

The Whittlesford Society. Whittlesford – past, present & future

IWM Outcome Achieved!

We are delighted to announce that we have met the new deadline for registering all the details of our WW1 researches on the huge IWM on-line international database - ***Lives of The First World War*** - and that Whittlesford



and WhitSoc now feature as two identified 'Communities'- first, the main, official record of the first element of our core project '*The Whittlesford 100*' & *the Impact of WW1 on this Village* - plus a second about the staff & patients of the 3 VAD Hospital units in 1914-18, so significant in life here while our 100+ men were away at war & 1700 wounded service-men were cared for -eg at the Manor House(above)-

On 19 March entries were closed while the vast data base is prepared for final permanent access from the genealogy giant, 'FindMyPast'. The standardised listing of some 130 men (and a handful of women) can be seen meantime on www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org/community/7007 and similarly [/community/8671](http://www.livesofthefirstworldwar.org/community/8671). Not included are some of the latest & youngest to enlist, who did not get to serve overseas, so were not awarded an official service medal - a core qualification for this strictly evidenced data base, but they and their families are detailed in our local publications. Obviously a database is limited to specific defined areas but individual life stories do include photos & other verified material. After initial invaluable help from the WW1 Interest Group, 3 of us have worked exhaustively on this research since 2014 - and particular credit goes to **Suzanne Ridley** for recent weeks' full-time data entry to this vast on-line reference work and for all research on the three Hospitals here.

Work continues on the fascinating book on life in this village then, to celebrate 100 years since the Dinner that inspired this project.