

**A History of the
Faringdon War
Memorials
as reported in the
Faringdon Advertiser**

**Collated by
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THE OLD TOWN HALL.

As was generally anticipated the proposal to pull down the Old Town Hall and erect a war memorial on the site now occupied by this ancient structure has been met with an outburst of disapproval by a considerable section of the community who are keenly interested in the retention of this and all other relics of bye-gone architecture.

At the present time, however, there is no gainsaying the fact that the building in question is unsightly, uncared for, and put to a use quite unworthy of its original purpose.

Would the good people of Faringdon who profess their love of this structure's antiquity, evidence their sincerity in a practical manner, with an endeavour to restore the building to its original state of architectural beauty and utility, we venture to suggest that these frequent proposals for its demolition would cease to recur.

25 January 1919

WAR MEMORIAL.—The inhabitants of Faringdon are invited to attend another public meeting to be held in the Savings' Bank, on Wednesday evening next, at 7.30, with the object of hearing proposals as to the form a permanent memorial to the Faringdon men who have fallen in the war shall take. Permission to remove the old Town Hall and there erect a monument has not been granted and it now behoves the inhabitants of the town to put forward other schemes, the selection of which it is to be hoped will meet with general approval.

1 February 1919

WAR MEMORIAL.

PROSPECT OF RESTORING THE OLD TOWN HALL.

An adjourned meeting in connection with the proposal to provide a memorial to those men of Faringdon and the near district who have lost their lives in the war was held at the Savings' Bank on Wednesday evening, when, despite the very unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance. Colonel Ward Bennitt not being able to be present, Mr J. P. Lockwood presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Hon. Sec. (Mr S. W. Luker), and confirmed.

The Chairman then read two letters from Mr F. C. Butler, Lord of the Manor of Faringdon, in answer to letters sent to him by the War Memorial Committee. The first courteously informed the Committee that he could not accede to the request that he should give the old Town Hall to the town and consent to its being demolished and the site used for the erection of a War Memorial. The second letter gave consent to a memorial being erected in another part of the Market Place.

The Chairman said that many of the parishioners had suggested to him that a very good war memorial could be provided by restoring the old Town Hall to its original structure by doing away with the top room and placing the roof on the pillars, leaving the under portions quite open, and as he wanted to have something to put before this meeting, he asked Miss Corbett if she would write in a friendly way to Mr Butler, and ask if he would be willing to give the Town Hall to Faringdon, on condition that it should be restored to its original condition. The reply received was that Mr Butler would give his consent. This was very satisfactory, and he was quite sure the townspeople would like to see the Town Hall restored so that it would not be a disgrace to the town, but an ornament. He thought that a tablet could be

placed there, and a better site could certainly not be found.

Mr G. E. Liddiard proposed, and Mr E. Heavens seconded, that three memorial tablets be placed on three sides of Port Well, in the Market Place. He thought that trying to restore the old place would be throwing money away.

Mr J. P. Lockwood proposed an amendment that the Committee write to Mr Butler asking him to give his definite decision, if he would give the Town Hall to the town to be restored to its original condition, and they could then get to work. Of course a skilled architect would have to be employed.

Mr R. J. Cadel seconded, saying that as they could not get rid of the Town Hall, the next best thing would be to make it as beautiful as possible, and he thought it would be a very nice looking building when restored to its original condition.

The amendment was put to the meeting, and carried by 28 votes to 4.

The Chairman remarked that no one could tell how old the Town Hall was, but it was thought that it was as old as the Church. It was restored about the year 1600.

The Chairman said there was one other matter arising out of the minutes. At the last meeting it was decided that the war memorial should embrace Faringdon and an area of three miles. The Committee found that this would not be practicable, as it would take in half the village of Longcot, Buscot Park, Great and Little Coxwell, Shellingford and Hatford. They therefore suggested that the War Memorial should be for the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of Faringdon which would include Littleworth, Thrupp, and Little Coxwell.

Mr E. Heavens proposed, and Mr A. E. Franklin seconded, that the suggestion should be adopted, and this was carried unanimously.

Another meeting will be called later

THE OLD TOWN HALL.

To the Editor of the *Faringdon Advertiser*

Radcot,
Feb. 4th 1919.

Dear Sir,

The proposal recently made to pull down the Old Town Hall and replace it by a new memorial seems to show great want of business sense on the part of some of *Faringdon's* townsmen. These gentlemen evidently do not appreciate the value of our ancient buildings from any point of view.

First, as an example of beautiful architecture, then as an attraction bringing travellers among us from abroad, especially from America. These people come only to see and admire these memorials of the past, not to behold new memorials. In coming among us they spend their money—need one say any more on this score? It is to the lasting shame of all concerned that such buildings when not pulled down should be allowed to fall into such deplorable disrepair.

Very truly yours,

JOHN DA COSTA.

8 February 1919

FARINGDON'S WAR MEMORIAL.

Kelmscott,

March 10th, 1919.

To the Editor of the "Faringdon Advertiser."

SIR,

You have lately been considering in Faringdon the question of a War Memorial, while letters have been appearing in the *Faringdon Advertiser* pointing out the need for some club or reasonable place of entertainment and rest for the returned soldiers of the neighbourhood. Of course our men who happily come back are welcomed by their friends, but it does seem to me a great pity that more is not done for them in all our country towns on all sides from the civic point of view. After all the big talk of what they were doing for their country, they are allowed to subside into private life again as though nothing had happened. Now what more suitable War Memorial to the dead could there be than some public recognition of those who have returned—some public thought for their comfort and amusement? And here, in Faringdon, is something to be done that suggests itself at once: on the one hand returned men asking for a club house or whatnot, on the other your Town Hall, which, when repaired and tidied up will be a pleasant and attractive centre of the town. I venture to ask whether your War Memorial Committee would not consider favourably (perhaps it has already done so) the feasibility of dedicating the Hall to the purpose suggested, with a suitable memorial tablet let into the wall somewhere, to those who have given their lives in the war.

