



The Empty Chair Project



DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

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If you are interested in taking part please contact the museum on 01327 301246 or email: museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk





- **114 Empty Chairs**
- **Decorated by over 30 schools and community groups**
- **Each one unique; design and decoration decision lay with each group and school.**
- **Map of Daventry on left of picture highlighting where the 114 soldiers lived.**
- **1329 visitors over 6 days**





Empty Chairs with certificate and photo of soldier, all given to individual members of the public who promised to set their own empty chair at their table to remember a soldier on Remembrance Sunday 2019.

Preparation & Organisation: Invitation letter to schools and organisations

15th January 2018

Address

Dear

The Empty Chair Project – Marking the Centenary of the End of World War One

To mark the centenary of the end of World War One in November 2018, Daventry Museum and Daventry Town Council would like to invite you to take part in a commemorative project that will remember the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives during the First World War.

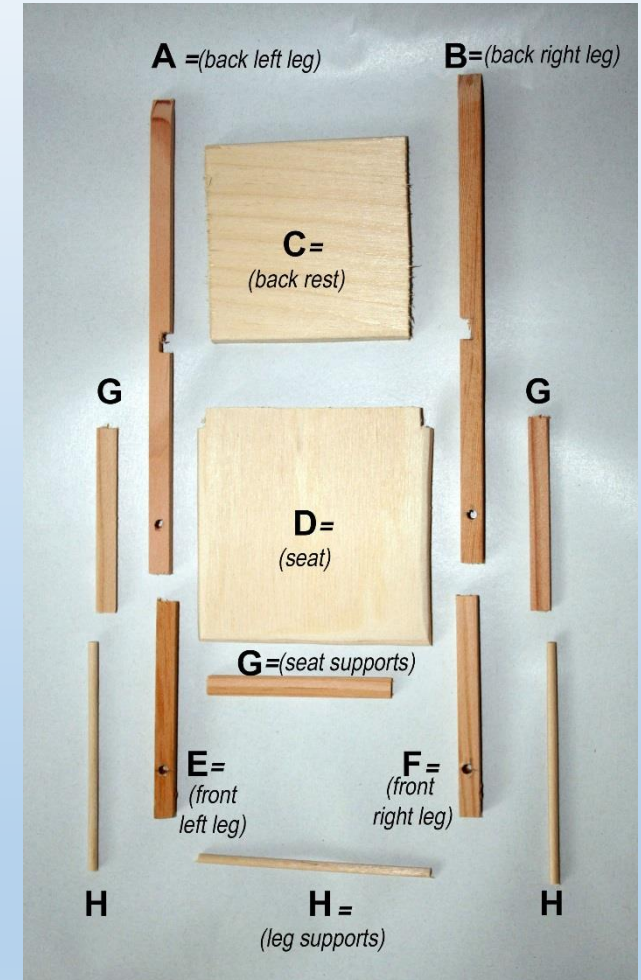
To commemorate the lives of these Daventry soldiers the museum and Town Council are inviting schools and community groups to make and decorate a small model chair (see attached details) to represent each individual soldier

Once built and decorated, these unique chairs will be displayed at the museum and then given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2018.

If you are interested in taking part in this project then please get in touch via the details below.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Wallace
Development and Liaison Officer



Letter & Instructions to participants

Dear project participant,

Thank you for taking part in our Empty Chair Project to commemorate the lives of the 114 soldiers from Daventry who died during World War One.

Please find enclosed an Empty Chair Kit containing the following:

1. Model chair pieces (12 pieces)
2. Instructions
3. Seat sticker
4. Name and details of soldier the chair represents

You will also be provided with wood glue, which will be distributed between your groups.

If you experience any problems with the kit and making the chair then please contact Gerry Thompson via [REDACTED]

Please return all completed chairs in their relevant numbered bag to Daventry Museum, 3 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT by Friday 19th October 2018.

The chairs will then go on display in the museum from Saturday 3rd November to Sunday 11th November. These unique chairs will then be given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2018. Please contact the museum via the details below if you would like to have a chair.

From 1st September to 14th December 2018 the museum is holding a World War One Centenary Exhibition so please do come along and visit. The museum's opening times are listed below:

Museum Opening Times: Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm. **On Sunday 11th November the museum will be open from 11.30am to 2.00pm to see this display.**


If you have any queries about the project then please do not hesitate to contact the museum via the details below or email museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Good
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Sticker to be placed under seat for identification





Chair No.....

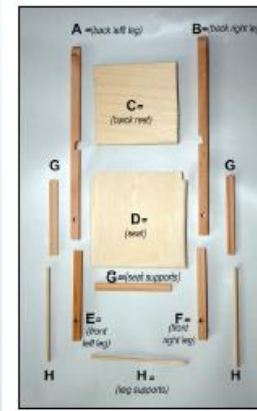
Group.....

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Name.....

Name.....

Name.....



Empty Chair Instructions

Before Starting

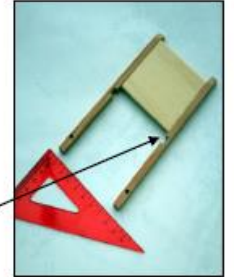
Take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the parts and the method of construction

Items required: set square; small piece of sand paper; small paint brush; wood glue (provided); light oak wood stain and clear varnish (optional).

Smooth off any rough edges on the chair pieces.

Allow glue to dry between each stage.

1. Glue back rest 'C' to back legs 'A' and 'B' (Note; cut away sections on back legs face each other)



2. Put seat 'D' into back leg slots and glue. Ensure seat is at right angles to back rest and legs.



3. Put leg supports 'H' through top hole in front legs 'G' and then through back legs 'A & B'

Glue front legs to seat, ensure front legs and seat are at right angles, in line with back legs and in line with each other.

Before glue has set, check seat supports 'G' fit between front and back legs and between each other at the front.



4. Fit and glue seat supports 'G' to bottom of seat and to legs.

Put leg support 'H' through bottom holes of front legs, glue and trim off any excess.



5. Smooth off any excess glue and rough surfaces

Apply 'light oak' wood stain and clear varnish (optional) and decorate.

Once chair is completed please fill in the group details sticker and stick underneath the chair seat.



Uneven legs that cause the chair to 'rock' will be corrected before the chair is put on display. If you have any problems, please contact [REDACTED]

Examples of name and details of the soldier that each chair represents, included in the Empty Chair Kits

1



JAMES AINGE

Private 67001 1st/3rd (City of London) Battalion
The London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers).
(formerly 3/33836 East Surrey Regiment)
Killed in Action
France and Flanders.
Monday 13th August 1917. Aged 31.

Born Northampton, Enlisted Daventry.

Son of James and Agnes Ainge (nee Allen) of 33 Leicester Street Northampton.

Husband of Harriet Ainge (nee Bull) of 'Kimberlyn' Braunston Road Daventry.

(also remembered on Grimsby memorial Ontario Canada)

Remembered with honour
YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Lieber West-Vlaanderen Belgium.
Panel 6 and 8.

4



CHARLES JOHN BAILEY

Private 36958 1st/4th Battalion
Essex Regiment
Killed in Action
Palestine.
Thursday 3rd November 1917. Aged 31.

Born Daventry Enlisted Northampton.

Land lord of 'The Dun Cow Inn' 4 Brook Street Daventry. Brother of Miss Mary Emily Bailey

Buried at
GAZA WAR CEMETERY
Israel.
Grave XXIX.B.14.

2

GEORGE EDWARD ANDERSON

Sapper 414743 13th Pontoon Park Company
Royal Engineers.
Died of malaria
Egypt.
Sunday 13th October 1918. Aged 37.

Born Brixworth. Enlisted Daventry.

Son of Edward James and Ellen Eileen Anderson (nee Stow) of Great Brington.

Husband of Ellen Louisa Anderson (nee Hillyeard) of 9 Badby Road Daventry.

Brother in law William Conroy kia

Buried at
CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CEMETERY
Egypt.
Grave O.295.

(remembered on the Great Brington Memorial & St Marys Church)

3

CHARLES TIDBURY ARNULL

Lance Sergeant 10073 2nd Battalion
The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.
(formerly 5907 Northamptonshire Regiment)
(Awarded Distinguished Conduct Medal.
4th November 1914)
Died from 'Black water fever'
Tulo East Africa.
Wednesday 7th February 1917. Aged 36.

Born Daventry. Enlisted Northampton.

