

## **Notes for the meeting held on**

Thursday 23rd October@ 7.30pm  
Bottesford Chapel Meeting Room,  
Devon Lane, Bottesford

## **Agenda**

### **Apologies**

Graham Collins, Jonathan D'Hooghe, John Dockrell, Sue Dunsmore, Phil Harding, Sue Harding, Val Lever, Mary Owen, Malcolm Owen, Bill Pinfold, Ken Roberts, Dave Slater

Matters arising and updates

- Review Launch Meeting
- Muffled Bell Commemorative Ringing + recruiting of bell ringers - Saturday 1st November
- Community Sites Web and Catalogue Training Days: Friday 24/10/14 Friday 31/10/14 -
- Proposed display of Launch material at Muston Old School
- HLF History Pin promotion@Westminster
- Review 2105 events
- Review research progress - 40 war memorial biographies
- Feedback on Tower of London Roll Call
- Volunteer 6 month Feedback

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## **Items**

### **• Review Launch Meeting**

Thank you to Joyce for the analysis of the Launch Feedback

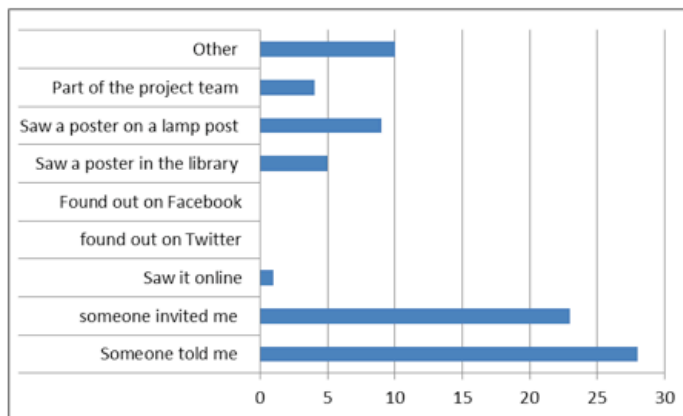
## **Evaluation Overview**

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- ▶ Feedback from 69 attendees
  - ▶ 12 questions – not all answered by all
  - ▶ Contact details in Q12.
  - ▶ Questions designed to fit the requirements of funding application - formal report
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- ▶ **Overwhelmingly positive**



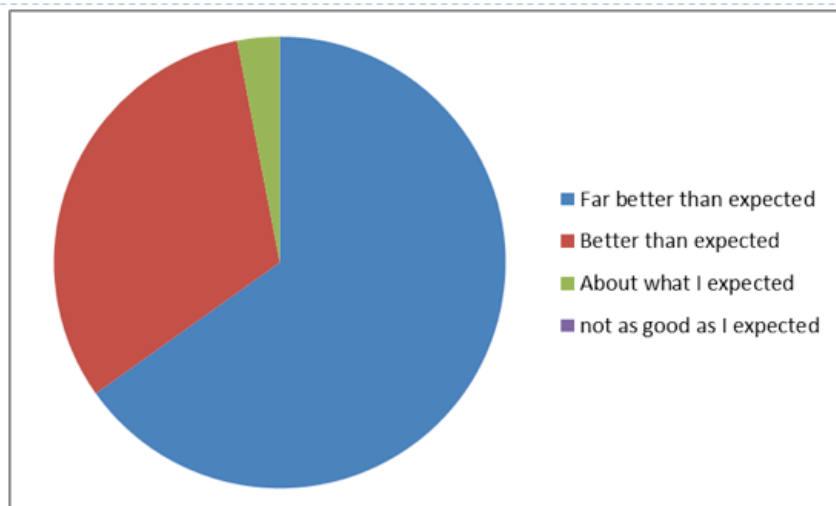
## Q1 How did you get to know about the launch event?



**Importance of talking to people about the project**  
**Power of local publicity**



## Q2 What do you think of the launch meeting?



**Overwhelmingly positive – 65% thought far better than expected**



### Q3. Which of the displays were particularly interesting / useful and why?

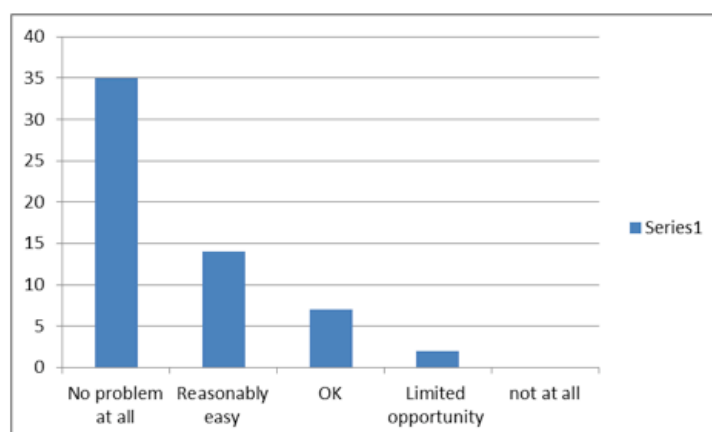
All especially the stereo views  
 Computing table  
 Digital display of the website  
 Display of photos. One was of my uncle Thomas Skinner

