

COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF WORLD WAR

Monday 4th August 2014 at 7pm at the Madingley Memorial

WELCOME: *the Rev'd Christine Barrow*

LAMENT' by **Wilfred Gibson** read by *David Sabberton*

HISTORICAL REFLECTION: MADINGLEY IN 1914 read by *Sue Pemberton*

If it were possible to travel back in time to the village of Madingley in August 1914 the centre would be easily recognizable as the village we know today. The essential features, the church, Madingley Hall and its Lodge and the Three Horseshoes would still dominate the centre of the village. Only the Village Hall was built later. There would have been more activity around the farms in the village and more cottages in the High Street than we have today. Most of the village obtained water from stand pipes erected in the street by Colonel Harding though some of the larger houses would have running water.

Col. Harding had bought Madingley Hall and the estate in 1905. Between 1906 and 1914 he completely renovated the house, outbuildings and gardens. He was always grateful that he had completed this task before war broke out as the cost of war, the lack of labour and heavy war time responsibilities would have prevented further work. As it was the Hall and grounds came into use for various military purposes during the course of the war.

In 1914 there would have been approximately 50 to 60 households in the village, the vast majority of them tenants of Col. Harding. Only four or five of the properties would have been privately owned. Of the families who tragically lost several sons in the war one, the Barlows, were long established here but another, the Saxby family, were more recent arrivals. Before the war most of the men of the village were employed as tenant farmers, farm labourers or in posts related to the running of Madingley Hall such as butler, chauffeur, gardener, groom, gamekeeper. In 1911 there was also a police constable, a publican, a roadman and a clergyman. More surprisingly there was a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy. Those women who were employed outside the home were mainly servants though there was also a Headteacher, a supplementary teacher, a Post Mistress, a laundress and a licensed carrier who drove a donkey cart.

Our war memorial records the deaths of sixteen young men in the First World War, more than would have been expected for such a small village. Before the outbreak of war only a similar number are recorded as being of fighting age and we remember with sorrow and gratitude the sacrifices made by everyone in Madingley during that war.

THE COMMEMORATION: *Susan Rawlings and John Pearson*

THE FALLEN OF MADINGLEY

After each name is read out a candle will be lit on the altar steps.

Private Charles Saxby aged 25 of the Bedfordshire Regiment died on 8th May 1915. He was the son of William and Caroline Saxby of Madingley. He is buried in France at the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery.

Private Joseph Poulter aged 25 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 25th May 1915. He was the son of Benjamin and Sophia Poulter of Hardwick. He is commemorated in Belgium on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.

Rifleman Frederick King aged 24 of the King's Royal Rifle Corps died on 25th September 1915. He was the son of Frederick and Mary Ann King of Madingley. He is commemorated in Belgium on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial.

Private William Saxby aged 25 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 24th May 1916. He was the son of William and Caroline Saxby of Madingley. He is buried in France at the Becourt Military Cemetery.

Private Frederick Albert Saxby aged 20 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 1st July 1916. He also was the son of William and Caroline Saxby of Madingley. He is commemorated in France on the Thiepval Memorial.

Private Isaac Alfred Johnson aged 22 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 24th July 1916. He was the son of Isaac and Alice Johnson of Madingley. He is buried in France at the Abbeville Cemetery.

Private George Barlow aged 24 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 6th June 1917. He was the son of Thomas and Emma Barlow of Madingley. He is buried in France at the Calais Southern Cemetery.

Rifleman Frederick John Brand aged 17 of the 12th Rifle Brigade died on 17th August 1917. He was the son of Israel and Dinah Brand of Madingley. He is commemorated in Belgium on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Private Losford King aged 29 of the Gloucestershire Regiment died on 20th October 1917. He was the son of Frederick and Mary Ann King of Madingley. He was buried in Bolarum Cemetery and is commemorated in India on the Madras War Memorial.

Private William Walter Bannister aged 28 of the Suffolk Regiment was awarded the Military Medal. He died on 4th December 1917 in the Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge and is buried in Hildersham churchyard.

Lance Corporal William Barlow aged 28 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 28th April 1917. He was the son of Thomas and Emma Barlow of Madingley. He is commemorated in France on the Arras Memorial.

Private Thomas Barlow aged 22 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 4th April 1918. He also was the son of Thomas and Emma Barlow of Madingley. He is commemorated in France on the Pozieres Memorial.

Private Francis Barnett Barlow aged 20 of the Durham Light Infantry died on 22nd April 1918. He was the son of Charles and Emma Barlow of Madingley. He is buried in France in the Wimereux Cemetery.

Corporal Edgar Barrett of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He died on 15th September 1918. His twin brothers Herbert and Reginald lived in Madingley with William and Lizzie White. He is buried in France in the Varennes Military Cemetery.

Lance Corporal James Rowney aged 34 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 8th November 1918. He was the son of Thomas and Eliza Rowney of Madingley. He was a prisoner of war and is buried in Germany in the Niederzwehren Cemetery.

Frederick Barlow aged 21 of the Suffolk Regiment died on 4th March 1919. He is the son of Thomas and Emma Barlow and is buried with his parents in Madingley Churchyard.

THE FALLEN RELATIVES OF PRESENT RESIDENTS AND CONGREGATION OF MADINGLEY - *the following names have been given. After each name is read out a candle will be lit on the altar steps.*

1914 Max Durst
1917 2nd Lieut. Kit Baildon
Private Frederick Willaim Bicker
Lieut. A.J. Cook
1918 2nd. Lieut. Hubert William Ransom
Private Leslie Wood
1919 Captain John Ransom M.C.

REFLECTION ON THOSE WHO SERVED AND SURVIVED AND THE FAMILIES WHO BORE THE LOSS AND CARRIED THE BURDEN OF WAR AT HOME
A single candle will be lit on the altar steps.

COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO FELL IN SUBSEQUENT CONFLICTS

Vice-Admiral Stephens:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

'PEACE' by John Kember *will be played by Jan Pearson*

HYMN

(All stand)

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

All sit

An extract from

'TESTAMENT OF YOUTH' by Vera Brittain *read by Sue Baldwin*

All stand

THE COMMITMENT TO PEACE: *Rev'd Christine Barrow*

Let us pledge ourselves today to live as good neighbours, to honour the past, to care for all who are in need, and to live at peace among ourselves and with all people.

All: **Lord God, Father of all,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and this neighbourhood,
to bring relief to all who are in need,
and comfort to the sad, lonely, and distressed;
Keep us ever mindful of the struggles
and achievements of former generations,
and of this place where we make our home,
now, and in the days to come. Amen.**

Strengthen our hearts, and hands, and minds, O Lord,
to work together for peace;
to see you in one another;
and to seek your kingdom above all things;
that your will may be seen to be done
and your kingdom come,
through Jesus Christ,
the Lord of lords and King of kings. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
for thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

**God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.**

The Commemoration ends.

Organist: Jan Pearson