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- a. Will be done 28<sup>th</sup> October Sunday. CT and DJ church green to Ibbetts, GJ, Ibbetts up Paxton Hill. CH and RL church green towards Offord.
- b. A4 poster cover of book. Print 100 – yes DJ to get done at Clover. Also A5 flyer asking if owners will decorate their property, suggesting package and where they can get it. Enough funds in account to cover this. Will avoid repeat visits. Will also take copies of book to show and hopefully sell.
- c. Post on Facebook the cover poster file saying print three – one for self and one for each neighbour JW to do after 28<sup>th</sup> October, so the printed ones to be given to the 'old village' are not wasted

11. Village bookend displays - Erection of soldiers. Checking with Highways JW/MH/CH Tuesday 3pm 30<sup>th</sup> October at Church Green. Hopefully acceptable by village signs, if not ask Ibbetts on private land one end, and Mr Lenton, the farmer at other. To be kept in the church for future use, perhaps used by war memorial each November. Not permanently weather proof.

12. Church display – sort out what is being displayed (where is the dedication photo regarding framing?) Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7pm at DJ/GJ School on 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brownies on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Main display to be set up after the concert on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 0930 JW to get church key, RL to set up on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> early.

13. Parade

- a. Insurance covered by Parish council, but need marshalls, first aider (Michelle Oakley has agreed, also Julie Edwards as reserve. Both Guiders are qualified but needed to cover adults supervision for their own groups.) Risk assessment – JW
- b. Flyer for Church Lane - DJ/JW in advance. We are making sure that all residents of Church Lane are aware of what is happening in particular regarding the parade, and movement of vehicles.
- c. High viz jackets – as many as possible,
- d. Manor Farm will let us use their yard for Blue badge parking. GB will oversee parking
- e. and traffic cones –GA. No general parking in Church Lane

14. Brownies and Rainbows to lead parade and to stand at church porch as honour guard whilst congregation enter church.

15. Reserved seating for brownies. Any others? Sheila Cane, relative of soldier will attend and will read.

16. Speakers – who and which soldier. Anne Gallagher (teacher) will take a soldier, Tracey (guider) will take one. DONE. GJ has sorted speakers for all soldiers and given out the readings for practice.

17. Service plan DJ/GJ/AR

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18. Map of village in church with markers to overlay for those properties with displays.

19. Photograph of events for future records. Not advised of people, especially

children. However AR will announce that we want a photo at the end of everybody at the service by war memorial to recreate the 1921 picture. To be for posterity, and an edited one for social media (Facebook) so those not wishing their faces to be seen to move away.

20. Wooden crosses – the existing ones damaged by water so AR to check price for new ones. GPR funds (JW) to buy enough for everyone to sign their names on and place by the war memorial. These also to be kept with the photograph. Update – these cost 1.50 each so AR to buy a few for church and we need to think again how to record the names of people attending. Signature board – name and signature of everyone at service? To be prepared?

21. Cakes and refreshments. For after service and for the afternoon openings in the following week. Volunteers have been asked for cakes. PCC to serve, donations to church.

22. Staffing church for following week – at least two people together, rota and refreshments 1-4

23. RL's display will include:-

- a. RL memorabilia from the battlefield and medals
  - b. RL has received the loan of pistols from Bullens Farm
  - c. Hunts cyclists display boards from MS
- Long table needed

24. Paxton Post deadline 19th/22nd October – DJ to write main piece, sent to AR for Quartet, JW to add bit about book. Village website updated as well by DJ. Report for PCC - JW

25. Village Notice boards and posters – book advertised on four boards. No need to advertise concert. Prepare posters for Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, and open days DJ/JW

26. Craft dates fixed, if needed emergency sewing at DJ

27. Removal of all display material Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Storage in graffiti chamber of church tower. Strong vermin proof container needed. JW to get keys from BH or SG

28. End of project dinner at The Bell for main organising group. Date fixed for 21<sup>st</sup> November, menu circulated for advance choices.

29. All to think about future of the local history group. No meeting December 2018. Start again in January. Where? What day? What time? Ideas for themes and direction.

30. AOB...

- a. Offer to light the church green display by CM. DJ to liaise.
- b. Other coloured poppies? After discussion agreed the main display outside will be red poppies only. AR to have a Peace Table in church so welcome to make white poppies wreath to go here. DJ to contact  
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resident who enquired. Individual property displays can have whatever their owners wish.
- c. Muffles for church bells not yet received.
- d. Someone needed to record the sound of the bells ringing, especially if they are muffled.

e. AR to contact Paxton Place regarding wreath at the old vicarage, for Cane.

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