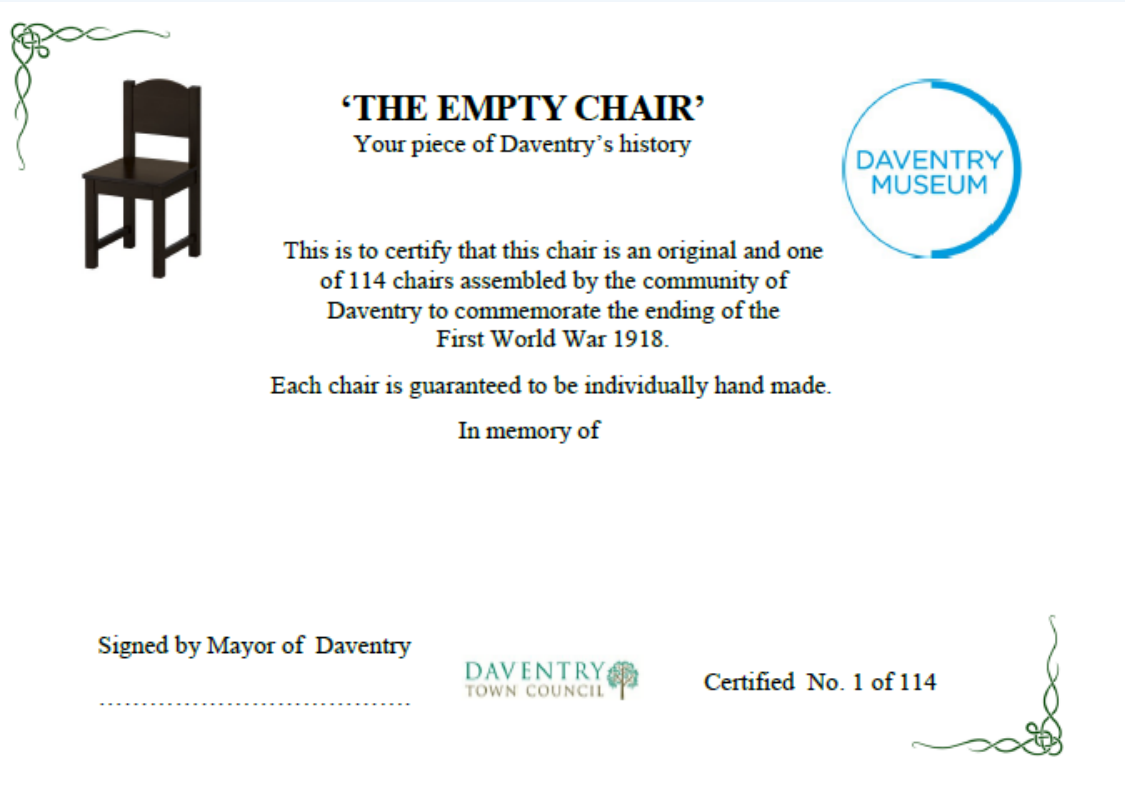
Son of Charles David and Annie Leoline Arnull (nee Kellard Tidbury) of 15 Cross Street Drayton

(Brother in law W Marriott kia)

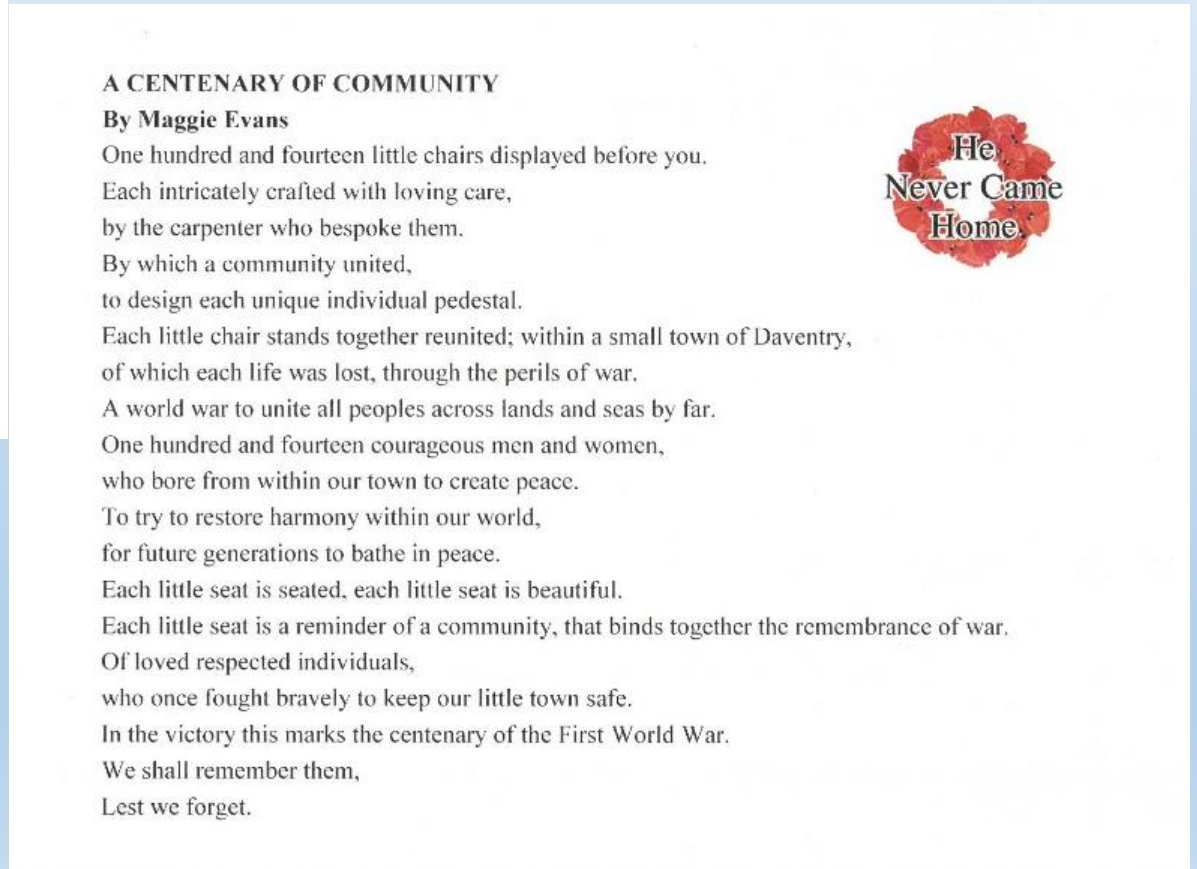
Buried at
MOROGORO CEMETERY
Tanzania.
Grave VIII.C.1.

Example of working spreadsheet showing: chair number, soldier name; allocation group; date of collection and return; whether it is reserved; contact details; communication and thank you letter to participants.

NUMBER	NAME	School/Group	Collected	Returned	Reserved	Who	Contact number	Contact Email	Contacted to collect	Thank you letter
71	B. J. MARRIOTT	Badby Park	13/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
72	E. F. MARRIOTT	DTC (Cir [REDACTED])	14/09/2018	22/10/2018	Y				collected	y
73	F. L. MARRIOTT	FOOMs [REDACTED]	14/09/2018	14/10/2018	Y				collected	y
74	W. MARRIOTT	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
76	W. G. MARRIOTT	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
78	B. D. MILLS	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
77	S. E. MILLS	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
78	F. V. MURDIN	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				collected	y
79	A. H. NEAL	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				collected	y
80	E. C. E. NIXON	The Grange	14/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				collected	y
81	R. B. PEBODY	TREB [REDACTED]	14/09/2018	21/09/2018	Y				collected	y
82	J. M. PESCOW	Wheatheaf Court	03/09/2018	10/10/2018	Y				collected	y
83	J. W. PHILLIPS	Wheatheaf Court	03/09/2018	10/10/2018	Y				collected	y
84	W. POTTS	Age UK ([REDACTED])	14/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
86	J. PRATT	Unity	14/09/2018	06/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
88	R. G. PRESTON	Unity	14/09/2018	06/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
87	D. B. PRIESTLY	Brownlands	19/09/2018	18/10/2018	Y				collected	y
88	W. E. RICE	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
88	J. W. RIDLEY	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
90	W. ROCKINGHAM	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
91	C. STALEY	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
92	W. SCREEN	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
93	C. E. SHARPE	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
94	H. SHARP	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
96	F. G. SHAW	Abbey	19/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
98	H. SHAW	Monksmoor	21/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
97	T. B. SIMPSON	Day Hill School	24/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
98	E. SMITH	Badby School	02/10/2018	19/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
99	E. E. SMITH	Staverton School	02/10/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
100	S. H. SMITH	Day Home Education	25/09/2018	15/10/2018	Y				collected	y
101	S. A. SMITH	U3A	10/10/2018	18/10/2018	Y				collected	y
102	S. A. SMITH	Cir [REDACTED]	15/10/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
103	C. G. SNEDKER	Police Cadets	26/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
104	C. W. SOUTHCLIFFE	Police Cadets	26/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
106	H. STEVENSON	Police Cadets	26/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
108	H. STEWART	Police Cadets	26/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y
107	B. STREET	Police Cadets	26/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				Collected	y
108	J. J. TERRY	Falconers Hill Infants	21/09/2018	19/10/2018	Y				collected	y



On the reverse of the certificate was a poem, written by a local poet who was inspired by the Empty Chair Project, with her permission we included on the certificate.



Certificate to go with each chair, name of soldier to be written in calligraphy and signed by Mayor of Daventry

Poppy colouring in for young children



Poem
commissioned
in calligraphy
for display



A CENTENARY OF COMMUNITY

One hundred and fourteen little chairs displayed before you.
Each intricately crafted with loving care,
by the carpenter who bespoke them.
By which a community united,
to design each unique individual pedestal.
Each little chair stands together reunited;
within a small town of Daventry,
of which each life was lost, through the perils of war.
A world war to unite all peoples across lands and seas by far.
One hundred and fourteen courageous men and women,
who bore from within our town to create peace.
To try to restore harmony within our world,
for future generations to bathe in peace.
Each little seat is seated, each little seat is beautiful.
Each little seat is a reminder of a community,
that binds together the remembrance of war.
Of loved respected individuals,
who once fought bravely to keep our little town safe.
In the victory this marks the centenary of the First World War.
We shall remember them,
lest we forget.



by Maggie Evans

A big thank you to all the schools and community groups that have taken part in the Empty Chair Project

Thank you notice to participants, displayed in museum.

