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Our aims are 'Remembrance and Sharing the History of the Great War'.



## Western Front Association Chesterfield Branch – Meetings 2025

Meetings start at 7.30pm and take place at the Labour Club, Unity House, Saltergate, Chesterfield S40 1NF

|           |     |  |
|-----------|-----|--|
| January   | 7th | . AGM + <i>'Quintinshill 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1915 - Britain`s Worst Railway Disaster`</i> Grant Cullen. <b>Meeting Cancelled</b>   |
| February  | 4th | <b><i>AGM + Villages at War - Clowne and Barlborough in World War 1</i></b> by Paul Burkitt.   |
| March     | 4th | Andrea Heatherington - <b><i>"Scamps in Khaki" - criminal deserters</i></b><br>Deserters sometimes turned to crime to support themselves whilst on the run.  |
| April     | 1st | <i>Quintinshill 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1915 - Britain`s Worst Railway Disaster`</i> Grant Cullen.   |
| May       | 6th | <b><i>"Combat motivation and morale in British Empire armies in the two world wars' "</i></b> by Prof. Gary Sheffield  |
| June      | 3rd | <b><i>The Zeppelin Raids on Sheffield and Nottingham</i></b> by Ian Castle   |
| July      | 1st | <b><i>Jutland - Clash of Titans</i></b> by Scott Lindgren  |
| August    | 5th | Roy Larkin - topic to be confirmed   |
| September | 2nd | <b><i>'Motorcycle Despatch Riders In 1914'</i></b> by Nick Shelley. Nick describes the motorcyclists' contribution to the 1914 campaign, using their own words and their own previously unpublished photographs. |
| October   | 7th | <b><i>After Kut - What ?.</i></b> Tony Bolton  |
| November  | 4th | <b>Peter Hart</b> topic to be confirmed  |
| December  | 2nd | <b><i>An Historians Wrongful Assumption ?</i></b> - a short look at Sniping and how it developed in World War One. By Morris Charlton  |

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### **Simon King R.I.P.**



It is my sad duty to report the sudden passing of one of our `regulars`, Simon who died several days before our February meeting rarely missed a Branch meeting was a well-known solicitor with legal firm, Elliot Mather. Our sincere condolences are expressed to his widow and family, friends and colleagues.

Before our February meeting the Branch held its AGM, this having been held over following the cancellation of the January meeting. In the absence of Branch Treasurer, Jane Lovatt, Branch Secretary, Grant Cullen presented the financial report. Average meeting attendance was 23, down on the previous year, but in line with that of many other branches. GC said we hadn't really recovered - numbers wise - from the covid lockdowns and the age demographics of attendees was contributing to this decline. In 2024 we had the passing of Roger Avill and several others who had previously been regulars found attending difficult due to health issues. Despite this the Branch is in good health financially which enabled us to purchase a new laptop computer and fully fund two outings - Cannock and Cambridge - the latter to view the replica `Whippet` World War One tank. GC thanked members for their continued support, including the donations of books for the raffle. The election of office bearers for 2025 took place - Chair - Jon-Paul Harding; Treasurer, Jane Lovatt ; Secretary, Grant Cullen; Publicity Administrator, Mark Macartney. **The accounts are included in this newsletter.**

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# WFA CHESTERFIELD BRANCH 2024

## INCOME

## EXPENDITURE

|           | ATTENDANCE | RAFFLE | CALENDARS<br>BOOK SALES | SPEAKER | ROOM HIRE | CALENDARS | LABOUR CLUB | SUNDRY               | BANK    |
|-----------|------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|---------|
| JANUARY   | 69         | 43     |                         | 0       | 15        |           |             |                      | 97      |
| FEBRUARY  | 75         | 48     |                         | 81.6    | 15        |           | 24          |                      | 2.4     |
| MARCH     | 84         | 47     |                         | 55      | 15        |           |             | 7 card/plant Pat     | 5.63    |
| APRIL     | 66         | 38     |                         | 60      | 15        |           | 2           | 48.37 raffle books   | 27      |
| MAY       | 69         | 37     |                         | 42.1    | 15        |           |             |                      | 48.9    |
| JUNE      | 51         | 29     |                         | 1.4     | 0         |           |             |                      | 78.6    |
| JULY      | 48         | 27     | 13                      | 0       | 0         |           |             |                      | 88      |
| AUGUST    | 66         | 41     |                         | 95.2    | 15        |           |             |                      | -3.2    |
| SEPTEMBER | 75         | 44     |                         | 51.8    | 15        |           |             |                      | 52.2    |
| OCTOBER   | 66         | 33     | 30                      | 50      | 15        | 10        |             |                      | 54      |
| NOVEMBER  | 96         | 57     | 30                      | 145.4   | 15        |           | 2           |                      | 20.6    |
| DECEMBER  | 63         | 34     | 2                       | 45      | 15        |           |             | 128.82 buffet/drinks | - 89.82 |

