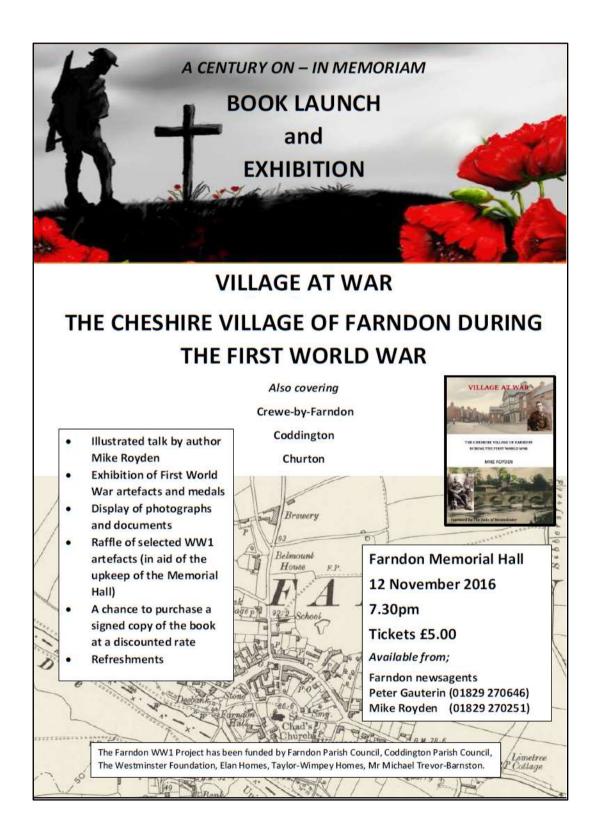
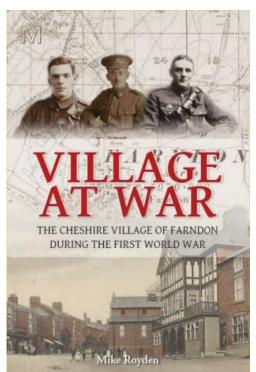


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## VILLAGE at WAR

## The Cheshire Village of Farndon During the First World War BOOK LAUNCH





On 12 November 2016, Farndon Memorial Hall hosted the official book launch of *Village at War.* A fitting venue, considering it was erected in memory of the Farndon men who did not return a century ago, all of whom have their biographies included in the book. The evening began with an illustrated talk by author Mike Royden, while during the interval and afterwards there was a chance to view the excellent and fascinating exhibition of WW1 artefacts and photographic displays of the village and soldiers, followed by a raffle of various WW1 memorabilia and refreshments.

At the end of the evening there was a chance to purchase a signed copy of the book. Overall, it was a hugely successful evening, it was a complete sell out with no room to spare, extremely well supported by the community which was also reflected in the book sales!











Peter Gauterin, who also contributed a chapter to *Village at War* on the Gauterin's and Clubbes, plus valuable research and illustrations, is pictured here with his amazing collection of WW1 battlefield artefacts collected over four decades of visits to the battlefields of Belgium and France.



Display boards prepared by Mike Royden showing how the village looked a century ago, plus documents and photographs relating to soldiers from Farndon, Churton, Coddington and Crewe-by-Farndon who served in the First World War.









More from the Peter Gauterin collection





Some of Mike Royden's artefacts (above) and Derek and Donna Eaton's (below)





**Book signing in the Memorial Hall** 





Mike with son Liam helping out above, and below with long-time friend and former work colleague Rose Beasley



Thanks to all those who helped make the evening such a success. Especially to Peter Gauterin who worked tirelessly to secure funding, selling tickets, preparing artefacts and much more. The evening would not have gone ahead without his input. To Peter's wife Sue, who helped organise refreshments, to Barry Fish and support staff in the Memorial Hall, to those who donated raffle prizes, to those who bought tickets and came to support the event, and of course to all those who bought books!

Thanks to Lewis Royden for taking all the photographs.

Mike Royden





## **THEN and NOW**

The Memorial Hall as it was originally constructed just after the First World War, and today with the extension to the left. On the following page is the memorial plaque situated in the entrance hall.



HERBERT DAVIES THOMAS W. EDGE WILLIAM EDGE JOHN GAUTERIN JOSEPH JONES ALBERT INCE HENRY L. INCE LEWIS MARTYN

CODFREY EDWE ARTHUR PARKER SAMUEL PUGH JOHN SHAW JOSEPH J. STRETTON REGINALD THELWELL CHARLES N. WILLIAMSON JAMES WEAVER FRANK MOSCATE + THOMAS WEAVER

WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR. 1914-1918