

Service for renovated Hessett memorial

The World War One memorial in Hessett was rededicated at a short service on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2015 which included a half-muffled peal of bells and the sounding of Last Post.

More than 50 villagers and visitors attended the service.

The cross, erected in 1920, has been renovated to mark the centenary of the war. The project was organised and funded by the Friends of Hessett Church with other private donations.

The Rev Nick Cutler conducted the service and Michael Poulter, chairman of the Friends of Hessett Church laid a wreath. Andrew Robinson gave a Bible reading and Rachel Chester played Last Post.

The church bells were rung by Mark Armstrong, Richard Coe, Serena Steggles, Mark Steggles, Eric Nice and Brian Evans.

Everyone attending the service was given a booklet with the stories of the 14 men from the village who died. The booklet has been researched and written by the Friends as a tribute to the 52 men from the village who enlisted to fight.

Half of the men who died belonged to the Suffolk Regiment and all but three are buried or remembered on memorials overseas.

Two of the men are buried in Hessett churchyard. John Whiting died of his wounds in a military hospital in London after being shot at the Somme in 1916 and William Borley died from influenza three days after the Armistice.

Copies of the 36-page booklet are on sale in the church at £3.

Rededication of Hessel World War One memorial

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2015

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