BANK INT 56.08

## CHEQUES

OPENING  
BALANCE 4989.2

52 £36.45  
53 £488  
54 £520  
55 £500  
56 £72.99

TONY GIFT  
COMPUTER  
CANNOCK TRIP  
CAMBRIDGE TRIP  
2XWREATH/LECTERN

£1,617.44

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 23.16

## March Meeting



For the March meeting will have a `debutant` speaker - Andrea Hetherington - "Scamps in Khaki" . Andrea will be speaking on how deserters sometimes turned to crime to support themselves whilst on the run. This talk looks at the ranks of fraudsters, thieves and murderers on the home front

Originally from the North East of England, Andrea has a particular interest in the social history of the First World War. Her own great grandfather was with the 180<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Company and is buried somewhere near Givenchy. Based in Leeds, Andrea combines a career as a part-time criminal defence solicitor with that of an increasingly full-time historian. Andrea is the author of three books on the First World War - *Lawnswood's Great War Stories* (Friends of Lawnswood Cemetery, 2015), *Britain's First World War Widows-the Forgotten Legion* (Pen and Sword, 2018) and *Deserters of the First World War - the Home Front* (Pen and Sword, 2021). She has also contributed chapters to several anthologies.

Andrea has provided consultancy services to a number of Great War commemorative projects and conducted research for several strands of BBC programming. She is a regular speaker at a wide range of venues from academic conferences to family history societies.



### *Secretary's Scribbles*

*Dear Members and Friends,*

Welcome to issue 109 of our newsletter.

As mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Simon King just prior to the February meeting. Unfortunately Paul Burkitt's presentation at the February meeting didn't go to plan with an IT 'glitch' which meant his presentation couldn't be

shown on screen and our Branch Chair, Jon-Paul bravely stood at the front with Paul's lap top in his hands. I'm grateful to Paul for sharing his slides with us (all 60 of them!) and these are included in this newsletter. Members of the respective Barlborough and Clowne Heritage Groups brought along some very interesting 'pop up' banner illustrating the wonderful work they do in keeping alive the history of the villages.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will see the latest list of Webinars being 'broadcast' by the WFA....if you are interested in any of these please be sure to log on and book your 'seat' - no cost!

Next month it's 'Yours Truly' who will be doing the talk / presentation on 'The Quintinshill Disaster - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1915'. This was Britain's worst ever railway disaster and cost the lives of over 200 people many of them from a battalion of Royal Scots en route to Liverpool to board a troopship bound for Gallipoli. During this presentation, there are two occasions when - and I make no apology - I get a wee bit emotional. I think when I get to those parts you will understand why. It is an event I have studied in depth and had an article published in a railway society magazine - this article was reproduced in the last Newsletter.

As always, and correspondence or contributions, please don't hesitate in sending to me. See you on 4<sup>th</sup> March

Best wishes, Grant.

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## **Some more WFA webinars on Monday evenings.**

### **10<sup>th</sup> March 'From OTC to OCB: the professionalisation of the selection and training of junior temporary officers during the Great War'**

This talk by Charles Fair looks at the formation of the Officer Cadet Battalion (OCB) system in 1916 and how it developed out of the OTCs and precursor Schools of Instruction. It argues that by mid-1917 a highly professionalised system of OCBs had evolved, and that this sat within a broader framework for developing officers. This system produced officers of sufficient quality and quantity that it helped enable the BEF's success in 1918.

To register for this webinar click here > [From OTC to OCB](#)

### **24 March 'The New Zealand Division in the Third Battle of Ypres'**

The year 1917 had been a year of growing professionalism for the New Zealand Division under its New Zealand commander Major-General Andrew Russell. It, and Major-General John Monash's 3rd Australian Division, formed two of the four divisions in Lieutenant-General Sir Alexander Godley's II ANZAC Corps. This presentation by Chris Pugsley, who will be speaking from his home in New Zealand, assesses the reasons for failure which highlights the importance of Corps headquarters planning and preparations in achieving divisional success on the Western Front.

To register for this webinar click here > [The New Zealand Division in the Third Battle of Ypres](#)

### **7 April 'British Cavalry on the Western Front'**

Of all the myths of the Western Front, those of the uselessness of cavalry and of stupid cavalry generals in high command are still among the strongest and most persistent, despite being overturned by decades of historical research.

It is true that cavalry featured in all British battle plans, unlike those of the French and Germans. But the actual achievements of the cavalry, trained, equipped and used in ways unique to the British Army, show them to have been a valuable if controversial arm, with a fascinating and neglected story which will be described in this webinar by Prof Stephen Badsey

To register for this webinar click here > [British Cavalry on the Western Front](#)

Please do register to join other WFA members in supporting these webinars which will be the last of the year until Autumn.

I`m grateful to member Edwin Astill for supplying the following article.....

## Project Ledger

The WFA has recently introduced 'Project. Ledger ' which aims to add address towns (Hometown) to the war pension ledger records they hold. I joined a team that is responsible for dealing with the Scottish pensioners. As well as transcribing the address we were asked to check that previous work on these records had got names and regimental numbers correct.

For the most part these earlier transcribers had done a good job, although being in Asian countries they sometimes made a hash of the regimental names. Although not part of our remit we could also correct these as necessary.

