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'We will remember them' at Welford Memorial Hall 7:30 pm – Friday, September 26th 2014

William Basson, Horace Hawkins, George Valentine Parriss, William Blundell, Herbert Hornby, Albert Richards, Alfred Claude Dingley, Edwin Hunt, W Sandford, Frederick James Farley, Francis Liddell, Henry Smith, Frank Freeman, William Henry Liddell, William Smith, Edward Eric Hancox, James Arthur Matthews, William Wilson, Bernard Arthur Harris.

These are the names of the nineteen men from Welford and Weston who gave their lives in the Great War (1914-1918). They are inscribed on the plaque of remembrance in St. Peter's church, and were read out at the Service there on August 3rd this year. At our meeting on Friday, 26th September we will look behind the names and try to build up a picture of each person: where they lived, family connections, former occupation, how old they were when they enlisted when known, which regiment they joined, where they fought and died, and where they are forever remembered.

About half a dozen of these men have relatives still living in the area, and we hope that as many of those as possible will be able to attend. We have some information on each of the nineteen but if you have further information or know someone who has, please let us know by contacting Brad Plimmer on 750716.

As you would expect this evening will be a rather somber and serious affair, but in order to lighten the mood, there will be an opportunity to join in singing some of the World War I songs, following the refreshment break. David Sanders will be leading our singing.

This meeting will be followed on the Saturday, 27^{th} September, by a World War I exhibition. For the content of that event please see Newsletter 18.