



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning – we will remember them”

1918 – 2018

One hundred years ago the First World War ended. Also known as the Great War, and with unfounded hope, the war to end all wars, this horrendous conflict claim the life of millions of people from this country, from the whole of the then British empire, from Europe and from many other countries across the world.

A conflict which was entered into with a sense of duty and of hope, ‘it will all be over by Christmas’ and ‘we must do our bit’, turned into a bitter war of attrition and loss with no apparent ending until eventually Germany and her allies became more exhausted than Britain and her allies and an armistice was signed.

Young men from every village throughout the land had signed up to do their bit for King and Country, including the parish of Stogursey. Too many failed to return. Too many were killed. The pages which follow record the names of those who died. Both individually and cumulatively they stand out as heroes who left their everyday lives – literally leaving the plough or the bakery – to become embroiled in the horror of the First World War and to die during the course of it.

By December 1914, 43 Stogursey men had volunteered for service – a truly remarkable turnout. This booklet is intended to commemorate the people from our parish who died and to recognise the sacrifice they were called on to make. It does not and could not glorify war or gloat over victory. The war memorial lists 24 names, although the names of 25 people from the parish have been found.

Unfortunately, in some cases we do not have sufficient information available to enable fuller details of some of them to be included in this booklet.

After one hundred years it is fitting to remind ourselves again that those who died, had and will always have a life and history connected with the people of Stogursey. They are not just a name and initial on a memorial tablet.

We also wish to remember the two additional names on the war memorial who gave their lives in World War 2.



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Stogursey Armistice Centenary Commemorations

The Stogursey Parish Centenary Commemorative Event is a time for both commemoration and celebration of peace.

This year we mark the centenary of the end of World War 1 - The 1918 Armistice – where people around the world will be reflecting on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost. It will also offer the opportunity to remember all those whose lives were changed in subsequent conflicts too.

Our community event includes

entertainment – music, singing, poetry readings and sketches;

an exhibition of World War history - photos, letters, and memorabilia depicting life during the wars, and includes memorabilia from the people of Stogursey about their own families and loved ones.

A Service of Remembrance and Commemoration and laying of crosses will be held on the Gravel on Sunday 11 November 2018. We will pay tribute to the World War 1 and 2 local residents who are remembered on the Stogursey War Memorial by the laying a cross for each name by members of the parish. The remembering will continue in St Andrew's Church Stogursey.

This year, in particular, we have the opportunity not only to remember, but also to look forward with hope. *While it is crucial we remember the past, we must not ignore the present*

THE SILHOUETTES

Stogursey Parish Council has received an award of 10 silhouettes funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust which were displayed throughout the parish leading up to the commemorative events in the Victory Hall and on the Gravel. The award of the silhouettes was made under the Armistice and Armed Forces Communities programme, which makes awards to bring communities together to remember; and to think about the Armed Forces today.



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THERE BUT NOT THERE

— COMMEMORATE. EDUCATE. HEAL —

The aim of the 'There But not There' project aims to **Commemorate, Educate and Heal**

To Commemorate those who died in the First World War and highlighting the sacrifices made by so many through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour,

To Educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

To help Heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising funds for their beneficiary charities.

***For the centenary of the First World War,
communities are asked to host an installation of Remembrance in the local area,
wherever there is a
Memorial Roll of Honour,
returning the fallen to the spaces they left behind.***

There But Not There offers an innovative way to pay tribute to all the brave men and women, from all corners of the world, who have served in the British Armed Forces and also recognises those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety and security our country.



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