The screen shot below is an example of a record I had to correct

Most of the cards are clearly written, but some of the original clerks' handwriting posed problems. Quite often the more 'educated' hand proved to be the hardest to read (doctors take note!). The clerk who wrote the card above liked to put extra twiddly bits on his F and T, which confused the first transcriber. The results are below. I did a double check looking at other cards for this man confirming that 'Proudfoot' not 'Proudedoi' was his name.

Although the Hometown was clear, and as with many other cards, it was worth checking the spelling of the town name. As I have visited Moffat I knew that we had a surplus 't' on the card. It was therefore useful to check the spellings of town names I was not familiar with.

The regimental names tended to be those of Scottish regiments but were not consistent. For example, some cards recorded 'Black Watch' whilst others used the alternative name 'Royal Highlanders'. This could confuse users not familiar with the army at that time. For me the exercise added to my knowledge. Until now I'd never come across the Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry.

One the card example the initials clearly should have read HLI, a regiment that cropped up quite a lot on going through the cards

Project Ledger is a formidable undertaking, the table below showing how many records are involved - over one and a half million.

Regions Approx Ledger Nos

East Midlands 100k+

Eastern/London/South East 110k+

Ireland 76k+

North East 130k+

North West 310k+

Northern 140k+

Northern Island 44k+

Scotland 190k+

South West 100k+

Wales 120k\_

West Midlands 170k+

Yorkshire 56k

Although we see those who died commemorated on memorials we must not forget all those who returned home maimed in body and mind. Going through these cards is a sobering exercise, reminding me of men who returned to their home towns and villages with lives devastated by their experience. Their lives deserve to be remembered through these pension cards .



## February Meeting.

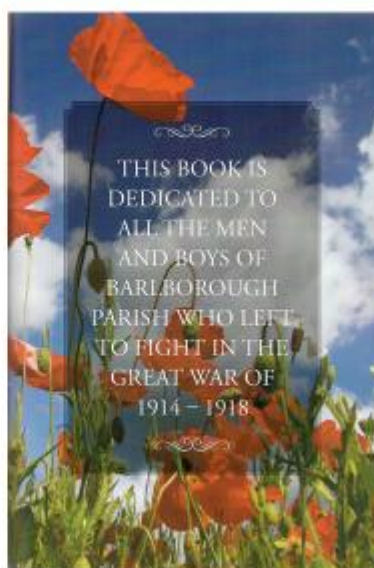
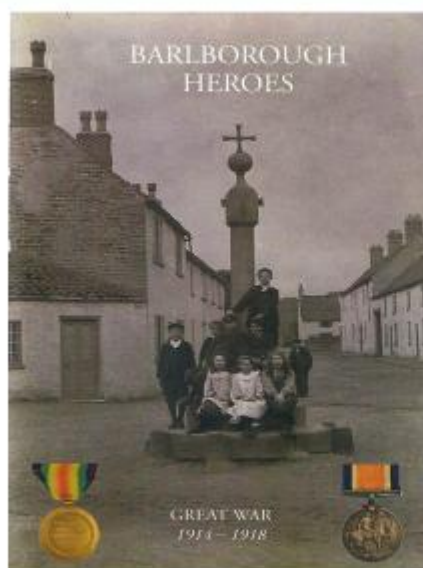
With the business of the AGM out of the way, Branch Chair, Jon-Paul Harding introduced Paul Burkitt, who would be taking about 'Barlborough and Clowne - Villages at War'.

Prior to the meeting some members of the respective Heritage Groups had erected eight 'pop up' banners illustrating the work of these local societies and the comprehensive researches on the respective villages, during and after, The Great War.



# Barlborough and Clowne

Villages at War (1914 -1918)



# Barlborough

| Barlborough | 1851 | 1861  | 1871  | 1881  | 1891  | 1901  | 1911  |
|-------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Population  | 929  | 1,170 | 1,452 | 1,678 | 1,901 | 2,056 | 2,073 |



# Clowne

| Clowne     | 1851 | 1861 | 1871  | 1881  | 1891  | 1901  | 1911  |
|------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Population | 660  | 704  | 1,002 | 1,812 | 2,349 | 3,896 | 6,037 |



- Southgate Colliery opened 1877
- Markham Colliery opened 1882
- Whitwell Colliery opened 1894
- Creswell Colliery opened 1897
- Oxcroft Colliery opened 1901



## Key Statistics

|  | Barlborough<br>(Parish) | Clowne<br>(Parish) |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Population (1911 Census)               | 2,073                   | 6,037              |
| Number who Served                      | Circa 240               | Circa 800          |
| Number killed/died                     | 46                      | 105                |
| Number of Individuals in Ancestry Tree | Circa 10.6K             | Circa 14.5K        |



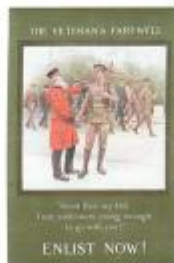
## Prelude to WW1

- 28<sup>th</sup> June 1914: Archduke Francis Ferdinand is assassinated.
- 28<sup>th</sup> July 1914: Austria-Hungary declare war on Serbia
- 1<sup>st</sup> August 1914: Germany declares war on Russia, France mobilizes
- 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914: Britain declares war on Germany
- 7th August 1914: Start of the Battle of the Frontiers
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1914:

