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### Littlethorpe War Memorial

Readers may remember that, in November, I wrote on behalf of Narborough Parish Council and the community of Littlethorpe to explain the research carried out to put right the errors and incorrect information on the tribute to the people of Littlethorpe who served in the two world wars, which stands in The Square.

In summary, the current structure, although always known as 'the Memorial' is in fact a mix of local people who served in WW1 (a Roll Of Honour), including those who died (a Memorial), with a single addition from WW2. The inscription (in memory of those who laid down their lives ... ) is therefore incorrect, and there are a few other errors with names and spellings. This is largely because the current tribute was copied from a previous one, which included these mistakes.

Two researches have now been carried out by local historians and we now have quite a comprehensive list of all those from Littlethorpe who served and died or who served and survived in both global conflicts. Right now another source of information has come to light, so this is being cross-checked with what we already have and so the final lists will be as complete as we can make it. Also the name and spelling errors can be corrected.

The November article asked residents of Littlethorpe to say what they would like to see on a replacement tribute. Most (but not all) respondents said they would like to see the names of all who served in all conflicts from WW1 to date. Further research would have to be carried out on any conflicts since WW2, and in any event the list of names from WW1 and WW2 alone is over 100, 13 of whom died. We are unaware of anyone from Littlethorpe who has died in any military campaign since WW2.

The Parish Council has therefore agreed to fund a replacement Memorial to the 13 names (11 from WW1 and 2 from WW2), to be bonded over the existing plaque in The Square. And so this will at last become a true War Memorial. It is hoped to have this in place by Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Also, 2 Rolls Of Honour (for WW1 and WW2) will be produced, to be funded by the Littlethorpe Community Association and the community of Littlethorpe, and hung in Littlethorpe Village Hall.

We hope that this solution meets all options, and it leaves the possibility to add to the Memorial or Roll Of Honour should any new information come to light, eg from a subsequent conflict. If you wish to contribute to the Littlethorpe community funding for the Rolls Of Honour, please contact the Littlethorpe Community Association at [donnamee@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donnamee@hotmail.co.uk) or me at [kim.richardson@outlook.com](mailto:kim.richardson@outlook.com)

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