

## REPORT TO FELPHAM VILLAGE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

### HISTORY, HERITAGE & ARCHIVE GROUP

This report had been divided into two sections, 1. for the 2023 HH&A Group and 2. for the input of casualty data, regarding the 2018 WW1 commemoration, to the Society's website.

#### 1.2023 HH&A Group;

It was apparent from the numbers of prospective members of the group that it would be difficult to arrange a venue where all could meet at a satisfactory date & time. Cost was also a consideration.

One member suggested that we should meet at a local establishment e.g. The Fox. Arrangements were made to meet on a purely social basis as the majority of the Group would be unknown to each other.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> March eleven prospective members took part in our first meeting including four from the 2015 Group. Members were invited to briefly explain their interest in Felpham, how long they had lived in the village and so on.

The second meeting included two who had not been able to attend previously but with two of the former not able to do so. Members said what their particular interests were e.g. smuggling, WW2 damage to St. Mary's windows apparently caused by a bomb in Downview Road, grave-markers in St. Mary's, coastguards, etc. Some research has subsequently been done by several of the members on the St. Mary's windows issue.

One non-member had brought details of a WW1 veteran who had lived in her house, not however one of the 41 Felpham's Fallen.

I contacted Wendy Walker, County Archivist, at West Sussex Record Office and have recently received details of group visits to the Record Office.

[Visiting the Record Office - West Sussex County Council](#)

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/history-and-heritage/west-sussex-record-office/record-office-services/talks-and-tours-of-the-record-office/>

I have also received a document entitled "Digital Preservation for Community Archives, that is some 32 pages long. The R.O. is very happy to offer advice and guidance.

The third Group meeting has been arranged to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> May, same venue & time.

#### 2. 2018 WW1 Commemoration;

Other than adding an Introduction, with a picture of the C.W.G.C. at an entrance to St. Mary's, to Felpham's Fallen no other casualty information has yet been added. Glenn Powell set up four of the original casualties which are now on the website although some additional data needs to be added to each of them. Now that the 2023 group is established it should be possible to restart this activity, direct access to the webmaster is necessary.

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