I hope as a neighbour from "over the water" I may be excused in taking this interest in your affairs, and that these observations will not be thought intrusive.

Yours faithfully,

MAY MORRIS.

15 March 1919

FISER, SATURDAY, APRIL 5,

WAR MEMORIAL.—It will be noticed in our advertisement columns that a public meeting to discuss proposals for a Faringdon War Memorial will be held in the Savings' Bank Room on Thursday evening next, at 7.30 o'clock, when it is hoped that a definite decision for establishing a War Memorial for the town will be arrived at. Since the last public meeting the Committee appointed have, with the assistance of a competent architect, formulated a scheme for the restoration of the Old Town Hall, where it is proposed to erect a permanent memorial to the men of Faringdon who have fallen in the war. The plans of the structural alterations and memorial are on view and may be seen at the *Advertiser* Office.

5 April 1919

SCHEME FOR RESTORING TOWN HALL ADOPTED.

A meeting was held at the Savings Bank on Thursday evening for the purpose of further discussing the proposed War Memorial for Faringdon, and to hear the Committee's report on what had been done up to the present. At the last meeting it was decided that the form the memorial should take, if it could be arranged with the Lord of the Manor, was to restore the old Town Hall to its original form as near as possible, and there place a memorial tablet containing the names of those men of the Ecclesiastical and Civil Parishes of Faringdon who had fallen in the war.

There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting, and Mr J. P. Lockwood presided. The minutes of the last meeting having been read.

The Chairman said that after the last meeting the Committee wrote to Mr F. Butler, the Lord of the Manor, and received from him a very satisfactory reply to the effect that he would be very pleased indeed to give the Town Hall to Faringdon for the purpose of restoring it to its original position to form a war memorial.

Mr Lockwood went on to explain that on the recommendation of Colonel Ward Bennitt (Faringdon House), and Colonel La Terrier (Burford), Mr Weir kindly came and examined the building and made a report and submitted plans showing what the structure would be like when restored. (These plans have been on view and were handed round for the inspection of those present). Mr Lockwood said that he had obtained information through Mr A. G. Haines, that the old Town Hall was built in 1633 on pillars with a room over, the lower part being open. It was used for various purposes, and at one time was a Court House, attached to which was a small look up, with pillory and stocks. In later times it was used as a reading room by the gentry, and in 1796 was restored by the Lord of the Manor, and he thought that at this time the extra brickwork on the west side, and the staircase were added. It was now intended to do away with this, so that there would be a view right through the lower part of the building, and the memorial tablet would be placed in a position now used as the receptacle for drying the hose of the Fire Brigade, opposite Mr Pockock's shop, and the stair case would be behind it. The estimated cost of the renovation and alteration was £375, but he himself thought more would be required and he put it at from £550 to £600.

Having read the architect's report, Mr Lockwood said that Lord Faringdon had been approached and asked if he could attend a meeting which it was suggested should be held on Saturday, the 5th April. Lord Faringdon had written to say that as he was going away on the advice of his doctor it would be impossible for him to attend the proposed meeting, which he much regretted. His lordship said:—

"The restoration of the Old Town Hall as a War Memorial strikes me as being a very suitable suggestion, and I need hardly say that I shall be happy to contribute towards the cost. I at one time thought of suggesting that the Pump House should be turned into an Institute as a fitting War Memorial, but I dare say that the restoration of the Town Hall is a better idea."

In a later letter, Lord Faringdon said:—

"I had not carefully thought out any scheme for an Institute, but if such a thing was really considered desirable, I thought the Pump House site would be suitable. I am now, however, disposed to think that as far as a War Memorial is concerned, the renovation of the Old Town Hall is perhaps the most suitable form such Memorial could take."

Mr Lockwood said personally he thought the place suggested for the tablet was the best they could obtain, and he also thought that the renovation and alteration of the building to its original structure was the best war memorial that could be obtained as it would be a memorial of Peace as well as War.

Mr A. E. Franklin said that he considered that the proposed position of the tablet was wrong; it should be in the centre and not in a corner of the building, and would not cause any more obstruction.

Mr S. W. Luker expressed the same opinion.

The Chairman said it was a matter of detail which the Committee would bring to the notice of the architect.

Colonel Ward Bennitt in thanking the Committee for the great trouble they had taken said he thought that when completed it would be a very valuable addition to the town, and would be inspected by all lovers of old buildings in the same way as the Church was. Not many buildings of the kind could be found in the country. It would speak of the past, the present and the future. It would be an honour to the town and an honour to those who had given their lives for their country. He proposed that the scheme be adopted.

Mr H. Proctor thought the position indicated for the tablet was the right one. It was near the main street, where it could be seen. The architect had come very carefully into the matter and he thought he deserved great credit for the way in which he had prepared the plans.

Sergeant Joiner proposed that the room should be utilised as far as possible as a recreation room for Faringdon soldiers.

This was seconded by Rev. Legg and carried.

The Chairman said they now came to the question of funds. The architect's fees, he stated would be about 10 per cent of the outlay. He (Mr Lockwood) was very keen on the scheme being carried out, and should be very pleased to contribute £50 towards the cost.—(cheers).

Colonel Ward Bennitt said that he and Mrs Ward Bennitt would give a subscription of £100 (cheers).

The arrangements for the collecting of subscriptions were left to the Committee.

Mr G. S. Willis thought the youths of the town, many of whom had fought for their country, ought to be considered, and an Institute provided for them.

