

Remembrance Day Service

and

Unveiling of Blue Plaque

Wednesday November 11th, 2015

Around thirty O.C.s and others came together at 11am on Wednesday 11th November to take part in the second Remembrance Day service to honour the memory of Old Cestrefeldians killed in both World Wars. The service took place at Sheffield Road (by arrangement with Chesterfield College, who now occupy the site), and was conducted by Past-President The Rev. Canon Peter Downham assisted by the Rev. Ron Smith and some members of the congregation. A two minute silence was observed at 11am and the service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.



Those present noted the fact that, after efforts by the Old Cestrefeldians' Trust, seventy years of grime had been removed from the WW2 plaque by professional cleaning and polishing, leaving the same work to be carried out on the WW1 memorial before next year's event

To add further interest to the day, those present went on to witness the formal unveiling of an official Blue Plaque by Frank Gorman, O.C. and Secretary of Chesterfield Civic Society. Secured to the Sheffield Road facade, it commemorates the existence of the Grammar School on the site from 1594-1967 and that its distinguished alumni included Erasmus Darwin and Sir Robert Robinson, Nobel Prize winner.



Photographed after the unveiling are (left to right):

Canon Peter Downham,
Frank Gorman,
Stuart Cutforth (College Principal),
Dave Simmonds (Asst. Principal),
Mike Thackery (Facilities Manager),
Bryan Thompson (Chairman of Civic Society)
and
Hugh Quigley (Executive Member Civic Society)

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