

Lakenheath Heritage Group

WWI Centenary Commemorations November 2018

001WWI - 0013WWI - An event which took place on Thursday 8th November paid tribute to two WWI soldiers buried in St Mary's cemetery, Lakenheath. This was a nationwide ceremony arranged by the Royal British Legion in Suffolk for the Lord Lieutenant. Jonah King and Walter Harding were repatriated to England, but sadly died from their wounds. Eight pupils (family Leaders) from Lakenheath Primary School took part in a short service to honour them and laid a poppy wreath and remembrance crosses on their graves. Cheenie Papineau (Katrina Austin) was there to sound the Last Post. The adults in the group picture are Malcolm Williams, Jenny Hastings, Carole Sharman, Mr, Mrs and Miss Gerald Rickard, Barry and Daphne Austin, Cheenie Papineau, Doris Taylor, Miss S Esom (Head Mistress), Alan and Peta Gyte.

The following photos were of decorations to mark the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

014WWI - 018WWI- Decorated phone box by various Lakenheath Youth Groups

019WWI - 024WW1 - Lakenheath memorial crosses, remembrance wreaths and decorated pebbles around the war memorial November 2018

025WWI - 028WW1 - Opticians decorated window display with poppies for Remembrance Day 6-11-18

031WWI - 040WW1 - various Shops Remembrance displays in Lakenheath

On Sunday 11th November 2018 there was a presentation held at the Pavilion, Lakenheath. The hall was full of residents happy to listen to songs and readings from the pupils of Lakenheath Primary School and students of Mildenhall College Academy. Around the hall was a display of written work from the pupils and other displays all relating to WW1 commemorating the Centenary of the Armistice in 1918. The following pictures represent this work.

The evening culminated with the lighting of the Beacon at 7pm. Lakenheath Parish Council had registered earlier in the year to be part of this nationwide tribute, one of 1,300 towns, cities and villages throughout the United Kingdom. Scott Hampshire made and donated the Tommy silhouette. The last post was sounded by Cheenie Papineau.

Following the Last Post Squadron Leader Jerry Neild of the RAF lit the Beacon and it burned to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice of 1918 accompanied by a peal of bells from our village bell ringing team at St Marys Church, Lakenheath.