

A time of Remembrance and Reflection - Remembrance Sunday 2018 marked the centenary of the end of World War 1, or the *Great War*, in which millions of men and women lost their lives with an ongoing impact over many generations for their families across the UK, Europe and the world.

Earlier in the year the Parish Council, with funding support provided by Borough Cllr Andrew Eade, commissioned Owens Memorials (Market Drayton) to replicate the existing barn wall mounted stones bearing the names of the fallen from the Parish of Church Aston, including the hamlet of Longford, and mount them around the faces of the base of the adjacent roadside memorial at Brockton.



The above photographs show (left) some of the names of men from the parish killed in WW1 and (right) Cllr Simon Stacey (Chairman), Mike Atherton (Clerk), Cllr Brian Richards (CAPC) and Cllr Andrew Eade (Ward Member, T&WC) viewing the newly inscribed stones

This centenary project was formally completed with a service of rededication conducted by Rev Zoe Heming (Priest in Charge at St. Andrew's Church) and a wreath laid by Parish Councillors on Sunday 11th November 2018.

Smartwater Scheme Coming Soon - we have recently learned that our proposal for a "We Don't Buy Crime" (or smartwater) initiative for Church Aston village and Longford has been approved by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner.

We are now finalising plans to distribute smartwater kits to residents from late in November 2018 through to March 2019 so that your prized possessions can be protectively marked to help deter crime in our parish.

Surely we can't blame Napoleon - every now and then local events bring to life a little piece of our history and none more so than the current road closure affecting The Close / Greenvale and Dark Lane.

A few weeks ago, reports of a hole in the road were reported to Telford & Wrekin Council as the void beneath it appeared to be quite large. The cause of this problem appears to stem from recent service works which inadvertently broke into a old brick culvert that forms part of a sandstone tunnel extending from Boundary Brook (Pitchcroft Lane) through Church Aston village then onwards across the fields to Longford pools.

The original tunnel was commissioned by the Duke of Sutherland and was constructed around 1820 to 1830's. Accounts suggest that men returning from the Napoleonic Wars were engaged to carry out the work to help keep them gainfully employed.



Section through the brick culvert connecting the sandstone tunnels through Church Aston Village



Telford and Wrekin Council's engineers apologise for any inconvenience and report that the complex nature of the works means the roads will be closed until end November 2018

Wallshead Way Play Area - you may have noticed that the publicised play area improvements have now started with the base of a new Multi-Use Games facility under construction. Work should be completed by end-December ready for use early in the New Year