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|  Abbey C.E. Academy |  Daventry District Scout Groups |
|  Ashby Fields Primary School |  Daventry Army Cadet Force |
|  Badby School |  497 Daventry Squadron ATC (RAF Air Cadets) |
|  Daventry Hill School |  Daventry Emergency Service Cadets (Police Cadets) |
|  Falconer's Hill Infant School |  Daventry Home Education Group |
|  Monksmoor Park C.E. Primary School |  Daventry Abbey Townswomen's Guild |
|  Northampton College Art Department |  Unity (Mental Health Group) |
| The Grange School | Daventry U3A |
| Staverton C.E. Primary School | Daventry Museum Volunteers |
| Woodford Halse C.E. Primary School | Daventry Town Councillors |
| Caring Kindergartens Daventry | Friends of Daventry Museums (FODMs) |
| The Cube Disability | Daventry Volunteer Centre & Happy At Home Partnership |
| Daventry Mind | Daventry Women's Institute |
| Badby Park Care Home | Daventry Police |
| Brownlands Nursing Home | The Royal British Legion (Daventry) |
| Wheatsheaf Court Care Home | Early Doors Micro Pub - WWI Group (Staff & Customers) |
| Age UK (Daventry branch) | |

Names of the 114 Daventry soldiers, displayed in museum.

We will remember them

- | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| J.K. AINGE | A. DEXTER | F.W. JEFFS | W.E. RICE |
| G.E. ANDERSON | W.H. DICKINS | C.W. JOLLEY | J.W. RIDLEY |
| C.T. ARNULL | T. DUROSE | S.J. JOLLEY | W. ROCKINGHAM |
| C.J. BAILEY | A.C. OSBORNE | G.W. JONES | C. STALEY |
| W.E. BAILEY | J. ELLARD | E. KENNING | W. SCREEN |
| W.J. BAKER | C.W. ELLIOTT | F. KENNING | C.E. SHARPE |
| T. BANNARD | A.H.ELLIOTT | H.R. KNIGHTLEY | H. SHARP |
| F. BARNES | P.J. ELLIMAN | H. KILSBY | F.G. SHAW |
| H. BATEMAN | G.H.EMERY | A.E. LANGTON | H. SHAW |
| W.T. BATEMAN | H. EMERY | G. LIDDINGTON | T.B. SIMPSON |
| C. BELLAMY | A. EVANS | P.G. LOVE | E. SMITH |
| E.C. BELLAMY | G.B. FARMER | N.F. MCCARTHY | E.E. SMITH |
| F.J. BELLAMY | L. FRANKLIN | B.J. MARRIOTT | S.H. SMITH |
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| B. BRADSHAW | H.T. GOODWIN | W.G. MARRIOTT | C.W. SOUTHCLIFFE |
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| A. BREE | T.S. HALL | S.E. MILLS | H. STEWART |
| H. BREE | K.L.C. HAMMOND | F.V. MURDIN | B. STREET |
| T.J. BRIGHTWELL | D.L. HARRIS | A.H. NEAL | J.J. TERRY |
| J.H. BUTLIN | W. HEMMINGS | E.C.E. NIXON | C.L. TOMALIN |
| W.J. CAPELL | R.W. HEWITT | R.B. PEBODY | S.E. TURNOCK |
| W. CARWARDINE | J.N. HICKMAN | J.M. PESCOW | R.H. VINEY |
| W.J.T. CONROY | W. HIGHAM | J.W. PHILLIPS | W.J. WADSWORTH |
| A.F. COX | H.E. HOLLOWAY | W. POTTS | H. WALKER |
| E.S. COX | W.J. HORN | J. PRATT | J. WOOD |
| E.G. CRISP | W.J. HUTT | R.G. PRESTON | |
| W. DADLEY | R. IZZARD | D.B. PRIESTLY | |

PR & Promo: Daventry Town Council Spring Newsletter & poster with Empty Chair display dates

Daventry Museum



The Daventry Museum service is a free, community resource available for all to enjoy. The Town's museum is operated by Daventry Town Council and supported by a team of Volunteers.

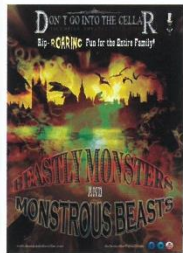
Alongside our permanent and temporary exhibitions we host regular events for families and community groups of varying ages, including the popular British Science Week event held in March each year.



British Science Week Event 2018

Live Theatre at the Museum

Beastly Monsters & Monstrous Beasts



Thursday 25th October | 5pm

Rip-roaring fun for all the family. Join Professor Charlotte Challenger as she recounts several of her daring escapades from the Edwardian era. Be thrilled as you encounter marauding monsters, deadly dinosaurs and fiendish fauna.

Suitable for ages 5+.

Please call 01327 301 246 to book your FREE tickets.

Exhibitions for 2018

5th May–2nd June
Daventry Women's Institute: A Celebration

Exhibits on craft, needlework, artwork, photography and floral displays

12th June–24th August
Arts, Crafts and Collectables
Displays to celebrate Daventry Arts Festival including the famous May Day Crown

1st September–14th December
WWI Centenary Commemoration
Exhibition reflecting on the end of World War One and post war Daventry

Get Involved

Become a volunteer

Are you interested in Daventry's past? Are you a keen researcher? Would you like to share your knowledge of the local area by becoming a steward? If so, please contact the museum on the details below to find out more.

Schools & Community

The museum welcomes visits from schools and community groups. Please contact us to plan your visit and make the most of our free and unique learning resource.

Saturday 3rd November - Sunday 11th November 2018



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LED BY IWM

Daventry Museum, 3 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT

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For a virtual 360° tour of the museum, scan the QR code!



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PR & Promo: Examples of Social Media prior, during & before event

Daventry Museum
2 November · 🌐

Daventry Town Council Love Daventry DIP into Daventry Discover Daventry Northamptonshire Heritage Forum BBC Radio Northampton Britain's Best Surprise Daventry Express The Village Emporium Magazine

The opening of the Empty Chair display is almost here! We're looking forward to welcoming you tomorrow at 10am for you to see what the #Daventry community have created, in memory of the 114 fallen Daventry soldiers named on the war memorial.


The museum is open until 4pm and during the morning we will have war songs played on the museum piano.

Not to be missed. #Armistice100 #Centenary

Daventry Museum @DaventryMuseum · Nov 7

What a busy week we've had so far with lots of visitors to the Empty Chair display. Wonderful to see @ashbyfieldsdav enjoying their visit to the museum & seeing their Empty Chairs on display.

Make sure you don't miss this poignant display #Remembrance2018 #lovedaventry



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Daventry Museum
11 November · 🌐

#LestWeForget #Remembrance2018 #WWI #Centenary

will remember the

A. DEXTER	F.W. JEFFS	W.E. RICHARDSON
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0 People reached 0 Engagements

Boost Post

and 27 others 4 Comments 6 shares

Daventry Museum
12 November · 🌐

Thank you to everyone involved in the Empty Chair Project to commemorate the lives of the 114 Daventry Soldiers who died during World War One. Over the last 7 days we've had 1329 visitors to see the Empty Chair display which reflects just how much their sacrifice means to the #Daventry community, 100 years on. #LestWeForget




0 People reached 0 Engagements

Boost Post

and 55 others 4 Comments 13 shares

Daventry Museum
29 November 2018 · 🌐

Thank you to our museum volunteers, DTC councillors, DTC staff and visitors to the museum and Daventry Town Council for helping to raise £121.65 for the #PoppyAppeal Royal British Legion #LestWeForget



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you very much for helping with our Appeal.

£ 121.65 was collected by you.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

Yours sincerely
Local Honorary Organiser

District Total (if available) £

Registered Charity No. 219279

155 People reached 6 Engagements

Boost Post

and 3 others



Marking centenary of war's end



A range of local organisations have come together to put on events and activities to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War.

A number of commemorative benches are being installed in public places across the District after parish councils took up Daventry District Council's (DDC) Memorial Benches offer, while poppies have also been becoming thanks to DDC's Big Poppy

Daventry & District Forum recently held a special First World War-themed tea

dance, while Daventry's Holy Cross Church hosted a Songs of Praise service featuring readings, popular songs and poetry from WW1.

People have been making hundreds of crocheted and knitted poppies which will form the silhouette of a First World War Soldier outside the Holy Cross as part of a project by Daventry Town Council.

And at Daventry Museum, a World War One Centenary Exhibition reflects on the end of the war and post-war Daventry, while its Empty Chair Project

remembers the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives during the First World War.

A range of other events are also planned in the coming weeks in the lead-up to the centenary of the historic armistice of 11 November 1918, which ended four years of fighting.

Please look out for the poppy symbol next to the entries in our What's On listings on page 15 to find out more or visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/FirstWorldWarCentenary

Halloween Spooktacular

Children are invited to join a ghoulishly good afternoon of activities at the free Halloween Spooktacular at Daventry Country Park.

