



First World War: then and now programme press release

Inspiring Souls

National Lottery support for All Saints Church, Carleton Rode to research into lives of the soldiers who died in the First World War

The National Lottery Heritage Fund have awarded a grant of £8,000 to the Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church, Carleton Rode to research into the lives of the 22 men from the village of Carleton Rode in South Norfolk who died in the First World War.

The project, known as Inspiring Souls will bring together the Guides and Rangers, the VA Primary School and the History Group, independent researchers and IT skills to creating a website including amongst other information the profiles of each soldier who went to war. The project will enable local people in Carleton Rode and those researching into family history to find out more about their ancestors. The Guides and Rangers are working on a heritage trail marking houses in the village where those soldiers lived and the places they worked to enable visitors and local people alike to follow in their footsteps. The History Group will focus on researching into the history of the 81 men who died and whose stories have not already been researched. The VA Primary School children will add social history from the logs held at the school which cover life in the village from a social angle during the war. By collating all this information which will be available on-line via a website: carletonrodearchive.com, in book form in the Church, and a heritage trail everyone can have access to the home lives of the men and women from the village who went to war and died. Some research will also be undertaken into those who went to war and returned to the village to carry on their lives. The logo for the project was developed from designs submitted by the school children and the Guides and Rangers and will be used on the website, heritage trail and incorporated into a plaque which it is hoped will mark the houses in the village where the soldiers and their families lived. The information gathered will be digitally recorded and an on-line interactive archive will be created where everyone can access and contribute information. The archive will allow the public to discuss, contribute, share and research information.



The primary school archives record that during the first world war a Sparrow Club was started by William Brown. The club paid individuals to kill sparrows which were eating the seed corn. At that time the Parish Council also gave money to buy seed potatoes for war widows. The records show that medical conditions keeping children off school at that time were scarlet fever and whooping cough. Sometimes the Medical Officer closed the school for three months at a time! This archive shows how the community adapted itself to life during the war years.

Quotes

Commenting on the award, Pat Graham, PCC Treasurer and project promoter said: "We're delighted that we've received support from National Lottery players to help preserve the memory of those who died in the First World War for future generations". Pauline Crompton Moore, Bunwell Guide Leader confirmed it was an "exciting opportunity" to involve the Guides in the development of the heritage trail. Pauline also said that the children enjoyed finding connections with children in the past. The idea was initially to produce a book but over times has grown into the Inspiring Souls project.

Notes to editors

Carleton Rode PCC is the legal body responsible for All Saints Church, Carleton Rode. It oversees the opening of the church for weekly services, weddings and funerals and raises money towards the upkeep and insurance and on-going repairs and also initiates projects centred around the ancient church.



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- The National Lottery Heritage Fund has awarded almost £100million in grants to projects across the UK marking the Centenary, exploring all aspects of First World War heritage that matters to them.

Further information

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