Displays including family  
 Family Stories  
 Had a quick look Photographs were outstanding  
 How WW1 started and ended and map of village & location of the soldiers  
 Life stories and map  
 Liked the interactive screen  
 Map x3  
 Map of the Village  
 Map of War Graves  
 Map with photos  
 Memorabilia family stories liked most of them  
 Individual stories x2  
 Names of those that died in the village  
 Personal histories  
 Plan of village & people on it  
 Stereoscope and Village Map  
 Stereoscopic viewer/ Map  
 Stories  
 The bottlesford map / people  
 Those explaining the village involvement in WW1 & those outlining the project plan

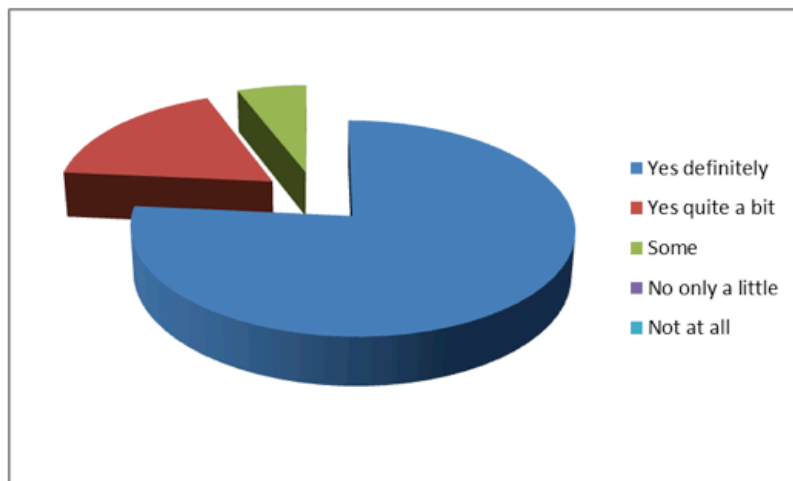
All impressive  
 All in their way. Wonderfully displayed  
 All of them. We were really impressed with the effort already put in by all concerned  
 All very interesting. Thanks  
 Interesting generally  
 Very good so far  
 Very varied

More to go  
 More to see yet  
 Not got around them all yet  
 Not looked at them yet  
 Not looked yet  
 not looked yet  
 Not looked yet busy taking pictures  
 Not seen them yet  
 Still looking