With a Halloween fancy dress competition, Spooktacular trail with goodies, inflatable fun and much more, the popular annual event is sure to be a hit with families when it returns to the park on Sunday 28 October.

Activities are set to take place from around 1pm and all children must be accompanied by an adult during the event. It is advisable to wear warm clothing underneath the costumes as all of the activities take place outside.

Full details, including timings, will be published at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/counypark as the event nears.



Halloween fun

Join activity camps

Everyone Active is offering a range of Activity Camps at the Daventry Leisure Centre during the autumn half term.

The camps run from 22 to 26 October and offer sports, team challenges and competitions delivered by qualified sports leader professionals. They run from 10am-3pm and cost £14 per day.

Children can also be booked into the Breakfast Club which offers a nutritious breakfast plus games and activities

before the camp, and the Evening Connections Club offering games and activities after the camp, at a cost of £2.40 per child, per session.

For more information and to make a booking, phone Daventry Leisure Centre on **01327 871144** or visit www.everyoneactive.com/Daventry

Make new friends at Forum

Older people across Daventry District are invited to join the Daventry District Forum.

The group, which was formerly known as the Daventry & District Over 50s forum, works with local organisations to improve the quality of life for older people in the area.

It also holds regular free events, giving people an opportunity to make new friends, have fun, and gain access to services and information.

The group will be attending the Everybody Needs Good Neighbours Annual Event at Moulton Community Centre on 1 October and will host a Christmas Party at the Saxon Suite at Daventry Leisure Centre from 2pm to 4pm on Thursday 6 December.

Find out more at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/DDF

If you would like to include forthcoming events in the District in Daventry Calling please email news@daventrydc.gov.uk

Please note that due to distribution schedules, some areas of the district may receive Daventry Calling later than the date of some featured events.

What's on this autumn

October 5, 6 & 7
Althorp Literary Festival featuring a range of guest speakers including novelists, comedians, historians, television personalities and actors. Visit www.spencerofalthorp.com for more.

October 6
Beetle Drive in Barby Village Hall from 7pm with all money raised going towards the Health Centre in Iganga, Uganda. More information on 01327 871377.

Nearly new sale at The Parker E-Act Academy in Ashby Road, Daventry from 10am-midday in aid of the National Childbirth Trust. Visit www.facebook.com/NCTDaventryandVil

October 7
Silent Movie Night at All Saints Church in Flore featuring Charlie Chaplin's *Easy Street* at 7.30pm followed by Buster Keaton's *Our Hospitality*. Visit www.floreatsevents.com for more.

Apple Day at the Millennium Orchard in Barby (behind the tennis courts) celebrates all things apple from 2-4pm. Email catsabine@outlook.com for more details.



Apple Day at Barby's Millennium Orchard on October 7

October 11-12
Subly Open Gardens from 1-4pm on the Thursday and 11am-4pm on the Friday will feature plants and conserves for sale as well as apple produce. Entry is £4 per adult.

October 25
Beastly Monsters and Monstrous Beasts at Daventry Museum is a rip-roaring fun and interactive theatre event for the family from 5pm. Tickets are free but booking is essential on 01327 301246.

October 26
Bingo in Barby Village Hall from 7pm in aid of Barby Church Trust. Phone 01788 891968 for more.

October 28
Halloween Spooktacular at Daventry Country Park – see page 14 for details.

November 2
The Life of Edgar Mobbs – enjoy a talk on the life of the Northants sporting and military hero by his great nephew (also Edgar Mobbs) from 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 on 01327 310945.

November 3-11
The Empty Chair Project is a display at Daventry Museum that remembers the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives during the First World War. Visit www.daventrymuseum.org.uk

November 10
The Daventry branch of the Diocesan Guild of Bellringers will be practising at Fawsley Church from 2.30-3.30pm and at Preston Capes Church from 3.30-4.30pm, followed with tea in the village hall and evening ringing at Byfield Church from 7-8.30pm. All welcome.

November 10-11
Memorial exhibition at Norton Village Hall to remember the 16 men from the village who lost their lives during the First World War. An exhibition showing memorabilia and artefacts will be open from 10.30am-4.30pm on both days and there will be a short service at the War Memorial at 11am on the Sunday.

November 11
Remembrance Day Parade hosted by Daventry Town Council at the War Memorial off Abbey Street at 10.50am, followed by a church service at Holy Cross. A total of 114 crosses, representing the soldiers from Daventry who fell, will be placed on Daventry's War Memorial by children from local schools.

Be Brave and Come Home Safe – people are encouraged to dress in WW1-era costume for this interactive musical event at Daventry Community Centre. It runs from 3-5pm and tickets cost £8 (children £2). Visit www.facebook.com/TheWheelsOnDebussy for more.

The Daventry branch of the Diocesan Guild of Bellringers will be marking the centenary of the Armistice in 1918 with half-muffled ringing at Daventry's Holy Cross.

Quiz Night at Barby Village Hall at 7.30pm. Phone 01788 891091 for more.

November 17
Budapest Café Orchestra performance at the Millennium Hall in Flore from 7.30pm. Visit www.floreatsevents.com for more.

November 28
Madness in Victorian Northamptonshire at Ravensthorpe Village Hall – a talk on a Victorian view of mental illness and how it influenced today's thinking, with historian Dr Cathy Smith. Tickets cost £5 on 01604 770482.

Calendar of Council meetings

All the meetings listed right start at 6.15pm and take place at the civic offices in Lodge Road, Daventry. Visit www.daventrydc.gov.uk/meetings for more

Committee	Date of meeting
Council	Thurs 4 October
Planning	Weds 10 October
Strategy Group	Thurs 11 October
Planning	Weds 31 October
Scrutiny & Improvement	Tues 6 November
Licensing	Tues 13 November
Strategy Group	Thurs 15 November
Planning	Weds 21 November
Council	Thurs 6 December

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War memories at exhibition

BY LUCIE GREEN
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People in Daventry are invited to take a step back in time and learn about World War One.

A World War One Centenary Exhibition is being held at Daventry Museum.

The commemorative exhibition opened on Saturday and reflects on the end of World War One and its impact on a post-war Daventry.

Exhibits include photos of Daventry soldiers who lost their lives, together with a map of Daventry highlighting where these soldiers lived.

To commemorate the lives of the 114 Daventry soldiers, Daventry Museum has invited local schools and community groups to take part in the 'Empty Chair Project'.

As part of this project, a small model chair is constructed to represent each individual soldier. These unique chairs will be displayed at the museum from Saturday, No-

vember 3, to Sunday, November 11, and then given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday.

After Remembrance Sunday, people are able to collect their reserved chair to remember the fallen.

To find out more about the World War One centenary commemorations get in touch by contacting 01327 301246 or emailing museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk or visit the museum.

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Events to mark the end of war

BY LUCIE GREEN
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A festival is being held in Daventry and Rugby to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One.

The Armistice Festival has been put together by Fiona Sharp, co-ordinator of The Wheels on Debussy.

Fiona said: "I saw Black Dog - The Dreams of Paul Nash by Dave McKean at Tate Britain, London. I found the piece deeply moving, hugely powerful and totally innovative. I described it to others as a performed exhibition where the art is put into context using narrative and song."

The Wheels on Debussy has secured funding from the Heritage Lottery, Arts Council England and Daventry District Council with support in kind from Rugby School, to host some amazing events.

They include, Be Brave and Come Home Safe by BAFTA-nominated writer Martin Riley.

It is performed by the community alongside professional actors and musicians. Black Dog: The Dreams of Paul Nash at The Macready Theatre by international artist and illustrator Dave McKean; poetry performances; WW1 art exhibitions; concerts and music compositions by local chil-



Photographs of Daventry soldiers killed during the Great War, on display at the town museum

dren and internationally renowned musicians from The Harborough Collective.

The festival takes place this month and next at a number of venues.

For details see www.thewheelsondebussy.com/armistice-festival.

Before then, this weekend sees the opening of an exhibition at Daventry Museum to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Exhibits include photos of Daventry soldiers who lost their lives, together with a map of Daventry highlighting where these soldiers lived.

This display is extremely poignant as it demonstrates how much this loss of life would have impacted upon a small community during the Great War.

To commemorate the lives of the 114 Daventry soldiers,

the museum has invited local schools and community groups to take part in the 'Empty Chair Project'.

As part of this project, a small model chair is constructed to represent each individual soldier.

These unique chairs will be displayed at the museum from Saturday, November 3, to Sunday, November 11, and then given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday.

This Saturday between 10am and 4pm visitors will be able to reserve one of these soldier's chairs from a list of the soldier's names at the museum.

After Remembrance Sunday on November 11 members of the public are able to collect their reserved chair to remember the fallen.

The museum is open Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm.

On Sunday, November 11, the museum will be open from 11.30am to 2pm as part of Remembrance Day.

To find out more about the museum's First World War centenary commemorations call 01327 301246, email museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk or visit the museum at 3 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT.

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Your guide to events you must not miss this week

1 Fireworks

Fireworks Display, Parker E-Act Academy
 November 3, 6.30pm to 9.30pm
 Daventry Town Council's annual firework display will be taking place The Parker E-ACT Academy, Ashby Road, Daventry, NN11 0QR. Admission is free, and the council welcomes everyone to watch the fantastic firework display, which pyrotechnics company MLE promises will be better than the last one. The gates will open at 6.30pm with the display starting at 7.30pm. There will only be accessible parking on site at this event (blue badge) therefore walking to the event is advised.