4 Divisions of the BEF clash with the German 1<sup>st</sup> Army at the canal in Mons. It was the first confrontation on European soil since the Battle of Waterloo in 1815





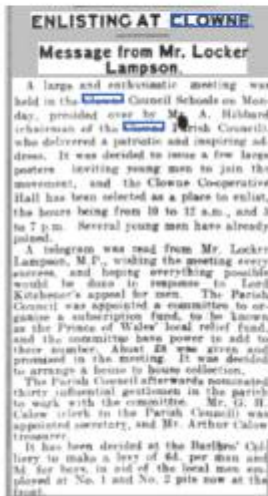


## Barlborough and Clowne in August 1914

- Both villages largely dependent on mining.
- Clowne – now a much bigger village than Barlborough – impact of new mines and two railway stations – 40 yards apart.
- Many inhabitants were from the 'Black Country' or rural areas.



# Clowne – Call to Arms



At a meeting (17<sup>th</sup> August 1914)  
in Clowne  
Clowne CO-OP Hall was selected  
as the Enlistment Centre

Barlborough Colliery miners to  
contribute to colleagues at the Front



## 1914 Early Battle - Aisne

- German Army retreated after the Battle of the Marne (6<sup>th</sup> Sep- 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 1914)
- Battle of Aisne (12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 1914)
- Stalemate – “Race for the Sea’ Start of trench warfare.
- First Clowne casualty - Private Herbert Bark(s)
- Killed on the 14<sup>th</sup> September – aged 26
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Coldstream Guards (Service number 7281)



22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914



HMS Cressy  
Struck by torpedo at 7.20  
Sank 7.55  
560 Lost

## Albert Revitt (Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class)



# 1915

- Second Year of the War
- Gallipoli Campaign (19<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> January 1916)
- Battle of Loos (25<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015)



## 1915 – Gallipoli Campaign

- Battle lasted from 19<sup>th</sup> February 1915 to 9<sup>th</sup> January 1916
- Landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 (now known as Anzac Day)
- There are 31 CWGC cemeteries and memorials on the peninsula





# 1915 – Gallipoli Campaign



PRIVATE T. TULLEY,  
CLOWNE  
(Killed).

Thomas Mallinder (Tulley)  
Notts & Derby  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec 1891 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sep 1915  
Born: Sheffield



Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula



George Ball  
Notts & Derby  
11<sup>th</sup> Dec 1892 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 1915  
Born: Clowne



## 1915 – Gallipoli naval operations HMS-Clacton



HMS Clacton  
Had landed Australian troops  
at ANZAC bay. Remained  
active in the Aegean Sea until  
sunk on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1916.



SEAMAN H. LAMBERT  
(Died of wounds).

Harold Lambert  
Trimmer (ST1650)  
20<sup>th</sup> May 1181 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1915  
Taken prisoner  
Died of Wounds



# 1915 - Battle of Loos

- Battle of Loos (25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 – 8<sup>th</sup> October 1915)
- The battle was the British part of the Third Battle of Artois
- Biggest British attack of 1915
- New Army – first mass engagement
- First time use of chlorine gas (140 tons)
- General Haig was short of artillery ammunition and only 533 guns
- Battalions from every Scottish regiment and they suffered huge numbers of casualties. Of the 21,000 killed, over 7,000 were Scottish soldiers. Almost every town and village in Scotland was affected by the losses at Loos.
- Not only Scottish villages.



## 1915 - Battle of Loos

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- Many men who volunteered in the second half of 1914 and the first half of 1915 fought in the battle.
  - The Scottish Rifles actively recruited men in Derbyshire. Three early Clowne recruits were
  - George Edmund Barlow – born in 1893 in Clowne
  - James Emmanuel Humphries – born in 1894 in Willenhall
  - Reginald Jenkinson – born in 1892 in Clowne



## The Clowne Men at Loos



James Emmanuel  
Humphries

Service Number:  
17799



Reginald Jenkinson

Service Number:  
17919



George Edmund  
Barlow

Service Number:  
17830

All killed on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1915 – first day of the Battle of Loos



Derbyshire men paid a heavy price  
in the Battle of Loos

The 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood  
Foresters was one of Lord  
Kitchener's "New Army", made  
up in the first place by men  
from the East Midlands. Many  
of them were farm hands or  
miners.



# 1915 - Battle of Loos



## Loos Memorial



Loos Memorial  
20,641



Dud Corner Cemetery  
687 Casualties





## 1916 – Battle of the Jutland



31<sup>st</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 1916



## 1916 – Battle of the Jutland



HMS Queen Mary  
Last Battlecruiser to be built  
before WW1.  
Completed in 1913



She was hit twice by the  
German battlecruiser Derfflinger  
during the early part of the  
battle and her magazines  
exploded.

