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LEST WE FORGET

Woodford Remembers her Glorious Dead

War Memorial Unveiled

The unveiling of the Village Memorial to those lads who fell in the Great war took place on Sunday. A very large concourse of people gathered to witness the memorable event which will be long remembered. At 2.30pm a procession was formed at the top of the village w, headed by the Kettering Rifle Band, under the conductorship of Mr C H Baker. Then followed a number of ex-servicemen and representatives of all local bodies. The procession proceeded to the Village Green, where the Memorial has been erected.

A very impressive service was conducted by the Rector, The Rev G M Davidson (late chaplain of to the forces), the singing being led by the WMC Male Voice Choir. The hymns "Nearer my God to Thee", and "Lead Kindly Light", were sung followed by prayers. Psalm 121 was read by the Rev J Wells (Wesleyan minister) and the Rev Herbert Leng (Baptist Minister, Woodford).

The dedication of the Memorial was performed by the Rev Edgar G Chew, OBE (late Chaplain to the forces) who said "Let us remember with all honour and thanksgiving before God, the men of this Parish who gave their lives in the service of their King and Country" and then read the following names inscribed upon the memorial:- W F Ainge, A L Allen, L Allen, C Betts, H A Betts, A C Braines, H J Dunford, J T Faulkner, W Freer, R F Hobbs, E H Houghton, S Jackson, A C Jakins, G W Jakins, A King, W Leaton, G V Leveritt, A Lowe, L B Manley, W A Mehew, R J Murrin, W H Murphy, T J Parrott, F E Perkins, H Robinson, CE Smart, H Spencer, F Steers, J Taylor, W W Tiney, A R Waite, H Wood and R A White.

Colonel Malcolm Romer OBE then unveiled the memorial and gave a short appropriate address, this being followed by the Anthem "Peace, Perfect Peace" by the WMC Choir.

On behalf of the Comrades Club and the Parishioners of Woodford, Sergt-Major Lewis (Norfolk Regt) handed *the memorial to the Parish Council*. The Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr F Matthews) accepted the trust.

The Rector then pronounced the Benediction, which was followed by "The Last Post" and the "Reveille" sounded by buglers of the Raunds Church Lads Brigade. The singing of the National Anthem brought the service to a close.

The Woodford Comrades Club are to be congratulated on the success of their endeavours to erect a perpetual memorial to their comrades. The funds have been raised by voluntary subscriptions and donations. The committee comprised the following :- Messrs A Lewis, G Petch, A Leaton, A Shipton, B Jackson, J Bunning, E Tiney, A Swann, W White G Allen, F Howlett and T Croft (secretary).

The memorial is an obelisk of Derbyshire Stone, mounted on four hexagon steps. On tree side of the tablet the names of the fallen are inscribed and on the other side are the words:- "To the glorious memory of the men of this Parish who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919" A Crusade sword has been cut on the column and on the bottom is the word "honour". The work has been carried out by "Messrs. Morris and Son, J Kettering.

List of Wreaths

Comrades Club, Woodford. To those we left behind" also a laurel wreath placed upon the column. " The members of the Working Men's Club"; "Our dear son Jim"; "In loving remembrance of my dear husband W Freer, and dear nephew, E Houghton"; "In loving remembrance of Pte W W Tiney"; "In loving memory of Pte H Spencer from Mr and Mrs Ward and family (Coach and Horses Inn)"; "Dear Alf and George"; "From the workers of the Ideal"; "In remembrance of the Pte Henry Wood"; In memory of PTE F Perkins"; "In remembrance of L Cpl W Leaton"; "In remembrance of our dear dad, Pte W Hobbs"; "in loving memory of dear Arthur"; "In memory of Pte. Henry Robinson"; "In memory of PTE Gaston Leveritt"; "In memory of Sam?"; "In memory of Charlie"; In remembrance of W Murphy"; " In memory of dear dad"; " In memory of A and G Jakins"; "In memory of H J Dunford"; "In memory of Reg"; " In loving memory of Johnny Taylor"; " In memory of Reg White".

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