

East Brent Parish History Group

Meeting Notes for 4th June 2014

The Great War – East Brent, Brent Knoll & Lympsham Remembrance

Rev. Simon Lewis is holding meetings with representatives from the 3 Parishes to arrange a series of events in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday on 9th November 2014.

Each Parish Church will have a general exhibition plus one relating specifically to the fallen in their own Parish. During the week for two evenings in each Church there will be a presentation, talks, films etc. relating to WW1. An initial draft schedule is, please note this may change :

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Title Remembering World War 1:
Monday	3	7.30pm	St Mary, East Brent	A Potted History
Tuesday	4	7.30pm	St Michael, Brent Knoll	Variety Show
Wednesday	5	7.30pm	St Christopher, Lympsham	Talking Heads
Thursday	6	7.30pm	St Mary, East Brent	Classical Music
Friday	7	7.30pm	St Christopher, Lympsham	Film & Documentary
Saturday	8	?	St Michael, Brent Knoll	Toc H

Plans are developing to toll a muffled bell in each Parish Church on the date their serviceman died during WW1. This will commence on the anniversary of the start of WW1 (4th August). More details from Rev. Simon Lewis.

A Memorial to Margaret Thompson by John Thompson.

Margaret was born in East Brent and was baptised in St Mary's Church. In time she became a member of the Church Choir and was invited to join the team of bell ringers which she enjoyed keenly. School started early for her. She decided at the age of three that she wanted to attend school since her playmates were there and duly presented herself. She was allowed to attend but for how long I am not sure. She later attended Sexey's Grammar School in Blackford gaining her School Certificate in seven subjects.

Margaret and I were married in St Mary's in 1962 and although my work took us away from the area, she always retained a close link with the village. One aspect was the annual Harvest Home function and I was reminded over the years of the ritual procession of ladies carrying puddings to the marquee as part of the lunch. More recently she became a keen supporter of the East Brent History Group.

Margaret was called in November last. With son and daughter, we have provided a bench seat in the churchyard and our thanks go to the Rev. Simon Lewis, Churchwardens and members who have made it happen. The seat is in a peaceful setting and it welcomes a moment to just sit and think.





East Brent Harvest Home 1957 - Parading the Puddings

Margaret Thompson is 3rd from the right.

"In A Good Light" - Rev. John Derrick, Photographer

I have recently obtained a copy of this book published by "The Friends of Somerset Rural Life Museum". I can thoroughly recommend this book to those interested in the area as there are many photographs especially of East Brent as the one below. This photograph of St. Mary's Church and Brent Knoll was taken from the house he had built and called St. Martin's (now Scott's Lawn).



Future Meetings

East Brent Parish History Group Meetings take place at 7:00 pm in East Brent Village Hall generally on the first Wednesday of each month. There is no meeting during August so the next meeting will be on **3rd September 2014** followed by 1st October 2014.

All are welcome at any meeting. If you have any photos & memories, please bring them along. Thanks to donations, we now have a scanner and computer permanently available for use at our meetings. Photographs and documents are precious and don't need to leave your possession. There are many stories to be told. I look forward to seeing you there.

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