1,266 killed



## 1916 – Battle of the Jutland



[William Ernest Hewitt](#)

16<sup>th</sup> Jan 1893 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 1916

Born in Clowne

Gunner on HMS Queen Mary  
RMA/13722

One of 1,266 Officers and  
Ratings killed.  
(98% of the crew)

(Portsmouth Naval Memorial)



## 1916 – HMS Hampshire



HMS Hampshire  
Devonshire class cruiser  
1905

Was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cruiser Squadron during  
the Battle of Jutland

After the battle was ordered to take Lord  
Kitchener from Scapa Flow to Russia.

Close to the Orkney Island she struck a  
mine laid by U75

Sank in 15 minutes

Only 12 men survived  
735 Lost



# 1916 – HMS Hampshire

sunk 5<sup>th</sup> June 1915



John Thomas (Jack) Buckingham  
(Gunner)

(1878 – 1916)

Born: Shouldham, Norfolk

Royal Marines Light Infantry



Samuel Stanley  
(Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class)

(1893 – 1916)

Born: Oldbury, Worcestershire

Royal Navy



Orkney Memorial



## 1916 – Battle of the Somme

- Battle started on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916. Ended 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916.
- More than 3 million men fought in the battle, of which 1 million were either wounded or killed.
- The first day saw the British Army sustain 57,000 casualties of which 19,240 were killed.
- Unfortunately, both Barlborough and Clowne men paid the ultimate sacrifice on the first day of the Battle,



# Killed on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916

Barlborough



Frank Rodgers  
(Private)  
Royal Scots  
Fusiliers  
Service Number  
17577

Barlborough



Tom Heeley  
(Private)  
KOYLI  
Service Number  
18884

Barlborough



Albert Wood  
(Private)  
Yorks & Lincs  
Service Number  
18777

Clowne



Colin Harold  
Leith-Godwin  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant)  
Yorks & Lincs



## Thiepval Memorial





## Clowne men killed in the Somme region

| Name                          | Rank                | Regiment              | Killed                    | Memorial                      |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Butcher</a>       | Lance Corporal      | Notts & Derby         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1917  | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Edwards</a>       | Corporal            | Royal Warwicks        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1916  | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Lieth-Godwin</a>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ltn | Yorks & Lancs         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1916  | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Green</a>         | Private             | KOYLI                 | 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 1918 | Abbeville Communal Cemetery   |
| <a href="#">Hamilton M</a>    | Private             | Durham Light Infantry | 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1918 | Namps-Au-Val British Cemetery |
| <a href="#">Hendry G W</a>    | Private             | KOYLI                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1916  | Blighty Valley Cemetery       |
| <a href="#">Holmes H</a>      | Private             | Notts & Derby         | 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1916  | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Jenkinson F L</a> | Private             | Notts & Derby         | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Mapletoft R</a>   | Private             | Northamptonshire      | 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Oland W J</a>     | Private             | Notts & Derby         | 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar 1918 | Pozières Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Proffitt J F</a>  | Private             | Scottish Rifles       | 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1916 | Corbie Communal Cemetery      |

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## Clowne men killed in the Somme region

| Name                         | Rank           | Regiment              | Killed                    | Memorial                  |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <a href="#">Provinces E</a>  | Private        | Lancashire Fusiliers  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 1916 | Thiepval Memorial         |
| <a href="#">Slack J A</a>    | Private        | Notts & Derby         | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Thiepval Memorial         |
| <a href="#">Taylor W</a>     | Private        | Notts & Derby         | 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1918  | St Emilie Valley Cemetery |
| <a href="#">Thorpe P</a>     | Lance Corporal | Notts & Derby         | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Guillemont Road Cemetery  |
| <a href="#">Walker J</a>     | Bombardier     | Royal Field Artillery | 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1916  | Flatiron Copse Cemetery   |
| <a href="#">Wareham T</a>    | Private        | Leicestershire        | 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul 1916 | Thiepval Memorial         |
| <a href="#">Wilkinson A</a>  | Private        | Notts & Derby         | 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr 1917 | Thiepval Memorial         |
| <a href="#">Wood A</a>       | Private        | Yorks & Lancs         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul 1916  | Thiepval Memorial         |
| <a href="#">Woodhead A H</a> | Private        | Lincolnshire          | 30 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Fins New British Cemetery |

A total of 20 Clowne men were killed/died of wounds/illness



## Barlborough men killed in the Somme region

| Name                       | Rank    | Regiment              | Killed                    | Memorial                      |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Del Monaco</a> | Private | Canadian E F          | 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1916  | London Road Cemetery          |
| <a href="#">Farby</a>      | Private | Notts & Derby         | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Pozieres British Cemetery     |
| <a href="#">Fox</a>        | Private | Coldstream Guards     | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Heeley</a>     | Private | KOYLI                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Maxfield</a>   | Private | West Riding           | 29 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Morris</a>     | Private | Notts & Derby         | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Parr</a>       | Private | Notts & Deby          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun 1918  | Harponville Communal Cemetery |
| <a href="#">Rodgers</a>    | Private | Royal Scots Fusiliers | 1 <sup>st</sup> July 1916 | Thiepval Memorial             |
| <a href="#">Treece</a>     | Private | Notts & Derby         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul 1916  | Millencourt Communal Cemetery |