2 Exhibition

WW1 Centenary Exhibition: The Empty Chair project, Saturday November 3, 10am-4pm, to Sunday 11, 11.30am-2pm
 To commemorate the lives of the 114 soldiers from Daventry who died during the First World War, Daventry Museum has invited local schools

and community groups to make and decorate a small model chair to represent each individual soldier. These unique chairs will be displayed at the museum and then given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday, November 11. As well as weekends, the display can be viewed during the museum's usual weekday opening hours, Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Daventry Museum can be found at 3 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT www.daventrymuseum.org.uk

3 Screen

King of Thieves (15), Rugby Theatre, November 2-3. This crime drama stars Michael Caine, Ray Winstone and Jim Broadbent, some of Hollywood's hardest hitters which is fitting for a film that centres around a major heist in London's jewellery district. www.rugbytheatre.co.uk



Cllr Lynn Jones, mayor of Daventry, and Cllr Mike Arnold



Treasure trail around the town centre

4 Comedy

Upfront comedy at Royal & Derngate, November 4
 Upfront comedy returns with an international comedy night from top British and American talent. Comedian and former Teletubbies actor John Simmit hosts with a cracking line-up. British 'hip-hop' impressionist Toju won the hearts of the nation in 2014 when he was Ant and Dec's golden buzzer vote on Britain's Got Talent. Feisty New Yorker Desiree Burch has a gutsy and energetic style that recently rocked the crowd on BBC TV's Live at the Apollo. Her witty take on life in London for an American has already scooped her a Funny Women Stage Award as well as an Edinburgh Fringe first for new writing. www.royalandderngate.co.uk

5 Family

Biff's Treasure Trail - Daventry town centre until November 4. It's the last chance for fans of Daventry's most celebrated TV dog Biff to follow in his footsteps in a treasure hunt around his home town. A paw-print trail will take dogged participants from Sheaf Street to Station Road and then over to the high street.



To enter just pick up a form from any shop with the event poster in its window. With 36 stores taking part there is ample opportunity to clock up some steps and be in with the chance to win a hamper worth £250. Hand in your completed form to a participating store to be in with a chance of winning this fantastic prize. Get interactive by using the hashtag #ifoundbiff on social media.



What's on

What's on?

A full list of events over the forthcoming months is available on our website www.villageemporium.co.uk/events/

Noticeboard

1st Tuesday of the month Daventry Townswomen's Guild

Our Lady of St Augustine Roman Catholic Church Hall, 32 London Road, Daventry, NN11 4BZ, at 7.30pm.
Contact Jan Wall on 01327 703507.

Wednesday 28th November No Café in December next one 30th Jan 19

Souham Dementia Café Galanos House, CV47 2BL. For Service people past & present & their families. Open 2.30pm. Come & join us at our dementia café support group, where people with dementia & their carers can meet in a safe & welcoming environment. Open to everyone. Volunteers on hand to offer support, practical advice.
01926 812185

November & December Buckby Village Market

Dates 1st Nov - Ideal handmade gifts for posting, 8th Nov - Gift Fair
15th Nov - Handmade Christmas cards & decorations, 22nd Nov - Gift Bag special, 29th Nov - Secret Santa/ Stocking Fillers, 6th Dec - It's unique, 13th Dec - Last Market before Christmas. 9am-11am Long Buckby Community Centre NN6 7QB

November/December courses

Green Acres Rural Enterprises - Staverton
Courses - 3rd November, 16th November, 23rd November, 8th December Willow courses. 1st December Artisan Christmas bread course. Gift vouchers available for course bookings.
Call 01327 703313 or
email info@greenacresfarm.org.uk

November 2018

WW1 Armistice Festival Rugby & Daventry

A collection of world-class performances and community events inspired by The Great War. Funded by Heritage Lottery First World War: then and now. Arts Council England, Daventry District Council. Produced by www.thewheelsdebussy.com

Black Dog: The Dreams of Paul Nash by Dave McKean

The Macready Theatre, Rugby 9 - 10th November @ 7.30pm
Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk
£5 - £15.

Be Brave and Come Home Safe Written by Martin Riley

Temple Speech Room Rugby
8th November @ 6.00pm Daventry Community Centre, Daventry 11th November @ 3pm
Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk £2 - £8

NMPAT Poetry Performances CV22, Rugby NMPAT Daventry Music Centre are part of this project.
17th November @ 5pm The Foundry, Daventry, TBC FREE ENTRY
See website for more details
www.thewheelsdebussy.com

Saturday 3rd November - Friday 14th December: Daventry Museum

WW1 Centenary Exhibition. To mark the 100 years since the end of the First World War Daventry Museum is holding a commemorative exhibition. Special exhibits, & on the Saturday open mornings in November & December visitors will be able to sing along to wartime songs played on the museum piano. Open Tues to Fri 9.30am to 1.30pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm

Thursday 1st November & Thursday 8th December
Grandborough Farmers Market St Peters church 10am - 12.30pm. All locally sourced produce. Home-made refreshments

Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th November & Sat 10th - Sun 11th November Poppy Festival

St Botolph's, Newbold-on-Avon and St John's, Long Lawford Come and see thousands of hand-made poppies! 2pm-5pm. In aid of The Royal British Legion and both churches. Evening of Remembrance Concert Friday 9th November 7.30pm St Botolph's

Saturday 3rd November to Sunday 11th November: Daventry Museum The Empty Chair Project.

To commemorate the lives of the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives during the First World War, Daventry Museum has invited local Daventry schools & community groups to make & decorate a small model chair to represent each individual soldier. Once built and decorated, these unique chairs will be displayed at the museum and then given to those who wish to remember a soldier by promising to set an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday on 11th November 2018. On Sunday 11th November the museum will be open from 11.30am to 2.00pm to see this display.

Thursday 15th November Daventry & District U3A

Speaker: Jeremy Rivers-Fletcher highly amusing talk will look at the topic of early post-WWII motor racing, with some original footage of Graham Hill. U3a meet on the third Thursday of every month 2pm - 4pm at Daventry Community Centre, Ashby Road. For people who are

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EXPRESS NEWS

Armistice 100

Town stands united to pay tribute to fallen

By **TIM REDIGOLO**
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On November 11, Great Britain will pause to remember those who have lost their lives fighting serving in the country's armed forces.

That date also marks the 100-year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Treaty, which ended the First World War after four years of bloody conflict that claimed the lives of millions of soldiers and civilians.

The town council has organised events and displays commemorating Armistice Day 100 in Daventry.

Daventry Town Council and the Royal British Legion are hosting a Remembrance Day parade and service, beginning at 10.30am from St James Infant School.

The parade will proceed along Tavern Lane, the High Street, Abbey Street and finish at the war memorial where a short service will be held to include the calling of the Roll of Honour and laying of wreaths.

Members of the public are also invited to attend a Remembrance Day service at the Holy Cross Church which will be led by Daventry's



Council members from across Northamptonshire were invited to Daventry Museum's World War One exhibition

Churches Together.

Cllr Lynn Jones, Mayor of Daventry, said: "We are pleased that so many veterans, serving personnel, uniformed organisation, civic dignitaries and members of the public attend Daventry's Remembrance parade and

service each year to remember those who have served our country."

The town council's poppy cascade is currently on display in Holy Cross Church.

Daventry Museum's World War One Centenary Exhibition is open until De-

ember 14 and features its Empty Chair Project, which depicts the 114 Daventry soldiers who died in the Great War.

The town council invited councillors from around the county to attend, pictured above.



Please mention The Village Emporium when responding to adverts



Remembrance Sunday 2018

Holy Cross Church, Daventry
Civic and Parade Service



The museum opened specially on Remembrance Sunday and the Empty Chair was promoted in the service booklets

Remembrance Sunday Service Booklet, promoting Empty Chair Display



War Memorial Service Sheet, promoting Empty chair Display below



DAVENTRY MUSEUM

Following the service you are invited to Daventry Museum to view the Empty Chair Project display which remembers the 114 Daventry soldiers who died during World War One.

The museum will be open until 14.00 on Remembrance Sunday.

Daventry Museum, 3 New Street, NN11 4BT.

THE REVELLE

KOHIMA, When you go home
Tell them of us, and say,
For their tomorrow
We gave our today.

The Roll of Honour is read.

LAYING OF THE WREATHS.

The Minister says:
Almighty and eternal God, from those whose love in Christ we cannot be parted either by death or life; Hear our Prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day: fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all with them, to thine eternal joy: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

The National Anthem
God save our Gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen.
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and Glorious,
Long to reign over us;
God save the Queen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you, now and for evermore. Amen.

Everybody is invited to attend the service in the Holy Cross Church, which will start promptly at 11.30am.

Following the service, you are invited to visit Daventry Museum to view the Empty Chair Project display which remembers the 114 Daventry soldiers who died during World War One.

EXPRESS NEWS

Daventry

Poignant parade for Graham

BY TIM REDIGOLO
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This year's Remembrance Sunday parade in Daventry was particularly poignant for one man.

Parade Master Graham Holloway led the Daventry Remembrance Day Parade for the last time.

Born in 1955, Graham moved to Daventry from Birmingham in 1967 and joined the Air Cadets at the tender age of 13, in 1968. After 50 years in uniform, Graham has made the decision to pass the baton on to someone else.

