

Sunday 10th August



TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

Around 170 men from Shipton, out of a total male population of around 290, fought in the Great War; 27 were either killed in action or subsequently died of

their wounds. These are the statistics behind the events as they impacted Shipton 100 years ago.

Join us for Tea in the Avenue of the Wild Garden on **Sunday 10th August** at 3pm to ‘Take Time to Reflect’ on the events of 100 years ago and to think about the

impact on the men and women of villages such as Shipton as well as the wider country. We will feature the stories of some of those who enlisted and returned,

such as Eric Matthews and Frank Hartley. The event is free and open to all and donations are being invited for ‘The British Legion’ and ‘Help for Heroes’. We will provide the tea and cakes, but seating will be limited, so please feel free to bring your own chairs.

First World War Connections

With attention focused this year on the start of the First World War one hundred years ago, family memories and memorabilia are emerging from cupboards.

VCs at the Battle of Sebastopol in 1855 during the Crimean War.

A Family in the Wars

Desmond Lee, who is the grandson of John Strong, Headmaster of St Mary’s School, Shipton from 1904 to 1925, has provided the two very interesting and relevant photographs shown here.



His son is shown on the left of the middle row in the second photograph, a member of the Royal Flying Corps, the forerunner of the RAF.



The first shows his grandfather supervising, in relaxed manner as he sits on sandbags, the digging of a trench ‘somewhere in England’ by the forerunners of the Home Guard. John Strong’s father won one of the earliest

Not Just the Shells

Jeff Broxholme has come up with a poignant letter from the commanding officer of Corporal A W Edginton, the Grandfather of Jeff Broxholme’s wife, who died after falling into a vat of disinfectant in a military veterinary hospital in France. Accidents could still happen even in a theatre of war.

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