



# Marlow

A Marlow Society Group



# Objectives

- ▣ Commemorate the contribution made by people from Marlow in World War One
- ▣ Explain the involvement of the people of Marlow in WW1 - at home and in battle
- ▣ Provide a lasting record of the commemoration for future generations
- ▣ Involve the whole community





# Principles

- Inclusivity of all communities
- Engagement with all relevant organisations
- Co-ordinate and achieve objectives through existing organisations
- Create opportunities for people to contribute and learn
- Promote the involvement of young people, especially those at school





# Who are we?

- ❖ Under the auspices of the Marlow Society
- ❖ Strong links with Marlow Museum
- ❖ A Marlow Society group teamed with members of other local societies and Marlow Museum
- ❖ People with wide ranging interests
- ❖ People with knowledge of local activities, history, facilities, people etc
- ❖ We have worked with local councils, companies, news media and publicity sources





# Role



- ▣ Act as a local umbrella organisation
- ▣ Co-ordinate and encourage activities of local clubs
- ▣ Focus attention and provide a link to relevant county and national programmes and organisations
- ▣ Initiate specific (local) projects
- ▣ Be a source of ideas and project lists and suggestions for other societies
- ▣ Encourage others



# Marlow - WW1

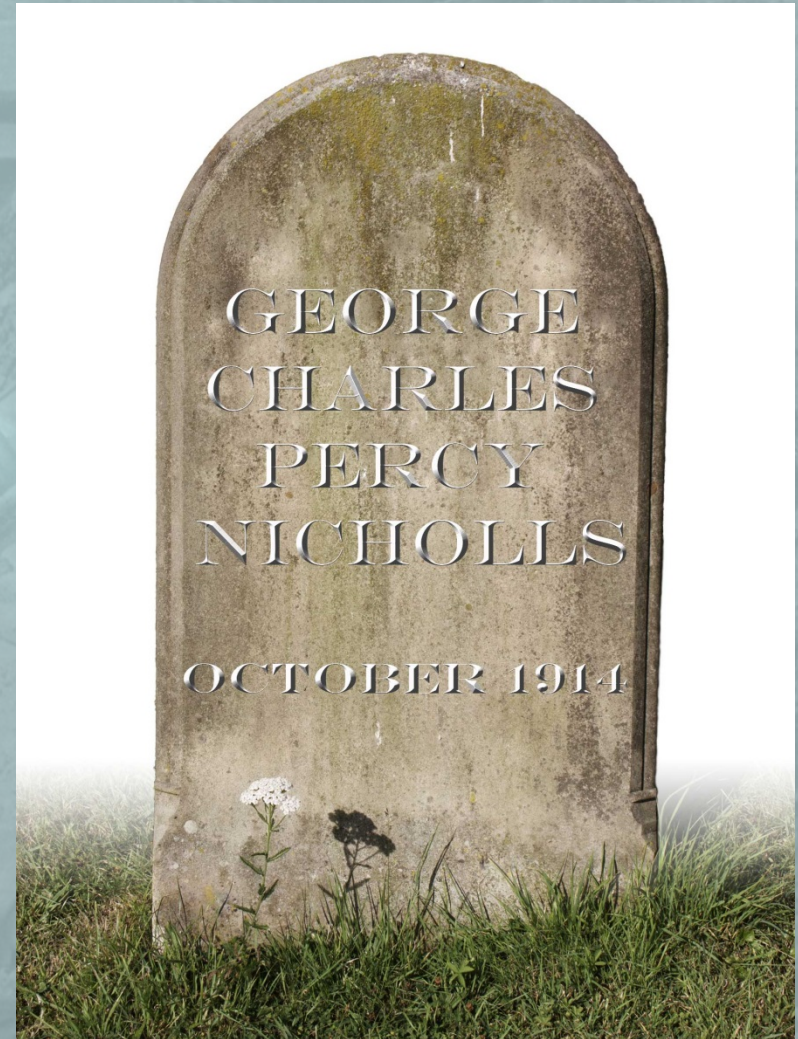
- ▣ **The first person to die:**

George Charles Percy Nicholls from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Rifle Brigade (The Prince Consort's Own) was killed in action at Flanders on 18<sup>th</sup> October 1914

- ▣ **The last person to die:**

Albert Todd Rifleman London Regiment 12<sup>th</sup> (County of London) Battalion (The Rangers). On 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1918

- ▣ Marlow's WW1 death toll ran into the hundreds
- ▣ Several thousand Marlow people were injured
- ▣ Marlow has WW1 training trenches
- ▣ Marlow men fought in France, particularly Flanders, Italy, Pozières, and Fromelles, as well as Wiltje, St Julien and Ypres in the Somme
- ▣ Marlow's Victory Ball was a highlight of 1919





What do we aim to do?



**Big  
Goals**



Little  
Goals



# Big Goals

- ▣ Formal launch and website
- ▣ Local research & database
- ▣ Plaques for the fallen / wounded
- ▣ Series of multi-society lectures
- ▣ Other events – especially with schools
- ▣ Garden of remembrance
- ▣ Weekend Event – perhaps including a camp at WW1 trenches
- ▣ End of War Ball





# Little Goals



- ▣ Study days
- ▣ Memorials / existing monuments
- ▣ Trips (France/ local trenches, Museums)
- ▣ Talks – partly under other societies, Trenches, Zeppelins, local people in battles, the home front
- ▣ School productions
- ▣ School projects
- ▣ School competition
- ▣ Get library to add WW1 books
- ▣ Poppy involvement
- ▣ Film evenings
- ▣ Carnival participation
- ▣ Museum / a portable display (Schools / Library etc)
- ▣ Marching regiment (parade – Carnival)
- ▣ Visits, inc Army Museum, Imperial War Museum – funding to take coach of school children)
- ▣ WW1 / 2 Cooking lessons
- ▣ Enactments
- ▣ Study Groups
- ▣ Local Am-Dram, poetry and musical evenings
- ▣ Quiz evening(s)



# Thank You!

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