The Chairman quite approved of the suggestion, and thought the question might be considered later, when the present scheme had been carried out, and Lord Faringdon might be approached on his return. He thought it would be difficult to run a big Institute, as there would be a large and continual expense for the upkeep.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

12 February 1919

FARINGDON'S WAR MEMORIAL.—During the past few days a number of ladies have been busy distributing circulars and soliciting subscriptions on behalf of the Faringdon War Memorial, which is to take the form of restoring the Old Town Hall, and there erecting a permanent memorial to the fallen. The returns are not in yet, but judging from reports there is evidence that the result has so far proved somewhat disappointing. There is, the collectors state, a prevailing disposition to evade contributing under various pretexts of opinion. If this is so, it can only be stated that every inhabitant of the town had more than one opportunity of expressing his opinion as to what form a memorial should take, and it is sincerely hoped that no Faringdonians, many of whom were quite recently appealing to men to go and fight for freedom, will fail to support the publicly adopted scheme for the erection of a permanent memorial to those of our gallant lads who have been called upon to make the supreme sacrifice on our behalf.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

FARINGDON COTTAGE HOSPITAL.—Week ending May 30th:—Admitted, 0 ; discharged, 0 ; remaining in hospital, 2. The Committee and Matron acknowledge with grateful thanks the following gifts:—Flowers, Mrs Fuller, Pusey ; collection by Kingstone Lisle Band ; 6 hot water bottles, 8 rugs, 24 towels, 8 pairs of sheets, 8 pillow slips, 4 bed tables, splints, and bandages from the Reading Demobilisation Committee.

FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL.—The first response to the appeal for subscriptions on behalf of the Faringdon War Memorial is encouraging. As will be seen in adjoining columns roundly £500 of the £600 required to carry out the scheme in its entirety has already been subscribed, and we are informed that numerous other donations have been promised. These will be acknowledged in a future issue. As the balance now required may be expended on the elaboration or simplification of the monumental erection to the memory of the dead and suitably furnishing the Town Hall, it is sincerely hoped that the amount stated will be rather over than under subscribed.

31 May 1919

FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL.

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The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following contributions. Further donations will be gratefully received by the collectors or may be paid to Mr J. P. Lockwood, Bromsgrove Faringdon. The Hon. Sec. Mr S. W. Luker, London Street, Faringdon, or the Hon. Treasurer, Mr E. W. Belcher, Lloyds Bank, Faringdon.

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The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following contributions. Further donations will be gratefully received by the Chairman, Mr J. P. Lockwood, Bromsgrove, Faringdon; the Hon. Sec., Mr S. W. Luker, London Street, Faringdon; or the Hon. Treasurer, Mr E. W. Belcher, Lloyds Bank, Faringdon.	
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14 June 1919

FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL

A MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS to the above will be held at the OLD TOWN HALL, on Tuesday, August 12th, at 7.30 o'clock to appoint trustees.

SYDNEY W. LUKER.

Hon. Sec.

9 August 1919

FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL—A meeting of subscribers to the Faringdon War Memorial was held at the Old Town Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr J. P. Lockwood, who presided, announced that the total subscriptions received to date amounted to £654 2s. This amount would enable them to proceed with the work, and he hoped that after the renovations and alterations had been completed there would be a sufficient balance with which to create a sinking fund for the future upkeep of the Hall and the Memorial. It was now necessary to appoint trustees to the Deed of Gift, which was being prepared, and he suggested that these should be comprised of nine or ten young townsmen, with the provision that when, from one cause or another, their number was reduced to five, the remaining trustees should appoint others to fill the vacancies. As a recognition of the gift of the Hall by the Lord of the Manor, he proposed that his daughter, Miss Butler, be asked to act as a trustee. The following gentlemen were invited to represent the town as trustees:—Mr L. J. Anns, Mr W. E. Ballard, Mr W. H. Cook, Mr W. Foard, Mr A. E. Franklin, Mr Joseph Goddard, Mr Jonathan Goddard, Mr B. Haines, Mr S. W. Luker and Mr W. Tucker.

16 August 1919

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

Below is printed a list of names of the men of the Parish of Faringdon who lost their lives in the War, that have been returned to the Committee. In order that the list shall be absolutely correct and complete for the purpose of recording on the War Memorial it is particularly requested that any corrections or omissions shall be notified to Mr. S. W. LUKER or any member of the Committee, at the earliest possible moment.

N.B.—The Parish of Faringdon referred to above comprises the Ecclesiastical and Civil Parishes of Faringdon, and includes the villages of Little Oxwell, Littleworth, and Thrupp.

Banbury, Capt. Charles Williams, Coldstream Guards.

Burchall, Pte. Frank, Royal Berks Regt.

Burgess, Pte. Harold Darwin

Burge, Pte. George Gladstone, Oxon and Bucks L.I.

Cobden, Lieut. Frank Pargeter, R.A.F.

Counsell, Staff-Sgt. Albert Edward, A.O.C.

Clements, Sgt. James, Royal Berks Regt.

Carey, Sgt. William Henry, Royal Berks Regt.

Dodd, Cpl. Edwin William, Royal Warwicks

Davis, Pte. Reginald, Royal Berks Regt.

Ford, Pte. Sidney Harold, Lancashire Fusiliers

Fuller, Pte. Albert John, Royal Berks Regt.

Goswell, Send. Lieut. Oliver Owen, 15th London Regt.

Goaling, Pte. Charles Henry, Royal Berks Regt.

Gray, Pte. Albert Charles, Royal Berks Regt.

Grand, Pte. William George, A.S.C., M.T.

Gorton, Pte. William John, Wilts Regt.

Godwin, Pte. James, Hants Regt.

Haines, L.-Cpl. Frederick, Royal Berks Regt.

Harris, Gunner Wilfred George, Canadian Artillery

Habgood, Tpr. John Horace, Royal Berks Yeomanry

Higgs, A. B. William, Anson Batt. R.N.D.

Hanna, Pte. John Henry, Gloucester Regt.

Hunter, Pte. Henry William, Royal Berks Regt.

Horne, Pte. Thomas James, Duke of Cornwall's L.I.

Haynes, Pte. George William, Oxon and Bucks L.I.

Haynes, Pte. Oliver Mark, Royal Berks Regt.
Hambling, Pte. George Benjamin, Royal Berks Regt.

Indge, L.-Cpl. Walter Ernest, Royal Berks Regt

Kibble Bombardier Harry, R.F.A.

