

Memorial to honour lost war heroes

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The names of 25 servicemen will be added to a new war memorial during a special ceremony in Deddington Sunday following four years of research by two amateur historians.

Deddington residents Commander Robert Forsyth and Michael Allbrook researched the stories of 700 men and women who served their country from Waterloo to World War II for their book *A Parish at War - A military record of three Oxfordshire villages: Deddington-Clifton-Hampton*.

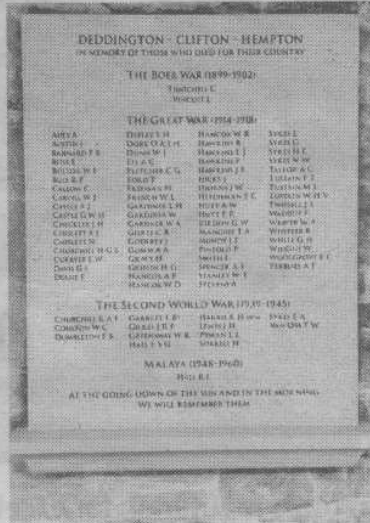
During the four years of research for the book it was found that 21 servicemen from the First World War - including two sailors killed in the ill-fated Dardanelles expedition - and two men from the Second World War who died for their country were not recorded on the present war memorial in Deddington.

Nor was there any memorial to two men who died in The Boer War.

The two authors decided that the income from sales of the book would be devoted to erecting a new memorial to record all the names in one place for the first time.

This new memorial will be dedicated on Sunday by the

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The memorial at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Deddington

Right Reverend Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester, at a service commencing at noon.

The new memorial is positioned on the north wall of St Peter and St Paul's Church beside eight original grave markers recovered from First World War battlefields.

Banbury MP Sir Tony Baldry and Mr Drummond-Hay for The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust will attend the special dedication service.

The British Legion Standard will be paraded and a two-minute silence will be observed.

The family and relatives of two of the men whose names were previously missing from the war memorial will also attend the service.

The book can be purchased online by visiting www.amazon.co.uk.