

Worlaby War Memorial

On 23 May 2020, it will be the centenary of the unveiling and dedication of Worlaby's War Memorial.

From newspaper records of the time, it was quite a celebration in the Village with a large attendance.

'A parade of the local friendly societies in their club regalia, headed by a procession of schoolchildren, made their way to the monument. The hymns "Stand up, stand up for Jesus" and "For all the Saints" were feelingly rendered by a combined choir.'

'A special form of consecration service was conducted by the Rev. H W Snape of St Clements's Church, Councillor A Franklin and Mr Stephen Boulton of the Wesleyan Chapel also took part. Soldiers formed a 'guard of honour' round the sacred landmark which was shrouded by a Union Jack. A beautiful cross of choice flowers was placed near the monument and also a wreath subscribed to by the National School children. Col. Henry Wilson of Barton Upon Humber unveiled the Memorial and congratulated the Village of Worlaby for providing such a fitting tribute to all those who lost their life.'

On the War Memorial are the names of all those who gave their lives in that conflict – two-thirds of those who went to war didn't return and this tragic loss persuaded the villagers that their names should be remembered for evermore.

A War Memorial Committee was formed to arrange this. The residents dug deep in their own pockets - the original 'crowdfunding' - to raise the money needed for a suitable tribute. There was no government or local grants available for such projects at that time and the total cost of £151.24 was met by local subscription. According to information provided by a Researcher at the Office of National Statistics, this equates to around £11,200 at today's value!!!

The War Memorial is constructed in polished Aberdeen grey granite and supplied by Kings of Hull. Messrs Ushers of South Ferriby were responsible for the foundations, brickwork and fixing the iron palisade.

The Parish Council were appointed Trustees of the War Memorial on 12 August 1920, and has maintained it throughout the years.

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