A total of 9 men killed – nearly all in the Battle of the Somme (1916)



## 1917 – Battle of Messines

- The Battle of Messines (7<sup>th</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June 1917)
- 21 Mines were planted. 19 exploded. 10,000 German soldiers killed



## 1917 – Battle of Messines Clowne Men



Private [Charles Edward Woodhead](#)  
Born: Clowne 10<sup>th</sup> March 1886  
Notts & Derby Regiment  
Service Number: 14326  
KIA 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917  
(Menin Gate Memorial)

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DEPENDANT'S PENSION.  
Charles Edward  
Man's Name: WOODHEAD Harry Regimental No. 14326  
Regiment or Ship: NOTTS & DERBY LINCOLN Rank 1st Pte  
Date of Death: Cause of Death: DCJ  
Name of Dependant: Mrs Hannah Woodhead 1836  
Relationship to Man: mother  
Address: 86 Low Rd  
Clowne  
nr Chesterfield  
Derbyshire



## 1917 – Battle of Messines Clowne Men



Corporal [Arthur Marshall](#)  
Born: Clowne 8<sup>th</sup> May 1891  
Notts & Derby Regiment  
Service Number: 20419  
KIA 8<sup>th</sup> June 1917  
(Menin Gate Memorial)

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DEPENDANT'S PENSION.  
Arthur Marshall  
Man's Name: Marshall Arthur Regimental No. 20419  
Regiment or Ship: Notts & Derby 9<sup>th</sup> Rank A/Sgt.  
Date of Death: 8.6.17 Killed in Action.  
Name of Dependant: Mrs Mary Jane Marshall George  
Address: 111, Derby Cottage, High St. Clowne, Chesterfield  
Relationship: Mother Father  
Pension: four times full wages a week from 25.12.17  
Date awarded: 3.12.17



## 1918 Kaiserschlacht (Kaiser's Battle)

- A series of German attacks along the Western Front, beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918.
- Re-took much of the ground they had lost in the battles of 1916-1917
- Strategic Failure
- American troops started to make a difference from July 1918



## 1918 Kaiserschlacht (Kaiser's Battle)

| Name                                 | Regiment         | Rank               | KIA/Died | Date                   | Memorial/Cemetery              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Bramer, J R</a>          | Notts & Derby    | Sergeant           | KIA      | 21 <sup>st</sup> March | Arras                          |
| <a href="#">Butler-Bowdon, B J B</a> | Lancs Fusiliers  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt | KIA      | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Arras                          |
| <a href="#">Gibson, S</a>            | Notts & Derby    | Private            | KIA      | 21 <sup>st</sup> March | Arras                          |
| <a href="#">Hamilton, M</a>          | Durham Light Int | Private            | D of W   | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Namps-Au-Val, British Cemetery |
| <a href="#">Oland, W J</a>           | Notts & Derby    | Private            | D of W   | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | Pozières                       |
| <a href="#">Bennett, J H</a>         | Notts & Derby    | Private            | KIA      | 21 <sup>st</sup> March | Queart Road Cemetery           |



# Barlborough Medal Winners

| Surname                    | Forename    | Rank                       | Medal                | Year | Regiment              |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| <a href="#">Bagshaw</a>    | Samuel      | Gunner                     | Military Medal       | 1917 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Betts</a>      | John        | Private                    | DCM                  | 1916 | N&D, Labour Corps     |
| <a href="#">Bond</a>       | Frank       | Sergeant                   | Military Medal       | 1917 | Canadian Infantry     |
| <a href="#">Bond</a>       | Richard H   | Lance Corporal             | Military Medal       | 1917 | RAMC                  |
| <a href="#">Fisher</a>     | James (Jim) | Lance Corporal             | Military Medal (w b) | 1917 | Royal Scots Fusiliers |
| <a href="#">Greaves</a>    | Fred        | Sergeant                   | Victoria Cross       | 1917 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Greaves</a>    | George      | Private                    | Military Medal       | 1917 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Greaves</a>    | Harry       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant | DSO, MC              | 1918 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Heeley</a>     | Tom         | Private                    | Military Medal       | 1916 | KOYLI                 |
| <a href="#">Jones</a>      | Alfred H    | Lance Corporal             | Military Medal       |      | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Jones</a>      | Bertie      | Lance Bombardier           | Military Medal       | 1918 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Roberts</a>    | John B      | Gunner                     | Military Medal       | 1917 | Hampshire             |
| <a href="#">Smith</a>      | Arthur      | Private                    | Military Medal       | 1917 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Willoughby</a> | Raymond R   | Sapper                     | Military Medal       | 1917 | Royal Engineers       |



