

THE WALCOTE WORD

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WALCOTE AT WAR

Our Parish through the Wars

2018 saw the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. As part of the Parish's commemorations information boards on each of the men named on the memorials were installed along the path leading from Walcote to Misterton. Copies have now been uploaded to the Parish website:



<https://www.mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk/walcote-at-war.html>

We were particularly pleased to hear from relatives of John Burdett Moore who kindly supplied a photograph (above) showing him

with his brothers Ernest and Arthur. John is on the right of the photo. We have also added another name to the website – Daniel Bonney. Although he died during the First World War, his death was not directly related to it. He was a veteran of the Boer War.

In 2020 we will mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II and will have two more names to add – Henry Charnley and George Clark. We'd love to hear from you if you can add to our store of information.

WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of The Walcote Word, a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by the Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. If you have any news or photos that would be of interest to others, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact: clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk Hard copies will be placed on the Parish notice board and in the pub but if you know someone who can't access these or a computer, please let us know.

LUTTERWORTH EAST

What next?

The date for commenting on the Lutterworth East planning application has now passed and we await the result. As the application is very close to the Local Plan recently adopted by Harborough District Council, it seems unlikely that much will alter but time will tell. In our Neighbourhood Plan, which we hope to send out for consultation shortly, we continue to press for clear separation between the new development and Misterton, protecting its distinct identity, the views of and from the Church and the history and the biodiversity of the surrounding area.

IMPROVEMENTS?

Can you think of any one-off infrastructure improvements to the village? A local resident tells us that some grant money may be available. Even better – would you be prepared to help put your idea in place if funding can be found? Please let us have your ideas.

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS

Our contact at Leics CC tells us that it may not be until the end of the year that the report on the speed cameras in the village will be available. We continue to press for them to be retained but so far, the expense has been borne by LCC and the fines all go to central government. LCC is working with local MPs and HM Treasury to see if they can keep some of the fine income to allow continued investment.

On another matter the PC has expressed concern over the state of the “passing places” on the Gilmorton Lane or, as many know it, the Washbrook Lane. We’re told that one or two potholes have been filled but in our view that barely touches the problem and so we continue to press for LCC to do a thorough job. If you want to add your voice to ours then contact: highwayscustomerservices@leics.gov.uk

THE WIND FARM FUND

The applications for awards from the Wind Farm fund were considered at the PC meeting on 14 March. A grant was agreed to a group of residents hoping to record oral histories of residents who lived through World War II. We hope to provide more details in future issues of The Walcote Word. A grant was also agreed in principle towards the cost of replacing the skateboard ramp that we mentioned in the last issue. An application was also made for funds to widen the Buffon footpath to make it easier for those in wheelchairs or mobility scooters to navigate. This has been held in abeyance pending further enquiries as to cost and any other help available.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our next meetings are at the Memorial Hall on 20 June 2019 and then on 16 September 2019, both at 8:00 pm. Why not join us?