

November Meeting

As we remembered the hundredth anniversary of the end of World War 1, we looked at those who died in the war and what life was like in the village for those left behind. All those from the village who fought in the war are named on the memorial on the wall at the back of Ainsworth Parish Church, with those who lost their lives being named below.



We heard extracts from the recollections of Walter Taylor, the sub-postmaster at the time – of how the Territorials came marching through the village, inspiring many of the young men to join up. Indeed, about one sixth of the men in the village had joined up by the time the war ended.

There were photos and postcards and tales of those narrowly avoiding death, and of those who died – especially of Herbert Brooks, the first from the village to be killed in action.

Walter also gave an insight into village life during the war - whilst the men folk were at war, the women strained to meet the demand for socks, mufflers etc., often gathering together at the three places of worship. Those not in the forces worked hard, but he says there was good employment and no real cases of hardship.

We also saw two new photos from Paul – one of Henry Harley (of Kiln Clough Farm) and another of Alice Harley, who was laying a Foundation stone for the Methodist Sunday School in 1934