# Remembers News

# **Remembrance Day 2017**

We hope that you saw and enjoyed our display of crosses next to the war memorial again this year. As before we separated out those crosses where there is not yet any definite plan to visit the grave. You can see from the picture how few that was, just twelve, and they are in France, Denmark, Irag, Israel, Libya, Pakistan and Tunisia, plus one in Naples, Italy which surely can't be that difficult.

If you are planning to travel to any of those countries in the next 6/9 months please do consider whether you might be able to help.



Remembrance Day next vear will be a very special event as it falls on the centenary of the Armistice, and we are already working with the Town Council and other local groups to coordinate the many commemorations and celebrations that will be taking place in Thame.

#### **Crosses Recently** Delivered

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#### 5 October 2017

**Private Francis Hopkins** Wiltshire Regiment

**Private Richard Line** Wiltshire Regiment

Robert Bartlett Doiran Memorial Greece

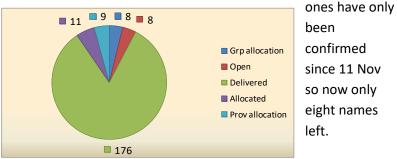
#### 10 October 2017

Driver Albert Henry Green Canadian Artillery

Mark Willis Reninghelst Cemetery Belgium

## **The Totals So Far**

The achievement at the end of our third year is nothing short of amazing and has far surpassed what we thought was achievable. 2018 is going to be a busy year with overseas trips already planned by the steering group to Egypt and Turkey and three individuals going to France and Belgium. These latter



so now only eight names

We are also planning group visits to the Boer War memorial at Abingdon and to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. The memorials there can substitute, in one or two instances, for where we cannot get to the actual grave.

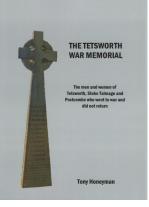








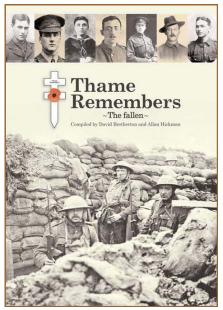
#### **Tetsworth Memorial**



Tony Honeyman has completed a project to research all the men and women that are commemorated on the Tetsworth War Memorial and has produced a small book (A5, 104 pages) setting out the results. It also includes some he found who were not commemorated on the

War Memorial but could have been and some in small villages nearby such as Postcombe, and Stoke Talmage. He knows that the families of some of those who died are living in Thame and asked that we make people aware of the book which is available from Tony at £6 plus £2 UK postage. If you are interested please contact Thame Remembers and we will pass on your details.

## **Our Legacy**



Planning for our legacy is well underway with most of the book already written. But it cannot be completed until after next year's cross deliveries.

Secure your copy of the Thame Remembers book now for £20 instead of the cover price of £25. Payment can be made through our "mydonate" page (see below), by cheque (made payable to Thame Museum) or by cash. Please be certain to include your name and contact details so that we can ensure you receive your copy.



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is happening.

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## **This Month's Deliveries**

Last month Robert Bartlett braved the autumn sunshine to visit the Doiran Memorial in northern Greece. This has not been an easy target for us as the memorial is in a difficult location. Robert, who is President of Thame British Legion,



broke into his holiday to go there.

The two Thame men remembered were among about 100 men transferred from the Oxf and Bucks to the Wiltshire Regiment at the start of this campaign.





Mark Willis, who runs regularly with Thame Runners, travelled to Belgium with his family to visit the battlefields and found a poignant moment to lay a cross on the grave of Albert Green, one of our Canadian contingent.

Albert had been born in London but then lived in Thame and Haddenham before emigrating to Canada. He was one of thousands of ex-pats who answered their country's call and joined up at the start of WW1. Albert joined the Canadian Artillery on 22 September 1914 at the age of 22, only to be killed 15 months later in defence of Ypres.

Thame Remembers is a project of Thame, Oxfordshire to commemorate the centenary of World War One by researching those from Thame who fell in all conflicts worldwide, and remembering them by placing a Thame Cross on their grave or memorial wherever in the world that may be. If you feel that you can help please contact Dave on 01844 21 5178.