King, Pte. Albert Ernest, Royal Berks Regt.

Lewis, L.-Cpl. Thomas, F. H. Royal Berks Regt

Lardner, Pte. Thomas Richard, Royal Warwicks

Lovelock, Pte. George Harold, Royal Fusiliers

Legg, Pte. John Theodore, Hampshire Regt.

Mulford, Chief Petty Officer Bernard, H.M.S. Queen Mary

Merchant, Sgt. Sidney, Machine Gun Corps

Mobey, Rifleman Frederick Arthur, Queen's Westminster Rifles

McDonald, Gunner Gordon, R.G.A.

Mulcock-Panting, Pte. George J. Machine Gun Corps

Naah, Sgt. Frederick, Royal Berks Regt

Pearcey, L.-Cpl. Frederick George, Oxon and Bucks L.I.

Proctor, Tpr. James, Royal Berks Yeomanry

Perry, Pte. Roy House, Royal Berks Regt.

Parsons, Pte. Frank, Worcester Regt.

Page, Stoker Albert Victor, H.M.S. Simoon

Russ, Pte. George Edward, Wilts Regt.

Robins, Pte. Robert, Royal Berks Regt.

Ryman, Pte. George Edward, Dragoon Guards

Richings, Pte. Frederick, Gloucester Regt.

Richings, Stoker Percy, R.N.

Rogers, Pte. Walter Vincent, Gloucester Regt.

Sell Sgt. William John, Royal Berks Yeomanry

Stall rd. L.-Cpl. Harry, Royal Berks Regiment

Simpms, Pte. Stephen, Royal Berks Regiment

Stopp, Pte. George, King's Own Royal Lancashire Regt.

Shimmon, Pte. Robert Henry, Wilts Regt.

Talbot, Pte. Walter John, Machine Gun Corps

Thomas, Pte. Benjamin, Royal Berks Regt.

Willis, Rifleman Cecil George, London Regt.

Willis, Pte. Gilbert John, Worcester Regt.

Whiting, Pte. Percy John, R.E.

Walker, Sgt. Harry, Machine Gun Corps

Walker, Pte. Ernest John, Oxon and Bucks L.I.

Wiggins, Rifleman Ernest Cyril, London Regt.

Woods, Pte. Alfred, Canadian Expeditionary Force

Wornham, Pte. John, Hampshire Regt.

Wiltshire, John

Yates, Pte. Thomas

28 February 1920

Faringdon Institute and Services Club

**FARINGDON
Institute & Services Club.**

NOTICE.

The above newly formed Club will be opened by
LORD FARINGDON,
ON
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1920,
At 3 o'clock.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony, and at the same time inspect the Premises, which will be closed to the public at 5 o'clock, and re-opened as the **Faringdon Institute and Services Club**

To Members only at 6 o'clock on the above date.

Application for Membership should be made to the Secretary, H. S. BOND, Brömsgröve, Faringdon, who will be at the Club Premises on Thursday, December 16th, from 7 to 8 o'clock for the purpose of enrolling members.

Comrades of the Great War and members of other Sailors' and Soldiers' Organisations may apply for membership to H. LINSKOTT, Secretary to the Local Branch of the Comrades of the Great War.

**FARINGDON INSTITUTE AND
SERVICES CLUB.**

As announced in another column, the newly formed Faringdon Institute and Services Club will be officially opened by the Right Hon. Lord Faringdon on Saturday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

It will be remembered that soon after a branch of the Comrades of the Great War had been formed in Faringdon, there existed amongst the members a general consensus of opinion that suitable premises were desirable in the shape of a Club or Headquarters for social intercourse. Neither sufficient funds or accommodation were then available, and it was rightly deemed undesirable by those officiating on behalf of the Comradeship movement to in any way oppose or interfere with the existing and old-established Faringdon Institute, which already accommodated a number of its members. The outlook of the Comrades enterprise materialising was therefore anything but promising. When Lord Faringdon, some nine months ago, came to the rescue, and grasping the situation with philanthropic comprehension, made a most generous offer, which briefly, was as follows:— That providing that the members of the Faringdon Institute and the members of the Faringdon and District Branch of the Comrades of the Great War would amalgamate and form a Club, to be styled the Faringdon Institute and Services Club, he would grant them the use of "Pump House," a commodious premises situate in the Market Place, rent free for 21 years, and give a donation of £500 towards defraying the expenses of carrying out the necessary alterations and repairs. This generous offer was naturally accepted on all sides with gratitude and enthusiasm, since when the Committee appointed has worked with unfailing energy to raise sufficient funds and carry out the necessary requirements. The appeals for funds met with a ready response, and, in all, no less a sum than £1,500 has been raised by gifts and loans. This amount, at the time, was deemed to be more than sufficient to cover the expenditure, but, unfortunately, we live in days of unprecedented high prices of both labour and material, and although the premises are at last completed, the sum raised does not cover the expenditure by about £250. Nevertheless, the Committee feel assured that when the accommodation of the Club has been inspected and realised, this amount will soon be forthcoming.

11 December 1920

Faringdon War Memorial.

THE Dedication and Unveiling Service of the above will be held at the OLD TOWN HALL, on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1921, at 2 p.m.

The unveiling ceremony will be performed by The Right Hon. Lord Faringdon.

The Residents of Faringdon, Little Coxwell, Littleworth and Thrupp are cordially invited to be present.

HENRY PROCTOR,
Hon Sec.

29 January 1921

FARINGDON TOWN WAR MEMORIAL.

To the Editor of the "Faringdon Advertiser."

Dear Sir,

Since the balance sheet of the above was published in your paper accounts to the amount of £5 10s have come in. Thanks to the kindness of Lord Berners and Lieut.-Colonel the Hon. H. G. Henderson, who each contributed £25, and Captain Clifton Brown, A. T. Loyd, Esq., and Miss Morris, who subscribed £5 each, with local subscriptions and remittances from accounts, the amount now owing is £125. To defray this the Committee have decided to have a house-to-house collection at an early date and they hope that the appeal will be well responded to by the inhabitants of Faringdon. Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J. PARKER LOCKWOOD,

Faringdon,

May 26th 1921

Chairman.