### Q4 How comfortable did you feel about asking questions / making suggestions and finding out about the project?



## Q5 Do you have a better understanding of what the project was about?



**78% said yes definitely**  
**No negative comments**

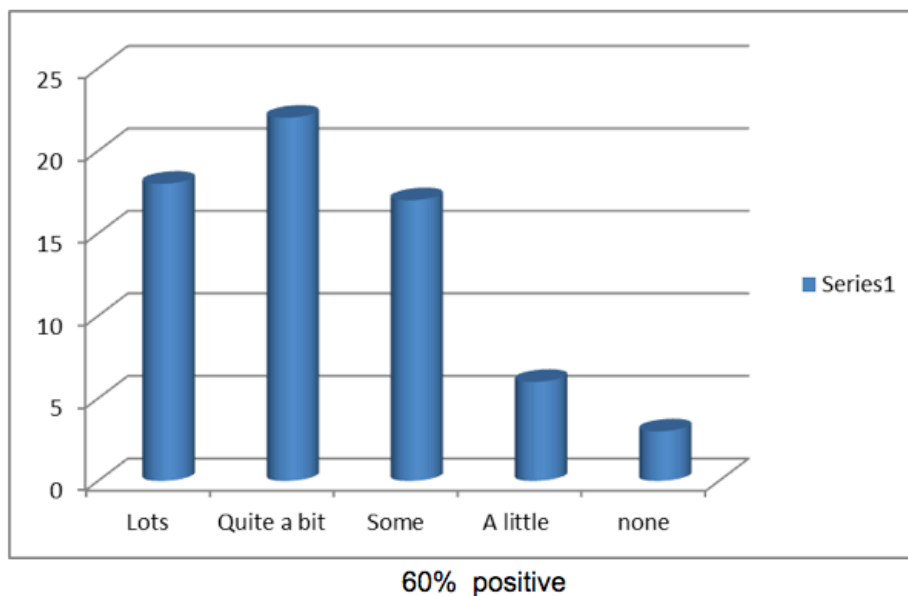


## Q6 What have you liked best about today?

Meeting People	Cake
Getting community together	Cake
Community interest	Cake
Community Spirit	
Community spirit	Enjoyed the singing
Community spirit	Singing
People coming together	Singing
Good attendance from local people and esp. lord.L.	Singing
Number of people	Singing
Getting help from people	Singing and talking to people
The number of people turning out	Children singing, finding out about the project
The volume of people attending	Kids singing
The involvement of young and old	The choirs singing both age groups
The level of interest	Choir
so many people here	Choir and future events
So many people showing a genuine interest	Choir and speeches
The amount of people present	Choirs especially different age groups
Persons and places	
	Trumpeter
Very Professional	
All of it x3	Displays good to see it being remembered
Everything	Displays
No one thing	History + songs + music. Good community event
The whole thing & the amount of work on show	Village involvement and children's songs
Overall presentation	Information Available
Good overall	



## Q7 What interest do you have in local WW1 heritage?



## Q8. Do you have any WW1 Family memories / stories/ memorabilia that you would like to have recorded for posterity and included in the project?

No	Yes
41	24

Already done  
 Already taking to Granby where I live -Both Grandfathers but not locally  
 Dad Scottish Regiment wool blanket  
 Family abroad  
 Father in RAMC in France and finished war in Belgium  
 Never spoke about it would like to share memories John Joseph Edwards from Norwich  
 Father worked at Cammerland in that time  
 Grandad John Robert Jackson  
 Grandfather in cavalry Sherwood Foresters photo possibly  
 Grandfather in WW1 Just started research  
 Great Uncles name on Menim Gate at Ypres have visited this also have mentioned about a lace edged tablecloth  
 John William Dammes no information apart from what sue Middleton told us  
 My aunts memories have already been recorded ( Ether Waudby)  
 Not in the village  
 Some family history  
 Think Grandad has a blanket ( moth eaten) used in trenches - a Scottish regiment  
 Trench maps water bottle mass card enamel box  
 Various

**Q.9 Are you related to anyone who served/ was named on the Muston / bottlesford Memorials and do you have any information / memorabilia you could share with the project?**

No	Am related but have no information and would like to know more	Am related and have already shared information	Am related and have information to share	Am not related and have information to share
50	3	8	2	1

**Example**

Lace edged tablecloth worked into the lace is welcome home and a ship in each corner. Worked by 2 great aunts to welcome brothers home at end of war ( both in Navy )

**Q10 Would you be interested in getting involved in the project going forward?**

No	Yes
32	26

Contact details supplied

## **Q11 Do you have any suggestions for the project?**

- ▶ Can the displays or some of (them) be permanently placed somewhere e.g. church or old school
- ▶ Have the exhibitions once or twice a year throughout the project
- ▶ Ceramic poppies to be purchased for all casualties in WW1 for e.g. in Church
- ▶ Don't give up
- ▶ If not already planned consider audio items e.g. music film to go with visual items
- ▶ More Children's involvement / interest
- ▶ Perhaps chasing background of participants
- ▶ Requires more information
- ▶ Village Heritage Trail for WW1
- ▶ Wilfred Owen
- ▶ Not at the moment
- ▶ Not at the moment
- ▶ Not really

## **What Next.....How .....Who will .....?**

- ▶ 15 people said they had some family history / memorabilia to be recorded for posterity – some qualified but who is going to contact who?
- ▶ 5 people are related and have information to share / want to know more - who is going to contact who?
- ▶ How are we going to contact the 26 people interested in being part of the project? What are we going to ask of them?
- ▶ How will we respond to those who have made suggestions for the project?

### **Actions**

SueMid and Joyce have followed up on all the above issues



**• Muffled Bell Commemorative Ringing + recruiting of bell ringers -  
Saturday 1st November**

**Preparation**

- This was widely advertised within the village
- Radio Leicester featured it on their Saturday Morning Show - interview with DavidMid
- SusanM published on Twitter and Facebook
- Website promotion
- Photographs taken of preparing the bells for half muffle
- Display prepared for Church - still in situ
- refreshments provided by the Church
- volunteers requested to attend and promote the project
- promoting bell ringing
- recreate version of the 1911 Bell Ringer's photograph outside the West End door

**Attendance**

Good turnout

84 in total plus others ie around 100 – thanks to Kate for clicker counting

Thanks to the volunteers (WillW, NeilF, KateP, SueMid, SusanM, DaveM, DaveS, JoyceS, KenR, KathleenP, Malcolm and MaryO, ValL, DavidB)

Thanks to the Bell Ringers Margaret Johnson and David Braughton from St Wulfram's Grantham; David Jones, Mary Faircloth, Georgina Taylor, Ken Roberts; John Topps and Laura Marsh + tea volunteers and cake bakers – eg Ken R

**Action**

Prepare web page and audio visual record for new website (DM)

## Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary



### People, community and memory

#### • Community Sites Web and Catalogue Training Days:

Friday 24/10/14 Friday 31/10/14 – Jack Latimer

#### Preparation

- Hall meeting room booked and wifi sorted
- 7 attendees – WW, DM, SM, BS, NF, KP, DS
- Jack Latimer – Tutor

#### Actions

- between meetings practice using tutorial handouts
- good course - loads more to learn
- website discussed with JL with a view to relaunch in early December – quite a lot of housekeeping to do, eg thumbnails to delete
- Administrators to attend to clean up – DM, NF and DS
- Meeting of Administrators review progress week beginning 10/11/14
- Thanks to Neil for providing transport from Muston for Jack Latimer

#### • HLF History Pin promotion@Westminster

Thanks to DaveS for putting up the material on the HLF History Pin in time for their Westminster promotion 22/10/14

Hello,

Thank you so much for creating a project page on the Historypin First World War Centenary hub. Your project is one of 1,000 First World War projects that HLF is proud to have funded, and by creating a project page on the hub, you have helped create a picture of the Centenary across the UK.

The hub will be launched today at an event at the House of Commons. If you would like to promote your Historypin project page on Twitter, you can use the following tweet, or do feel free to write your own. HLF will start tweeting about the hub from around 8.30am.

*We're on the First World War Centenary hub on @Historypin! Explore our @HeritageLottery project here [Link to Project] #UnderstandingWW1*

You might want to tweet a link to your Historypin content to your MP. You can use the 'find your MP' tool on the website below to identify who your MP is and find out whether or not they're on twitter.  
<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/>

You may have seen that Historypin have made some changes to the hub over the last few days. Everything you have added to your project is still there, but you'll see the design has changed a bit.

Thanks again for all your help with getting the Historypin hub started.

Best wishes,  
Anna

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**Bottesford Parish WW1 Centenary**

People, community and memory

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Our WW1 centenary project focuses on over two hundred and twenty recruits, their wartime biographies, memorabilia, and memories of them still within the community. We will also examine how the parish (which includes the nearby hamlets of Easthorpe and Normanton and the village of Muston) mobilised in response to the demands of wartime life. Our community will work together to retrieve, explain and secure for the future the hitherto hidden local heritage of the First World War: the silent memories of the people who served and those at home who loved, cared and coped. (Photographs: Left - Bottesford Squad Mobilisation 1914; War work at home mending mosquito nets).

**Profile Details**

Profile views: 202  
Pins: 44  
Tours: 0  
Collections: 0

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- **Proposed display of Launch material at Muston Old School**

Agreed to approach Muston PCC with a view to stage a version of the Launch Display in the Old Scholl on one Saturday before Christmas

## **Action**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Muston Christmas Fayre: 2-4 pm stall available for small display. Put up Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November (DM; SM).

- **Review 2105 events**

Chapel Roll of Honour Rededication – March

**Action** – Coordinate with the Chapel

Concert/Exhibition – Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> April

Proposal to combine Concert and Exhibition@Church

**Action** – request permission from St Mary's PCC – letter written (DM)

Muston Music - June

**Action** – organise stall at the Glebe – Promote Brass Quintet WW1 Music  
Primary School Activity Day – October

**Action** – organise meeting with new History Coordinator Rachel Moore  
(DM/SM – 6/11/14)

Belvoir High School – WW1 Newsletter

**Action** – organise meeting with Richard Tyler  
(DM/SM – 5/11/14)

• **Review research progress - 40 war memorial + 150 service biographies**

Resources for both

family background (prepared by SueMid)  
place on Google Drive/Memory Stick/CD

military service  
compile for Google Drive/Memory Stick/CD

Next steps

40+ War memorial listing - Bottesford and Muston

- Complete initial web pages - photo; GJ, CWGC  
add family background details
- Correlating dates of death with war diary entries  
report in web page comment
- Compile timelines of military service  
enlistment, records if available, leave, actions
- add any stories
- basic material for Commemorative Biographies

• **Feedback on Tower of London Roll Call**

James Buckingham	no return
William Coy	no return
Cyril Gale	no return

WillW to follow up and feedback

• Volunteer 6 month Feedback – please complete

Evaluation Feedback from Bottesford WW1 Project Volunteers October 2014
Name :

Questions	Answer options		
Did you feel you were able to be as involved in the project launch meeting as you wanted to be?	No ....Because	Yes ... Because	In Part ...Because
With the benefit of hindsight what would you suggest we should have done differently for the launch meeting?			
What was the best part of the launch meeting for you personally?			
What future project activities would you like to get involved in?			
What skills do you think you have used / developed on the project to date?	Used	Developed	Under -used
Do you feel that the skills you can offer have been made best use of?	Yes	No	In part
What skills would you like to develop through the project going forward?			
Do you have any suggestions for the project?			
Any other feedback / comments?			

Thank you for completing this evaluation form.