| Surname                    | Forename   | Rank                       | Medal                  | Year | Regiment              |
|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------|-----------------------|
| <a href="#">Ashley</a>     | William    | Corporal                   | Military Medal         | 1917 | Coldstream Guards     |
| <a href="#">Blundell</a>   | Reginald W | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant | Military Medal, C de G | 1917 | RMLI, Royal Fusiliers |
| <a href="#">Brown</a>      | Enos       | Bombardier                 | Military Medal         | 1917 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Brown</a>      | Harry      | Sergeant                   | Croix de Guerre        | 1918 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Buckingham</a> | Fred       | Bombardier                 | DCM                    | 1917 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Butcher</a>    | Norman     | Lance Corporal             | MM, DCM                | 1917 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Chapman</a>    | Sam E      | Sergeant                   | Military Medal         | 1918 | Scottish Rifles       |
| <a href="#">England</a>    | James      | Private                    | Military Medal         | 1915 | Grenadier Guards      |
| <a href="#">Hall</a>       | Horace     | Sergeant                   | Military Medal         | 1918 | Royal Scots Fusiliers |
| <a href="#">Heavey</a>     | Martin T   | Lance Corporal             | Military Medal         | 1918 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Jackson</a>    | George H   | Private                    | Military Medal         | 1917 | RAMC                  |
| <a href="#">Mapletoft</a>  | William    | Sergeant                   | Military Medal         | 1918 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Rushforth</a>  | Isaac      | Sergeant                   | MSM                    | 1918 | SR/MGC                |
| <a href="#">Stanley</a>    | Ernest     | Driver                     | DCM                    | 1918 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Tomlinson</a>  | Bernard    | Private                    | Military Medal         | 1917 | Notts & Derby         |
| <a href="#">Troth</a>      | Marshall   | Sergeant                   | DCM                    | 1916 | Royal Field Artillery |
| <a href="#">Walker</a>     | James      | Bombardier                 | Military Medal         | 1916 | Royal Field Artillery |





## Fred Greaves V.C. (1890-1973)

- Born 16<sup>th</sup> May 1890 in Killamarsh
- The oldest of 10 children
- Family moved to Barlborough in 1907/1908
- On the 1911 Census (nearly 21) working as a filler underground.
- Sep 1914 - Initially turned down when he tried to join – previously had both legs broken in a mining accident at Barlborough No2 pit.
- Finally accepted on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1915
- Joined the Notts & Derby Regiment – Service number 23715
- Won the VC on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917 for his actions at Poelcapelle



## Connections



Fred Greaves V.C.

In 1923 Fred married the widow of  
Charles Hallam – Bombardier – Royal  
Field Artillery

Widow was Harriett Eliza Broughton  
(1890 – 1927)



Charles Hallam  
1890-1917



## Charles Hallam Bombardier –R.F.A

- Born in Worksop, Nottinghamshire
- Joined the military in 1900 – Service Number 90548
- Married Harriett Eliza Broughton in August 1913
- Deployed to France on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 1914
- Gassed in July 1916 while fighting in the Battle of the Somme.
- Died from the effects of being gassed in Barlborough 29<sup>th</sup> March 1917 – the day of his 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday



## Connections



Fred Greaves V.C.

In 1930 Fred married the widow of  
[Charles Jepson](#)  
Widow was Gladys Maria Bilham  
(1886 – 1970)



Charles Jepson  
1885-1924



## Charles Jepson

Royal Army Medical Corps - 50404

- Born in Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire in 1885
- Married Gladys Maria Bilham in 1909
- Enlisted in 1914 RAMC
- Discharged on 29<sup>th</sup> March 1917 suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.
- Died 8<sup>th</sup> May 1924 in Clowne from tuberculosis.



## AFTERMATH





## Barlborough & Clowne Deaths by Year

| Village     | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 | Total |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Barlborough | 1    | 5    | 12   | 16   | 11   | 1    | 46    |
| Clowne      | 2    | 11   | 23   | 29   | 36   | 4    | 105   |
| Total       | 3    | 16   | 35   | 44   | 47   | 5    | 151   |



## Barlborough & Clowne Cause of Death by Year

| Barlborough       | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 | Total |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Accident          |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |
| Died from illness |      | 1    | 1    |      |      |      | 2     |
| Died from Wounds  |      | 1    | 1    | 3    | 3    | 1    | 9     |
| Killed in Action  | 1    | 4    | 10   | 12   | 8    |      | 35    |
| Total             | 1    | 6    | 12   | 15   | 11   | 1    | 46    |

| Clowne            | 1914 | 1915 | 1916 | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 | Total |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Accident          |      |      |      |      | 1    |      | 1     |
| Died from illness |      | 1    |      | 1    | 2    | 3    | 7     |
| Died from Wounds  |      | 2    | 3    | 8    | 14   | 1    | 28    |
| Killed in Action  | 2    | 8    | 20   | 20   | 19   |      | 69    |
| Total             | 2    | 11   | 23   | 29   | 36   | 4    | 105   |





The original stone is of the East Lancashire Regiment in 1919. The World War Memorial was placed across to North Road.