He said: "It has been a memorable 50 years wearing the Air Cadet uniform and I have loved every second of it, but this year seems to be as good a time as any to hang up my cap and pass the honour on to someone else."

"I took over as Parade Master from a friend when he moved abroad in 1981. I remember my first parade like it was yesterday – it was efficient, and everyone was well turned out, and from there it has grown."

After the parade and service on Sunday, Graham and his family were invited back to Daventry Museum where Graham was presented with an Empty Chair taken from the Museum's Empty Chair Exhibition commemorating the centenary of the First World War ending, by Daventry Mayor Lynn Jones.

Cllr Jones said: "It was an honour to present Graham with an Empty Chair made by Ashby Fields Primary School. On behalf of the Town Council, and from myself, I want to say thank you to Graham for all the hard-work, time and energy he has given to make the parade efficient and memorable for the whole community."



Parade Master Graham Holloway and mayor Lynn Jones at the Empty Chair exhibition at Daventry Museum



Military historian Andy Forrest at his exhibition in Norton Hall



A large crowd gathered to pay their respects

Daventry

Last Saturday of opening for First World War display

This weekend Daventry Museum will be open for its last Saturday opening of the World War One Centenary Exhibition.

Open from 10am to 4pm, during the morning visitors will be entertained with wartime songs, played on the museum piano and accompanied by a ukulele and beautiful singing.

Visitors are welcome to listen and join in singing along to such songs as Pack up Your Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag and Keep the Home Fires Burning.

Poignant exhibits commemorating the 100 years

since the end of the First World War include medals awarded to Daventry soldiers, silk postcards, and a Princess Mary's 1914 Christmas tin complete with original cigarettes, bullet pencil and Christmas card – given to all the troops.

The World War One Centenary Exhibition runs until December 14 and is free to visit.

Daventry's tribute to the 114 town soldiers who died during the war culminated in the Empty Chair display which ran from November 3 to 11. During this time the museum had more than 1,300 visitors to see the display.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

Thanks to everyone involved in the Empty Chair Project commemorating the lives of 114 Daventry Soldiers who died in #WWI This last week we've had 1329 visitors to see the display which reflects how much their sacrifice means to the #Daventry community 100 years on @DaventryMuseum

Yesterday's Remembrance Parade and Service was the largest we have organised to date. Thank you to everyone involved and who attended. Lest we forget. #ArmisticeDay100 #LestWeForget #RemembranceDay2018 @DaventryTC

What a wonderful turnout for #Remembrance Day2018 in #Daventry @Love_Daventry

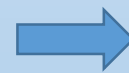
Daventry NES Cadets looking very smart at the Remembrance Parade this morning. Great Marching team! @GBamboes

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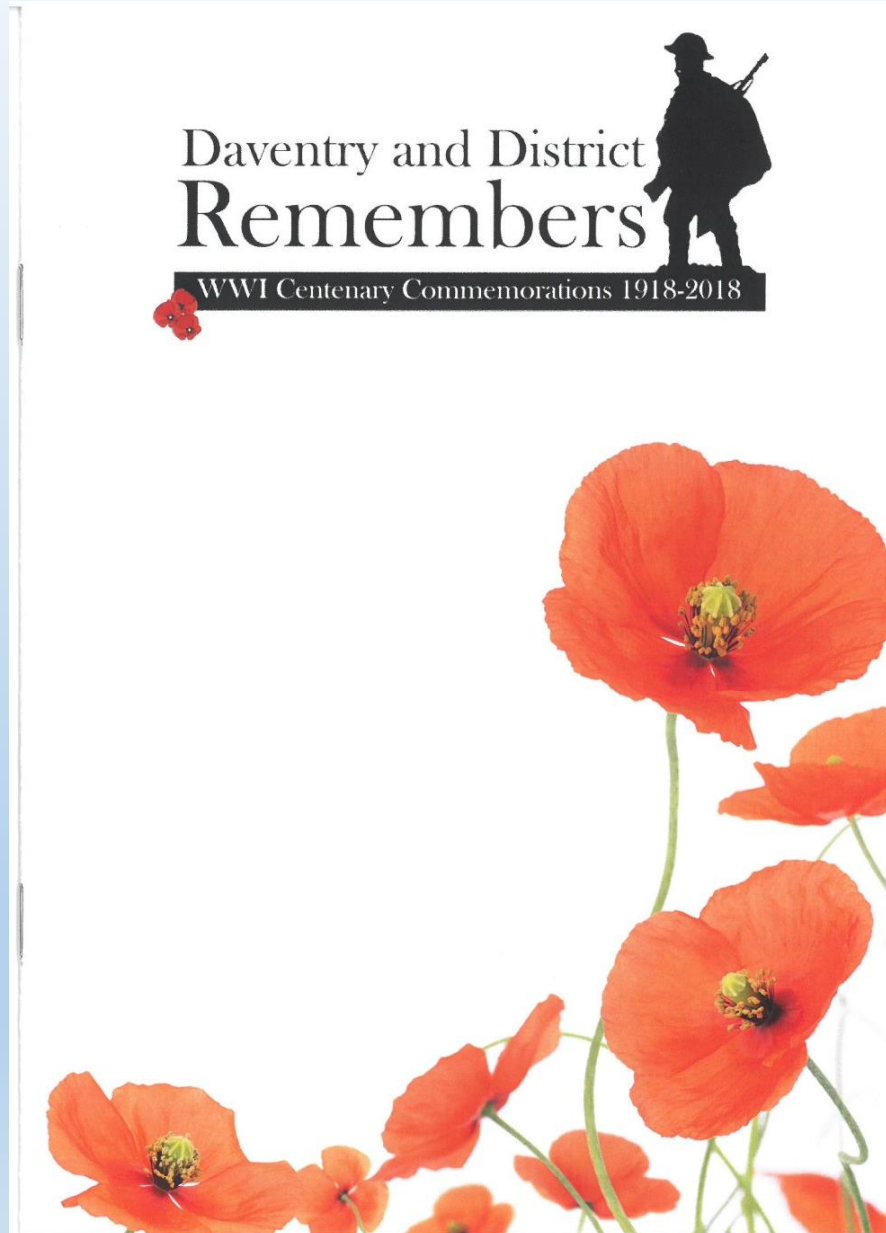
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Empty Chair
Display featured
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District
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The Empty Chair Project

Daventry Museum worked on this project with local historian Gerry Thompson, to remember the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives in the Great War.

Local schools and community groups were invited to make and decorate a small model chair to represent each individual soldier. The chairs were then displayed at the museum from 3 to 11 November before being given to those who wished to remember a soldier by setting an empty seat at their table on Remembrance Sunday on 11 November.

We had about 30 different groups involved ranging from schools, nurseries, residential homes, Scouting groups, the Army, Police and Air Cadets, and other community groups such as Daventry Mind, The Cube Disability and the Townswomen's Guild.



Churches Together Songs of Praise Service

This event at the Holy Cross Church on 16 September featured family-favourite hymns and readings, together with popular songs and poetry from WW1. The event also included a tribute to Ted Sharpe from Daventry, a veteran of the D-Day landings who died last year.



Thank you letter and certificate sent to participants

26th November 2018

Dear Project Participant,

On behalf of Daventry Museum and Daventry Town Council I would like to thank you for taking part in the Empty Chair Project to commemorate the 114 soldiers from Daventry who lost their lives during World War One. We hope you enjoyed making the model chairs and were able to use this community project to reflect on the centenary of the end of the First World War.

The museum's *World War One Centenary Exhibition* is open until 14th December 2018 and we would welcome you to visit. The museum's opening times for this exhibition are:

Tuesday to Friday from 9.30am to 1.30pm and the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 4pm.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Good

Development & Liaison Officer
Daventry Museum



ACF Army Cadet Force

Thank you for taking part in the Empty Chair Project to commemorate the lives of the 114 Daventry Soldiers who died during World War One

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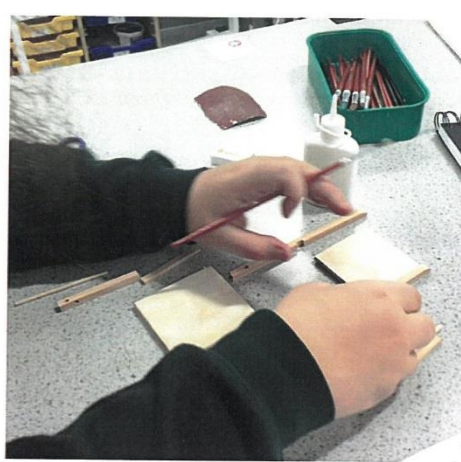
Signed by Mayor of Daventry
Lynn Jones



