

Ainsworth History Society www.ainsworthhistorysociety.org

We meet on the Second Tuesday of each month from 8:00pm at the Old White Horse on Church Street – next meeting 12th November. All welcome.

September Meeting:

After looking at anew photo of the bowling green, we continued our commemoration of 80 years since the start of World War 2 - looking at the Army/Prisoner of War camp at Lowercroft, with much of the information having been provided by Roy. There was a sentry post at Moor Nook (on the bend Lowercroft Road) and another at the junction of Lowercroft Road and Dow Lane, which meant that it was not possible to go along that section of Lowercroft Road. To get past, it was then necessary to either go along Ainsworth Road to Dow Lane and walk up to get to Walshaw or to go along the West side of the camp to Bentley Hall Road and then along the top of the camp.

A few days after Dunkirk in 1940 a large number of returning soldiers were brought to the army camp to be housed in the mill. They were accompanied by relatives, many of whom were billeted with families on Lowercroft Road.



At the end of the war, the camp was used to house prisoners awaiting repatriation, and after this the hut were used to house families