28 May 1921

AN APPEAL.

We this week take the opportunity of calling the attention of our readers to a Grand Fete that is announced to take place in the gardens and grounds of Faringdon House on August 18th. It is a combined effort to raise funds to discharge the deficits outstanding against the Faringdon War Memorial and the Faringdon Institute and Services Club, the expenses connected with which, owing principally to the abnormal conditions prevailing at the time they were undertaken, have far exceeded the estimated cost.

In respect to the War Memorial there is no gainsaying the fact that in executing the adopted scheme criticisms and diversity of opinions were freely expressed. That however, is not our concern at the moment. The memorial to our fallen heroes has been completed and the outstanding accounts connected therewith must be met.

As regards the Institute and Services Club, which by the way has proved an acquisition to the town far exceeding original anticipations, there is also a heavy debt to be met. What better then, than to combine forces and set to work with a unity of purpose on all sides, in one enthusiastic effort to discharge these unforeseen responsibilities. It is with this end in view that the promoters of the Fete appeal for the generous interest and support of the inhabitants of the town and neighbourhood, and we are confident that the appeal will not be in vain.

These lines will be read by many old Faringdonians scattered over the face of the earth, who for old times sake will no doubt like to associate themselves with the undertaking. Their assistance we assure them will be doubly appreciated.

6 August 1921

GRAND FETE IN FARINGDON HOUSE PARK.

IN AID OF THE FARINGDON WAR MEMORIAL AND THE FARINGDON INSTITUTE AND SERVICES CLUB

"Honour to whom Honour is due."

The future generations of inhabitants of Faringdon will be able to point with pride to the efforts made by their forefathers, who lived in the town during the Great War—1914—1918—to commemorate the memory of the gallant lads who gave their lives for their King and country, and also in a manner, to the best of their ability, to recognise the patriotism and the bravery of those who fought and returned, by providing a suitable place in which they could spend their leisure time in recreation and amusement. Although the two objects are separate they are, in order to carry out the maxim, "Honour to whom Honour is due," combined, and each will form lasting memorials. The nature of the memorials has been previously fully described—the renovation of the ancient Town Hall, and the placing thereon of an oak tablet containing the names of the fallen; and, for the benefit of the ex-Service men and at the same time for the use of any of the inhabitants who desire to become members—the converting of the Pump House in the Market Place into a large and commodious building and now known as "The Faringdon Institute and Services Club," which is a great asset to the town, and is being run with a success which is highly satisfactory.

When these schemes were entered upon it was confidently expected that the donations and subscriptions obtained from residents and friends in the town and neighbourhood—together with the generosity of Lord Faringdon, who not only subscribed handsomely, but generously gave the Pump House to the town on conditions that it should be used as a Club for the use of the inhabitants and for ex-Service men especially—would meet the expenses, and probably these hopes would have been realised but for the unforeseen and rapid rise in the price of materials, and in labour. Unfor-

Committee, and Chairman of the Faringdon Institute and Services Club, presided, and in the course of a few remarks said that as they were aware the fete had been instituted in aid of the Faringdon Institute and Services Club and the Faringdon War Memorial, on which, unfortunately, there was a debt on the former of £300 and on the latter of £60, which they hoped by their kind help to wipe off to-day. He wished to thank all the various helpers of the Committee who had worked so hard, especially the ladies. The Faringdon ladies always turned out bricks, and they had done so on this occasion, and had done their best. They were very grateful to them for the hard work they had done. He also thanked Dr. Dornford for filling a breach, in arranging a concert. Last, but not least, he thanked very heartily their worthy host and hostess, Colonel and Mrs Ward Bennitt, for so kindly placing their park and gardens at the disposal of the Committee, for without this the fete could not have been held. Colonel and Mrs Ward Bennitt were always willing to assist anything in the town in any way, and their help on this occasion was very valuable, and they were extremely grateful to them (cheers). They also were grateful for the fine weather, and he felt sure the fete would be a success. He now had pleasure in asking Mrs Ward Bennitt to open the fete (cheers).

Mrs Ward Bennitt said she had great pleasure in declaring the fete open, and she hoped it would be a great success (cheers).

Little Miss Betty Cook presented Mrs Ward Bennitt with a beautiful shower bouquet.

Col. Ward Bennitt thanked Mr Lockwood for the kind words he had spoken. It was a great pleasure to Mrs Ward Bennitt and himself to do what they could for the fete. During the war they regretted it had not been possible to throw open their grounds, but they hoped to make up for it to-day, and that the fete would be a success (cheers.)

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Real business then commenced. A good many of the lighter amusements were located on the lawns in front of the house. There also were the various stalls, and in addition to which numerous young ladies were flitting about seeking customers for all sorts of things which would help the cause, and soliciting entries for draws. Here also was the band stand occupied by the Great Western Prize Band, and praise must be given them for their excellent performance of selections, and for dancing in the evening. They gave every satisfaction. Adjacent to the lawns, under the shady trees, tea tables were daintily arranged, and these were well patronised. On the ground on the

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tragically, when the objects were completed it was found that there was a considerable amount of money to be made up to defray all costs. Efforts were made to reduce the debt on the War Memorial by a house-to-house collection, but the result was not satisfactory, and at the present time the deficit is £60, on the War Memorial and the adverse balance in connection with the Club is £200.

These debts were something like the proverbial "mill-stone" round the necks of the committee generally, and at last it was decided to make a big combined and strenuous effort to clear off the incubus. Once this decision was taken there was no lack of willing helpers in any scheme that might be decided upon. Eventually the holding of a "Grand Fete," was adopted, and without delay the project was put in motion. It was first of all necessary to obtain a site for the fete, and on Colonel and Mrs Ward Bennett being approached they not only willingly gave the use of their park and gardens, but entered into the scheme with enthusiasm and have done good service in many ways.