## Barlborough Memorial



## Clowne Memorial



## Research Process



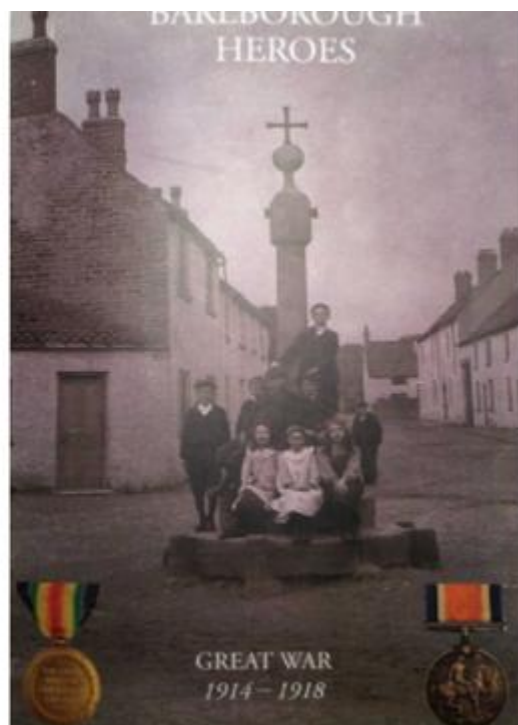
# Research Tools Used

- [Ancestry](#) – for research and building the trees
- [FindMyPast](#) – for research – excellent search engine
- [Fold3](#) – Military Records
- [Britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](#) – newspaper articles and photos
- [Newspaper.com](#)
- [CWGC](#)
- [Western Front Association](#)



## Barlborough

- National Lottery gave a substantial grant to research all the men from the Parish of Barlborough who served in WW1
- The booklet – [Barlborough Heroes](#) – Great War 1914 – 1918 was published in late 2014
- Since 2018 the over 250 men who served in WW1 have been researched in Ancestry. The tree is called 'Barlborough Heroes' The tree also includes those men killed in WW2
- The links to the men are found on the Barlborough Heritage & Resource Centre website.



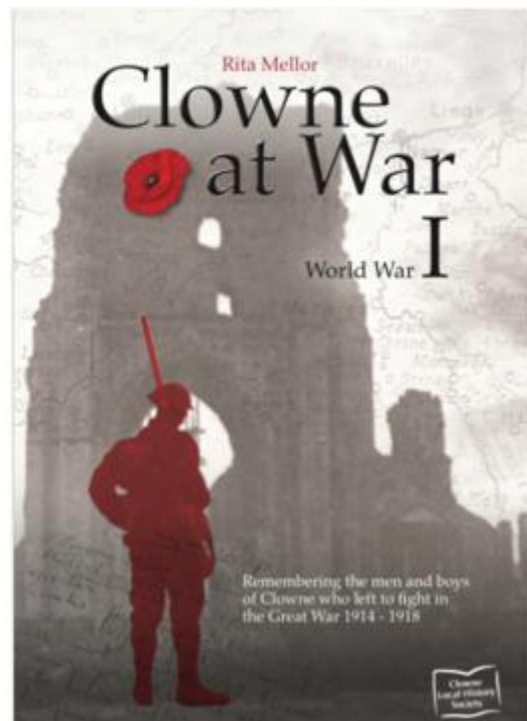
# Barlborough – Research Process

- Barlborough Heritage Centre started work on looking at all the men from the parish who fought in WW1.
- Lottery Funded project to commemorate the start of WW1.
- Barlborough Heroes – Great War – 1914-1918 published in December 2014 – 100 years after the start of WW1.
- Further research – via Ancestry started in 2018 – still ongoing



## Clowne

- Clowne Local History Group launched a booklet on the men on the Clowne War Memorial on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023. This booklet ([Clowne at War World War 1](#)) contains the details of the 105 men killed in WW1.
- A second volume on the men and women killed in WW2 will be published in 2025.
- Much of the initial work was carried out by Rita Mellor
- Since 2023 the family histories of all the men and women who served in WW1 and WW2 are included in the Ancestry tree called 'Clowne Memorial'





# Clowne – Research Process

- Clowne War Memorial WW1 105 men and boys (96 originally and 9 added in 2021)
- Work carried out by Rita Mellor
- Clowne Local History Society working with Rita and Barlborough Heritage Centre published 'Clowne at War' World War 1 on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- New CLHS Website Launched – Summer 2023
- Ancestry Tree – Clowne Memorial – started in 2022 and ongoing.
- Ancestry Tree – not only the families of the 105 men, but also another approx. 700 who served and survived.



## Summary

- Both villages made a significant contribution to the war effort.
- Many of the Clowne service men had migrated to the village as new collieries were sunk in the area.
- Barlborough and Clowne men fought in every major land battle
- Many of the survivors moved from the area to South Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire – making them more difficult to trace.
- The efforts of Barlborough Heritage Centre and Clowne Local History Society has resulted in a detailed record at a personal level of the impact of WW1 on these two mining communities.



## Presenter - Paul Burkitt

- Born Mansfield 1952
- Attended the University of Sheffield
- Qualified Accountant
- Worked for British Steel – Sheffield and London (1975 - 1980)
- Worked for Citibank (1980 – 1998)
- Independent Consultant (1998 – 2016)
- Retired 2016
- Full Time Researcher (2016 - )