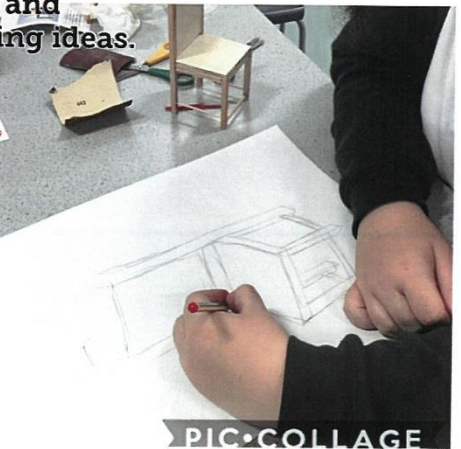
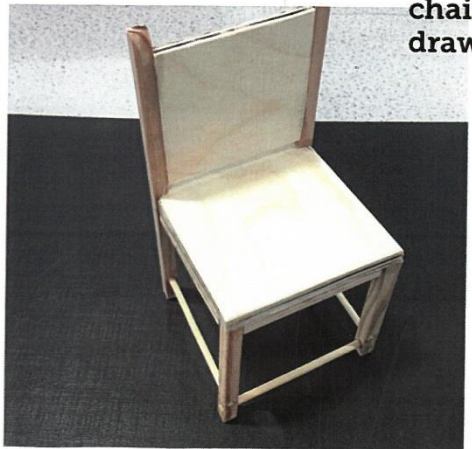
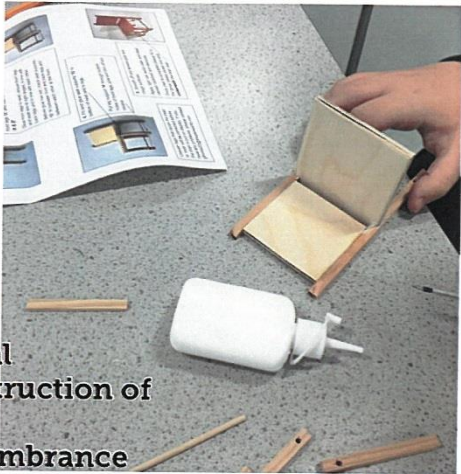
War Historian Gerry Thompson was officially thanked for all his work and outstanding contribution to the Empty Chair Project by the Mayor of Daventry.



The Empty Chair Project



Initial construction of the remembrance chair and drawing ideas.



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Empty Chair Project inspiring others

A student from Daventry Hill School, took on the empty chair project and documented her progress and final result for her own school project.

The student, who has autism, made a special visit to the museum to see her chair on display and we have been told that she thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the project.

The school made the student star of the week for her work and the museum sent a certificate to be presented to her during school assembly.

The chair was reserved by the student who then presented it to the teacher who assisted her in the project.

**The
Empty
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Project**



Developing
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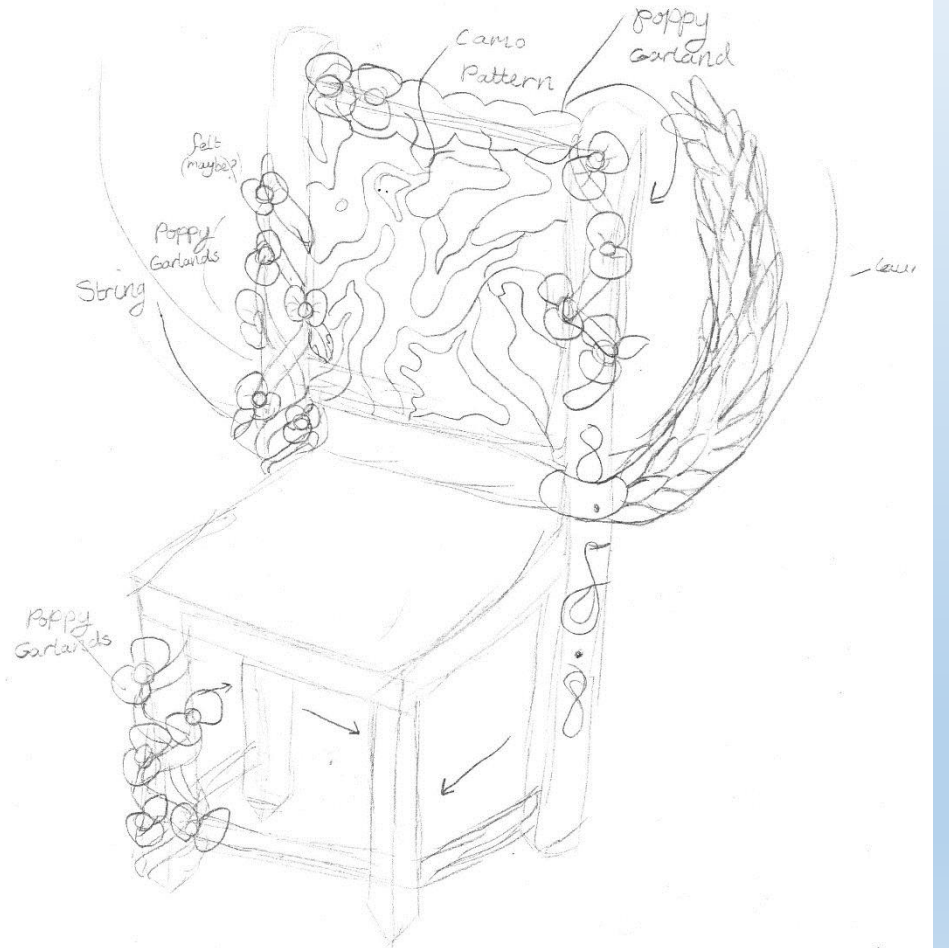
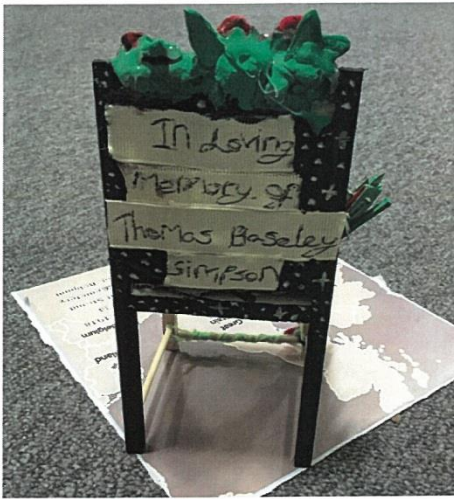
**The
Empty
Chair
Project**



Development
of the Chair,
adding detail
and nearing
completion.



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Empty Chair Project inspiring others



Residents from **The Wheatsheaf Court Care Home**, who made and decorated 2 model chairs, (J.M. Pescow & J.W. Phillips) were inspired by the project and painted 114 poppies to remember Daventry's fallen. They then decorated a life-size chair with the poppies, pictured on the left.

This chair represents **Joseph Whiting Phillips** who worked at the Wheatsheaf when it was an Inn.

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JOSEPH WHITING PHILLIPS

Private 12092 5th (Pioneer) Battalion
Northamptonshire Regiment
Killed in Action
France and Flanders.
Sunday 10th March 1918. Aged 31.

Born Woolwich Kent Enlisted Northampton.

Son of George Edward and Sarah Jane Phillips (nee Hall) of 4 New Street Daventry.

Fiancé of Miss Ashby of Church Stow Northamptonshire.

Buried at
ANZAC CEMETERY, SAILLY-SUR-LA-LYS
Pas de Calais France.
Grave III.D.1.

Empty Chair Project inspiring others

The Emergency Service Cadets took part in the Empty Chair project and held a Northamptonshire Emergency Service Cadets Awards evening after the Empty Chair display in December.

The organiser had 10 'There But Not There Tommies', to go on display at the awards evening and requested information on 10 WWI Soldiers that could be placed in front of each soldier.

The local war historian who worked closely with the museum was able to help and the organisers sent this photo of the display to the museum and said they mentioned they had taken part in the Empty Chair Project at the awards evening.



Daventry Museum e-newsletter, produced after collating feedback online and via visitor's book



Daventry Museum Update Winter 2018



Empty Chair Project

To commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One, the Daventry community came together to pay tribute to the 114 Daventry Soldiers who lost their lives, through the museum's Empty Chair Project. Model kits were distributed to 34 local schools and community groups who then built and decorated a chair to represent each soldier. The display which ran from 3rd to 11th November attracted 1329 visitors to the museum, which reflects just how much the soldiers' sacrifice means to the Daventry community, 100 years on. Just under half of the total visitor numbers to this display represent an entire primary school visit and an infant school visit from two Daventry schools. Thanks must go to all the project participants, to the Museum Volunteers, and to those who contributed to the project, especially to Gerry Thompson for working with the museum to develop this poignant project.



Above: Empty Chair Display, below left: WWI Centenary medal exhibit, below right: Daventry Mayor & Deputy Mayor, Cllrs Lynn Jones & Mike Arnold.



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Daventry Town Council Newsletter, sent to the 15,000 Daventry residents

Daventry Museum



Daventry Museum Opening Times:

Tuesday–Friday: 9.30am–1.30pm
First Saturday of the month: 10.00am– 4.00pm
3 New Street, Daventry, NN11 4BT

T: 01327 301246 E: museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

For a virtual 360° tour of the museum, scan the QR code!



ABOUT

Daventry Museum is based in the heart of Daventry's Town Centre and is a free community resource available for all to enjoy. The Town's Museum is operated by Daventry Town Council and supported by a team of dedicated volunteers. Alongside our permanent and temporary exhibitions, we host regular events for families and community groups of varying ages, including the very popular British Science Week held in March each year. 2018 was a busy year for Daventry Museum, with many exhibitions and events taking place, as well as the incredibly moving Empty Chair Project, which saw 1329 visitors to the museum from 3rd to 11th November 2018. The comments left by some of the visitors have been included below. 2019 looks to be even busier with an exciting schedule of events and exhibitions to delight all.