A General Committee was formed, consisting of Mr L. J. Anns, Mr E. Belcher, Mr W. E. Ballard, Mr H. S. Bond, Mr S. M. Cadel, Mr A. E. Franklin, Mr J. Goddard, Mr B. Haines, Mr Jefferies, Mr H. Linscott, Mr E. Obourn and Mr W. Tucker, with Mr J. P. Lockwood as chairman, and Mr H. Proctor as hon. Sec., and from this Committee a number of Sub-Committees were formed. Practically everyone has worked with much energy and enterprise to insure success. Naturally the help of the ladies was called in, and at the request of the Committee Mrs W. H. Cook and Mrs W. Tucker formed a strong Committee of ladies, to arrange for the various stalls, etc., as follows:—

Mrs Albert Carter undertook the management of the tea, a duty which, with her many helpers, she discharged with tact and ability.

White Elephant stall, Mrs F. W. Porter and Mrs G. Chamberlain.

Produce stall, Mrs C. Smith and Mrs Legge.

Miscellaneous stall, Mrs H. T. Cobden.

Basket Stall, Mrs R. Hughes and Mrs H. Abel.

Toy Stall, Mrs H. Proctor.

Sweet stall, Mrs K. Thomas and Mrs Legge.

Lemonade and Refreshments, Miss Hollyer and Mrs P. White.

Competitions, Mrs J. Clack.

Bran tub and wishing well, Miss Elsie Haggood.

Cake Competition, Mrs S. W. Luker, Mrs F.

north side of the house were occasional rides, Aunt Sally, donkey rides, rifle range, football competition (at balloons), aerodrome, bowling for pigs and ducks, etc., all of which were well patronised.

LAWN TENNIS.

The lawn tennis tournaments for mixed doubles and ladies' doubles were a great success, there being upwards of 50 couples engaged in play. The large number of entries occasioned the use of seven courts, viz., the Faringdon House Courts, the Faringdon Tennis Club Courts (Church Path), and the Sudbury House Courts (Mr H. C. Rose). It is needless to say that the games were well contested. The finals were played on the Faringdon House Courts, and the winners in the mixed doubles were Mr A. V. Arkell and Miss Weaving, who beat Mr and Mrs Jones, and in the ladies' doubles Mrs W. R. Gantlett and Mrs Patterson.

Madam Sirrah, the fortune teller, had her boudoir near the tennis court, and was well patronised, necessitating at times the would-be patrons standing in a queue.

PRIZE-WINNERS.

The prize winners in the draws and competitions were as follows:—

Stopping watch.—The time at which the watch stopped was 7 h. 57 mins. 55 secs and the winner is Mr S. Swan, of Chapel Square, Faringdon, who was the purchaser of the ticket bearing the time 8 h. 0 min. 0 sec., this being the nearest time after that at which the watch stopped.

Cake competitions.—For the best cake (ingredients not to cost more than 2s)—1, Miss Nancy Lane; 2, Mrs Read. Ingredients unlimited—1, Mrs F. W. Porter; 2, Mrs Read. The Judge was Mrs Dillow.

Hidden treasure.—Mrs Slatter, Uffington, who was the lucky winner of a free trip to Weston-Super-Mare (presented by Mr Collins, station-master), and £1; whilst Mrs Gilling, Fernham, won the 10s prize.

DRAWS, ETC.

White satin cushion (presented by Mrs W. H. Cook)—Winner Miss Wentworth.

Black satin cushion (presented by Miss Cooper)—Miss Isabel Obourn.

Fancy needlework bedspread (the work of Miss A. Calver, presented by Godfrey Phillips and Co)—Miss Owen.

Two ducks (presented by Mr A. V. Arkell)—Mr Radbourne.

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Cake Competition. Mrs E. W. Luker, Mrs F. Lane and Miss Luker.
Loose, Mrs Higginell.

There were many others who had some little scheme or other for swelling the revenue.

The men's committees worked hard and strenuously, and amongst the chief attractions superintended by them were the following:—

Tennis Tournament, Mr W. Tucker.
Cocoa-nut shies, Mr W. H. Cook.
Rifle range, Mr L. J. Anna and Mr C. Smith.
Football competitions, Mr H. Linscott.
Deck quoits, Mr B. Edmonds.
Hidden Treasure, Mr H. Collins.
Fortune Telling, Mr E. Obourne.
Ladder Golf, Mr B. Haines.
Swing Boats, Mr A. E. Baker.
Lawn Games, Mr S. W. Luker.
Bowling, Mr H. S. Bond.
Bed Spread (draw), Mr H. S. Bond.
Aerodrome, Messrs Graham and White.
Watch stopping competition, Mr S. W. Luker.
Names of flowers—Mrs F. White and Mrs Graham.

Punting on the lake—Mr A. H. Pullen and Mr E. Phillips.

There were many special features, including a draw for a bed spread, worked by Miss Calver, of Faringdon, gaining a first prize in B.D.V. competitions—and presented to the Committee by Messrs Godfrey, Phillips and Co—manufacturers of B.D.V. cigarettes. A novel feature, and one which attracted a great deal of interest, was the sale of tickets for a five guinea watch, which went to the owner of the ticket showing the nearest time printed thereon to that at which the watch stopped. After being drawn up in presence of the company by Colonel Ward Bennitt, who said he had taken a ticket, and jocularly remarked that he had set the hands for the watch to stop at the time corresponding with his ticket. The watch was then placed in a case which was sealed.

THE FETE.

Thursday, August 15th, was the day fixed for the fete, and the only thing required for its success was fine weather. The day previous proved of a desponding nature to the Committee. During Tuesday night more rain fell in this district than has been experienced for months, and on Wednesday the sky was overcast with thunder clouds, heavy storms of rain came at intervals, and rain was falling late at night. The prospect of a fine day on the morrow was indeed gloomy, but "all well that ends well," and on Thursday morning there was a clear sky, the sun shone brilliantly, and these happy conditions continued throughout the day, making the hearts of the promoters rejoice exceedingly.

