

News

Summer visit



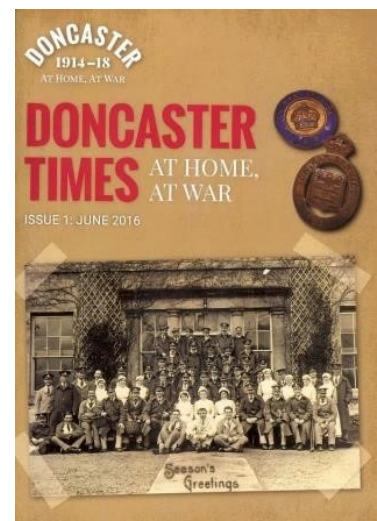
The spectacular wave of poppies at Lincoln Castle was one of the many sights enjoyed by our members on their visit to the city on 10 June. Thanks to Lesley Nicholson for this photograph.

Members saw evidence of a wide variety of past periods from traces of Roman remains and one of the copies of Magna Carta to the Victorian prison, a chilling place even on the warmest of days. Thanks to Dorothy Bradley for making the arrangements and Lloyd Powell for leading the tour.

'Doncaster Times: at home, at war'

Help from Heritage Lottery funding for the Doncaster 1914-1918 project has made possible the launch in June of a twice yearly publication, *Doncaster Times: at home, at war*. This A4 size journal is beautifully produced with many interesting articles. It also contains details of an exhibition at Cusworth Hall 'Estate of War: Doncaster's Country Houses 1914-1918' which opened on 16 July and will continue until 2018. Copies of *Doncaster Times* are available price £3.50 from the Library Service. This initiative is well worth supporting.

Helen Wallder says that inevitably the first few issues of *Doncaster Times* will focus on the First World War. She is interested in receiving articles about how local communities celebrated peace and remembered the fallen on war memorials. She is also developing material on 'daughters of Doncaster' to show how amazing local women played their part in the First World War. Articles, ideally 1000-1500 words, welcomed. The next issue will be published in October.



Occasional Papers

A new Occasional Paper will be launched at our October Meeting. Edited by John Millington, Dennis Walker's 'A Wadworth childhood' is an extended version of the account which has been on our website. Dennis has many entertaining memories of his early life accompanied by a wealth of photographs. The Paper will cost £2 and be available at KSM thanks to Linda, Lindsey and Claire.

Two of our Occasional Papers (Churchyard Stories and the Fitzwilliam Tomb) were published with the intention that any profits would go to St Mary's Church to help with the upkeep of the historic fabric. Most of the profits from the Churchyard Stories Paper were sent some time ago, but the small amount remaining combined with the profits from the Fitzwilliam Tomb Paper amounting to £100 went to the Rev Betson in June. Thanks to all who bought the Papers and helped with their sale. Copies of the Fitzwilliam Tomb Paper are still available.

Centenary of the Battle of the Somme

The Battle was still being fought in September 1916 and would not end until 18 November, 141 days since it began. In spite of seven days of artillery bombardment, the front line of German artillery had not been destroyed and 19,240 British troops were killed on the first day, 1 July, including four men associated with Tickhill:



Private Frederick William Cartwright, 12th (Service) Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment

Lance Corporal John Willie Cooper, 9th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I.

Sergeant William Hough, 8th (Service) Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment

Private Richard King, 10th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I.

Sergeant Hough is buried in Blighty Valley Cemetery, Authuille Wood, the other three are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (right) which has 72,195 soldiers' names whose graves are not known. Two other local men also died at the Somme:

Private Ledger Ainley, 6th Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment, K.I.A. 29 September

Private James Grice, 8th Battalion K.O.Y.L.I., K.I.A. 4 July

Private Ainley is also commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial and Private Grice is buried in the Blighty Valley Cemetery. (Details on the main website thanks to research done by John Cowie.)

A contemporary film about the beginning of the Battle of the Somme, first shown to the public in August 1916 will be screened at Doncaster Little Theatre on Thursday 13 October and at Woodfield Club, Balby, on Wednesday 2 November. The screening begins at 7.30 p.m. See more details at <www.doncaster1914-18.org.uk>.