

JULY 2015

World War One Commemoration

A celebratory evening is being planned for the centenary of World War One. The evening will show villagers snapshots of village life and how the war impacted on Cuddesdon and Denton.

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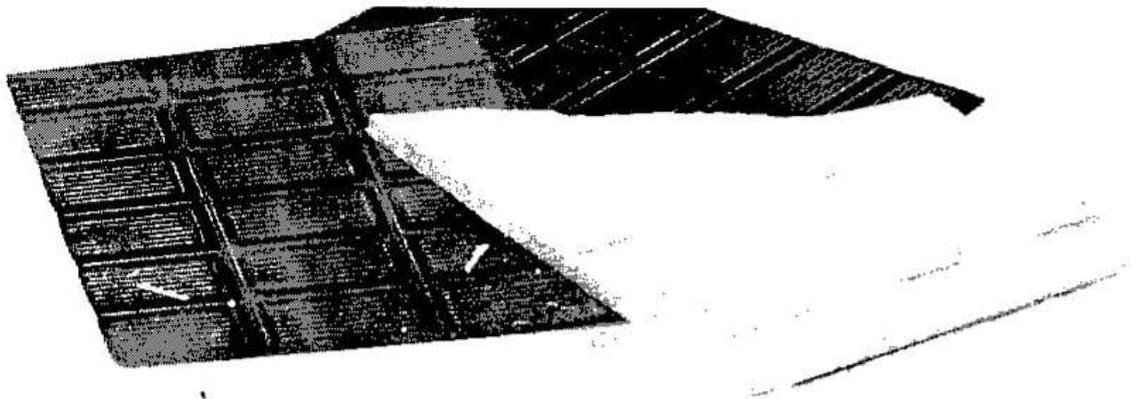
Waitrose present their cheque for the World War One Commemoration

It will take place in the church on Saturday 7th November. Anyone who is interested in being involved in the event, please contact Kathy Hawley.

Members of the organising committee met recently at the Bat and Ball to receive a cheque of sponsorship from Waitrose. This contribution will be invaluable towards staging the evening, and the committee is very grateful to Waitrose for this. Thanks also go to the Bat and Ball for hosting the photo taking in their lovely garden.

SEPTEMBER 2015

TWO CHOCOLATE BARS A DAY CAN SLASH THE RISK OF HEART ATTACK AND STROKE *Daily Mirror June 16 2015*



How wonderful if this were true!
How can we check the facts behind the headlines?
How can we find out about issues
that affect our health?

Come along to the Village Hall on 19th October at 19.30 and I will try to give you some answers.

Dr Lynda Ware

(Recently retired local GP; presently GP advisor with Cochrane UK)

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DECEMBER 2015

NOVEMBER 7 & 8

Someone said to me after the service on Sunday, that the people of Cuddesdon should be proud of these last two days.

On Saturday evening All Saints Church was packed for a play "Cuddesdon at War: a Tale of Everyday Folk in a Small Oxfordshire Village 1914-18. This brought together a cast of almost 50 people from both the village and the college. For me it summed up the patriotism, courage, compassion and suffering of war.

Meticulous research had unearthed many little vignettes, which were woven together into 8 scenes and there were wartime poems and songs to create a memorable occasion for cast and audience. The last scene began with the church bells ringing out and the village rejoicing as the war ended and Laurence Binyon's poem, 'For The Fallen' being read. Then two young ladies sang 'In Flanders Field. In a poignant ending, the children stood up and held their poppies to their breast and said: 'When you go home, Tell them of us and say, For their tomorrow, We gave you to-day.'

On the following day there was the dedication of the new war memorial and service of remembrance. Despite the bitter wind, a good crowd heard the Bishop of Dorchester opened the service by thanking all those who had made these two events possible. This was followed by reflections from Bishop Humphrey. Many people found it a most moving service. The haunting sound of the last post echoed down the village High Street, followed by two minutes silence, broken by the almost triumphant sound of the Reveille - the army's wake-up call. Wreaths were then laid by the Bishop, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, village organisations and individuals. The weekend ended with an exhibition and refreshments in the village hall.

So many people were involved in this weekend that I have deliberately not mentioned names. The Bishop, in his introductory remarks, thanked Kathy Hawley, who after painstaking research, wrote the play with her granddaughter, Esme and who with her husband, Keith, obtained the grants which financially made these two projects possible. He also thanked Robert Wilson whose research and perseverance made possible the return of the cross as a war memorial for the village green. Hopefully this will remind passers-by of the sacrifice made by men from Cuddesdon in the two wars.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

John Paxton