THE OPENING.

There was an opening ceremony at 2.30, when a good company had assembled. Mr J. P. Lockwood, Chairman of the War Memorial

Mr Radbourne

Rabbits—(presented by Miss M. Ballard and Mr Reid), Master J. Taylor.

Two chickens (presented by Mr E. Phillips)—Mr E. Bobey

Quarter-pound tobacco (presented by Mr J. P. Lockwood)—Mr W. Ford

Picture (presented by Mrs E. K. Tucker)—Miss Mary Clack

Guessing name of doll (presented by Mrs A. W. Smith)—Master D. Graham; and the doll's name was "Michael."

Feeling competition—Miss Olive Chamberlayne

Guessing number of sweets—Miss Adams

Smelling competition—Mrs Anderson, Bristol.

Memory competition—Mrs A. M. Cunard.

Guessing amount of cash in bottle—Master J. Grey.

BOWLING.

Pig (presented by Mr R. G. Adams)—Mr W. Reynolds

Pig (presented by Mr R. Johnson)—Mr Gillman

Hand bag (presented by Mr John Goddard)—Mr Walford, Appleton

Two ducks (presented by Mr Robert Hughes) Mr Reginald Hughes

SPORTS.

At 5.30 a long programme of athletic sports was commenced, and run off in good time. The sports committee were Mr H. S. Bond, Mr W. H. Cook, Mr J. Goddard, Mr H. Linscott, Mr S. W. Luker, and Mr E. Obourne. The Judges of the various events were Colonel Ward Bennitt, Mr A. G. Haines, Mr H. O. Rose, Mr A. Kindersley and Mr C. Smith. Starters, Mr F. Lane and Mr E. E. Haines. Course Steward, Mr H. Linscott.

The sports provided two hours good enjoyment, the events being well contested. The race between men over 40 was an excellent one, and a close finish. The mile relay race was also good, and well contested throughout. There were several close finishes in other races. The tug-of-war was well contested, the teams being as follows:—Faringdon Police Division beat Haremore; White Hart beat Thrupp; Police beat White Hart; Police beat Haremore A in the final.

At the close the prizes won at the sports were presented by Colonel Ward Bennitt

The following is the list of events:—

Tug-of-war, teams of 8 and capt., weight of 8 men not to exceed 100 stone; 7 entries—1, Faringdon Police Division beat Haremore A. 100 yards flat race, boys under 14; 11 entries—1, H. De Bank; 2, S. Clifton.

100 yards flat race, girls under 14: 5 entries—1, I Willis

Sack race; 9 entries—1, H. Edmonds; 2, C. Bowerman.

200 yards flat race, boys 13 to 16 years; 7 entries—1, V. Shallis; 2 A. W. Westall

20 August 1921

All Saints' War Memorial

GRUBBON WAR MEMORIAL. MARBLE OR BRASS TABLET.

A meeting convened by the Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Lock, to discuss the question of placing a war memorial in the Church in commemoration of those who belonged to the parish and were members of the Church, and who lost their lives whilst fighting in defence of their country in the Great War, was held in the Savings Bank on Wednesday evening. The Vicar presided and there was a fairly good company present, but not nearly so many as the object of the meeting deserved.

The meeting having been opened with special prayers.

The Vicar said the purpose of the meeting was well known to them all. It was to give Church people an opportunity of stating their views and wishes, and, if possible, to come to a decision, as to whether there should be a memorial in the Church to those belonging to the Church who laid down their lives in the Great War, and, if so, what form that memorial should take. He ventured to assume that by their presence there they were agreed as to the advisability of placing a memorial in the Church to those who had fallen. If there were any present to-night who were against it, he hoped they would say so without hesitation, as, if the feeling of the majority was against it, they would not proceed further in the discussion of the question; but at present he ventured to assume, they were in favour of some memorial being placed there. If that was so, certain considerations arose, and the first was this, that it was not intended, if they did place a memorial in the Church, that it should be in any way a rival or competitor with the town memorial which was now being carried out. He had ventured to launch the proposal, because soon after he came there several persons expressed to him their regret that there was nothing of any kind in their beautiful Church to remind them of those who gave their lives, whereas in all the villages around Faringdon, small villages as well as large, they found that memorials were being erected or proposed to be erected, and therefore he thought there was a desire—whether it was a wide-spread desire or not he could not say—but there was a desire that there should be a memorial in the Church, not with any wish that it should be a rival to the town memorial, which had been so largely subscribed to, and which was a memorial which appealed to all, apart from any question of Church or Chapel at all, and therefore it was not anyone's desire, he hoped, to erect anything in the shape of a rival. He took it that it would be their desire, that if a memorial was placed in the Church it should be something of a worthy character, something worthy of the sacrifice which it commemorated, and also that it should be worthy of the building in which it would be placed. Also, that whilst it should be worthy it should not be too costly, because too costly a scheme would probably fail in execution in the end, and if it did not fail it would tend to become a competitor to the other one, and the two would begin to pull against each other, which they earnestly wished to avoid. Thirdly, it should be a memorial that should be subscribed for by both small and great, that it should not be a memorial

erected by the large contributions of a few; it should be subscribed for, if they could only bring it about, not only by the large contributions of the few but by the contributions of a large number. Bearing considerations in mind he thought over what he suggested, and he had explained it to those in the Church. It was only a suggestion. Nothing in the shape of a decision had been arrived at or even proposed but he felt that when the subject was brought forward for discussion at a meeting some of suggestions would be needed and would be welcomed.

The Vicar then explained in detail a suggestion of an illuminated vellum scroll containing the names of the fallen, to be ably framed and hung in the Church. The cost would be about £80. He left it to the meeting to decide what should be done, and invited discussion, and hoped that those who had any objections would state them.

Mr J. P. Lockwood asked what names were to be put on the memorial.

The Vicar said the names would be of those who were members of the Church, and after the Church whilst living in the town. It would be a Church war memorial subscribed for by Church people.

Mr W. Tecker said he made enquiries at Mowbray, Oxford, as to the cost of a brass tablet, and found that one with 100 names inscribed would cost about £80. It would include rank or regiment, but he did not think that would be necessary, because these particulars would be given on the town war memorial.

Mr J. P. Lockwood said he had every sympathy with the suggestion of placing a war memorial in the Church, but he was very much concerned with the town war memorial. He managed to collect £650, but owing to the increase in materials and labour the work would cost three times the amount of the original estimate and therefore they required about £350 addition to the amount already collected. He wished they could get the town memorial completed and paid for first.

The Vicar asked Mr Lockwood if he meant that the town memorial should be finished before the Church memorial was begun.

Mr Lockwood said he was afraid that if £80 was given for the Church memorial it would make a difference in the amount given to the town memorial.

Mr E. Heavens said that he knew that a marble memorial had been placed in the Church where his son-in-law was Vicar at a cost of £30. He thought a marble tablet could be placed in Faringdon Church for £100 and if it could be done he should be pleased to give £10 towards it.

The Vicar said that Mr Heavens had given a very good lead.

Mr Burgess said he did not think a marble tablet would be at all expensive. He would be pleased to give £5 towards it.

Miss Luker said that a tablet in Stanford Church, containing 25 names, had cost £25.

Mr W. W. Luker said he was strongly of opinion that a vellum scroll would not be in keeping with their grand old Church, and he would propose that there should be either a brass or marble memorial erected in the Church.

Mr E. Heavens seconded.

The Vicar said he would like to explain that his only reason for bringing forward the question of a vellum scroll was the question of cost, because he was anxious there should not be any competition between the Church memorial and the town memorial.

Mr E. Powell, said that as an ex-Service man he should like to see on the Church memorial the names of all those from the parish who had fallen.

The Vicar said that this would immediately give those who were supporting the town memorial an opportunity of saying they were doing things which were superfluous. The town memorial was for the whole town. In the Primitive Methodist Church there was a tablet for those belonging to their own Church, and if a tablet was erected in the Parish Church he ventured to say that it should be confined to those who belonged to the Church.

The Vicar then put the resolution to the meeting that a brass or marble tablet be erected in the Church, and it was carried unanimously.

Mr Cobden said he thought the names to be inscribed on the tablet would be nearer £60 than £80.

Mr A. E. Baker thought they ought to have all the names inscribed. They all died for their country and surely they could be all named in their old Parish Church. Some of them perhaps did not belong to any place of worship at all.

Mr Heavens said he quite agreed.

The Vicar said that if they supported Mr Baker's view he was not disposed to take any active part in carrying it out, because he did not feel that it would be a right thing to do after what Mr Lockwood had said. It would practically be the same as the town memorial. He had not ventured to think upon such a thing the whole time he had been there. Naturally he felt that they should have a memorial in the Church to those men who had given their lives and were Churchmen. He should be very sorry if it went forth that he wished to exclude those who were Non-conformists or of no particular religion. If this was the only war memorial that was to be erected in the town he should heartily subscribe for all names to be placed thereon, but now he did not think it was necessary. He suggested that the meeting be adjourned in order that more particulars might be acquired of the cost of a brass or marble tablet.

This was proposed by Mr Heavens, seconded by Mr Burgess and carried.

The Vicar said he had prepared papers which he had meant to distribute at that meeting, asking people what they would promise to give. The contributions might be spread over twelve months if it was wished to do so. He wanted small sums, if only a half-penny per week, as well as large. The papers would be given out at the next meeting, the date of which would be advertised. He hoped in the meantime those present would talk about it to their friends, and that at the next meeting there would be many more present.

The meeting then concluded.

11 December 1920

All Saint's and Baptist Church War Memorials

TURDAY, JUNE 11, 1921

WAR MEMORIAL.—A meeting in connection with the proposed Church War Memorial was held in the Old Town Hall on Sunday evening immediately after Evening at All Saints, when the Vicar, the Rev. E. H. Lock, presided over a very good attendance. The Vicar explained what had happened since the last meeting in January, and he said he was afraid that some must have thought that nothing was being done, but they had had to submit to a higher authority, who would not be hurried. The memorial approved at their last meeting had been rejected by the Advisory Committee on the grounds that in both shape and design it resembled a large grave stone, and that governing body recommended that the advice of an expert architectural artist should be sought. They also strongly advocated the use of stone in preference to marble. Mr Harold Rogers, of Oxford, had been engaged, and after a careful inspection of the Church, prepared a fresh design for a memorial in stone which he advocated should be erected on the wall of the South Aisle. The design (a sketch of which was exhibited in the room) had been approved by the Advisory Committee, and it now remained for him to lay it before the subscribers previous to applying for a faculty. Some of those present expressed opinions in favour of marble, after which a resolution, proposed by Mr R. Hughes and seconded by Mr F. H. Liddiard, "That the design as prepared by Mr Rogers be proceeded with and carried out either in Portland or Hoptonwood stone, whichever proved the most suitable," was put to the meeting and carried. The Vicar announced that the total cost of the memorial would be about £100, towards which £35 had been paid into the bank, and an additional £30 had been promised, but that the work would not be proceeded with until the actual amount required was in hand. He appealed for the promised subscriptions to be paid in, and for further gifts, particularly small amounts. He earnestly hoped that the relatives of every man whose name would be inscribed on the tablet would contribute something, and so have a personal interest in the memorial. It should also be made clear that the names of all Faringdon men who fell in the war will be inscribed on the Memorial, irrespective of their religious adherence.

11 June 1921

WAR MEMORIAL.—A special Memorial Service will be held at the Baptist Church, Faringdon on Sunday evening, December 18th, when the newly erected War Memorial will be unveiled. Further particulars will be announced later.

10 December 1921