Exhibitions & Events 2019

Saturday 12th January to Friday 26th April 2019

**Victorian Daventry
A Period of Change**

Exhibition spanning Victoria's reign which saw the implementation of several Parliamentary Acts which reformed society and paved the way for modern Daventry.

Opening Times
Tue-Fri 9.30-13.30
Sat 12 Jan 10.00-1600
Sat 2 Feb 10.00-1600
Sat 9 Mar 10.00-1600
Sat 6 Apr 10.00-1600

FREE ADMISSION

Contact: 01327 301246
museum@daventrytowncouncil.gov.uk

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ARCHAEOLOGY EXHIBITION
4th May - 30th Aug

80 YEARS SINCE THE START OF WW2
7th Sept - 13th Dec

All Exhibitions & Events are free!

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Above: Empty Chair Display in the Museum



Above: Daventry Mayor and Deputy Mayor Cllrs Jones & Arnold



Above: WWI Centenary Medal exhibit in Daventry Museum

Get Involved
Are you interested in Daventry's past? Would you like to share your knowledge of the local area by becoming a volunteer steward? If so, please contact the museum on the details above.

Schools & Community
The museum welcomes visits from schools and community groups. Please contact us to plan your visit and make the most of our free and unique learning resource.

Facebook feedback

How big are they? We may be able to keep one permanently on our wall. We already have one up.
Like · Reply · Message · 6w

Daventry Museum the chairs are small, model chairs and are 6" tall. Please do let us know if you would like to reserve a particular soldier. Many thanks.
Like · Reply · 6w

Daventry Museum thanks. I don't mind. I think it'd be a nice thing to do
Like · Reply · Message · 6w

Write a reply...

A lovely tribute. I am living in New Zealand so cannot come but my Great Grandad is one of the soldiers. Are you going
Like · Reply · Message · 6w

Yes xx
Like · Reply · Message · 6w

recommends Daventry Museum.
11 November 2018 ·

My son and daughter went to the museum this week with school to look at their empty chairs from Ashby fields school - they wanted to show me and their siblings so we went back today and oh my days - we were blown away - the display was so touching and the kids had obviously taken it all in when they went with school as they were explaining the exhibits to us. Well done to all involved xx

Daventry Museum Thank you very much for the recommendation and wonderful feedback – that's excellent to hear the children were engaged with the exhibition and we will certainly pass on your comments to all involved.
Like · Reply · 26w

I'm a parent that was lucky enough to help with my son's class from Ashby Fields when they visited. This display was incredible, I was moved to tears the moment we walked into the room. Thank you for creating such a humbling and thoughtful project.
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

I know how you feel, same for me x
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

The map on the side wall had miniature poppy markers showing where each man had lived, it emphasised how the loss must have affected the community.
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Lovely to know so many people have been to see the chairs, it was a privilege to be involved with the music the other weekend
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Such a lovely idea and a great way to get the community involved.
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Is it open to view on Saturday 17th November please?
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Daventry Museum Hi the exhibition was only due to last the week to coincide with the 100 years commemoration. The idea is for people who have reserved a chair to come and collect them after the exhibition. The next Saturday open day is 1st December however please note the chairs will not be on display.
Like · Reply · 5w

Daventry Museum thank you for replying. Sorry I missed it.
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Glad I was able to come & see this, lovely tribute. My Daventry Family - Walter Henry Bellamy, Frederick John Bellamy, Charles Bellamy & Edmund Charles Bellamy
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

It really struck me when your family's name was read out today.. so many from one family. May they rest in peace
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Amazing display and very poignant. Really brings it home... RIP we will remember them...
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

A really lovely thing to do and see. We loved seeing it after the parade and service today that our children were in and are delighted to have reserved one of the empty chairs.
Like · Reply · Message · 5w · Edited

Absolutely brilliant display we took our grandson in this morning to show him. He loved them all especially the one for my great uncle Sgt William Carwardine and my uncle Augustus Neal . Thank you.
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Daventry Museum Hi did you know that you can reserve a chair to keep at home? W. Carwardine and A. Neal have not yet been reserved, would you like us to do this for you?
Like · Reply · 5w

Daventry Museum yes please is it possible to have both as my grandson would be proud to own one as would I .
Like · Reply · Message · 5w

Daventry Museum yes we can do that for you. Please can you send your email and contact details to the museum as a direct message? Thank you.
Like · Reply · 5w

Emails from Members of Public in response to Empty chair Project

★ May I collect the F Barnes chair for my son as his last name is Barnes and he visited the museum last week to look at the empty chairs with the school.

★ > We would love to give one of the chairs a home if there is still one available. My daughter came to visit the exhibition and really enjoy it.

★ Thank you very much for organising the Empty Chair Project. Our family thought it was brilliant and it really honors those lives that were lost.

If a home hasn't already been found for T J Brightwell's chair we'd love to have it. My son is in Elm class at Ashby Fields and I believe that is the one that he worked on. It really made quite an impact on him.

Thanks again for all the organising of the project.

★ Thank you one and all for organising the Remembrance Day and The Empty Chair Project.

Such a poignant way to bring it home to those that visited the museum, just what a loss Daventry suffered.

I understand that visitor numbers went through the roof, thank you for all your hard work.

★ I just wanted to say thank you and well done for the display of the empty chair, it was poignant and heart breaking to see, but so fascinating. I have told everyone I know about it. I really wish I'd taken a photo of the map of Daventry with the poppies on to mark each house that lost a loved one, this was so sad, will be stuck in my head forever. Would you by any chance have a copy of it you could send to me please? I was there with my 6 year old son and although he was very good at looking and taking in everything, it felt like a rushed visit after him sitting so well through a service (at Barby Church) and wanting some lunch.

★ Thank you for your e-mail. Congratulations on a wonderful, yet thought provoking exhibition.

★ Thank you for your email. My Mum will be coming into Daventry on Friday. She will be collecting the chair for Joseph Ellard and I have asked her to collect the chair for William Screen also. As requested a place was laid at our table on Sunday evening to remember William and that of all the brave souls that never came back. William had 3 children all who have since died but they never had children of their own so it will be an honour to keep the chair in his memory.

★ I have just seen your post on Facebook saying there might be a few empty chairs waiting to find a home. If there is still one available I would dearly love to give it a home. Our family found the project very moving..

★ > My boys and I helped with a chair at school and have seen the exhibit too.
>
> We also lost my grandad in the 2nd world war and we would love to reserve a chair please.
>
> We set a place for dinner on Sunday for a soldier and are happy to keep this going.
>

★ > I saw on Facebook that you after a home for some of the chairs. Is it possible I could have the J.N. Hickman. I would like this one as it was my wife that decorated it at caring kindergartens nursery. Thank you Sent from my iPhone

★ I've just seen your Facebook page about giving an empty chair a home. My son would love one. He visited the museum with Ashby Fields school last Friday and was very touched by it. He also helped to make one himself. I really hope we are successful.

★ Good evening I see that you had some chairs left to be took and looked after me and my son would love to have one to take place in our home .my son did help decorate one for the 4th daventry cubs and he realises how important this project was if you still have one free then we are able to pick it up when you are open thank you [REDACTED]

Visitor Feedback book during Empty Chair Display Dates – 3rd – 11th November

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS/COMMENTS
3.11.18		An excellent and moving display to commemorate those who lost their lives. - Well done.
3.11.18		A wonderful respectful and creative display worthy of the sacrifice made by so many. Thank you
3.11.18		Fantastic display, very moving, and I learned so much more to add to my family history. Well done.
3.11.18		A Moving display - came to see the V4 Badby Chair.
3/11/18		Such a lovely display. Great to be part of it. Thankyou.
3/11/18		Well done to all concerned with the hard work behind this wonderful commemoration
3/11/18		A very touching display. God Bless them all.
3/11/18		Great to see all the chairs.

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3.11.18	Excellent and moving remembrance
3.11.18	Moving and poignant, a fitting tribute to the fallen.
3.11.18	A very interesting idea that brings a reality to people's loss. Thankyou
3.11.18	Very interesting and moving
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5/11/18	Very informative
6-11-18	Very moving.
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The Empty Chair Project is a wonderful thing to do. Thank you so much.

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6.11.18.	So poignant. Beautifully done.
7.11.18	An excellent and creative display.
7.11.18	Amazing.
7.11.18	WONDERFUL DISPLAY
7.11.18	A wonderful Remembrance of young men who gave their lives for us.
7.11.18	Well put together exhibition & wonderful to see the school children enjoying their visit.
7.11.18	Amazing - lots of hard work beautifully put together. Thank you
7.11.18	A wonderful tribute to the fallen of Taventary. Thank you so much

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8/11/18		STUNNING DISPLAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!
8.11.18		Fantastic Display well done everyone * many thanks.
8-11-18		THANK YOU GREAT DISPLAY
8.11.18		Very moving, nostalgic display. Thank you.
8/11/18		VERY INTERESTING GREAT DISPLAY.
8-11-18		THANK YOU GREAT DISPLAY
8.11.18		TAKES YOUR BREATH AWAY So VERY MOVING xx
8.11.18		wonderfully done.

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS/COMMENTS
9/11/2018		Such a brilliant idea of the chairs & lovely to see some many photos. (Sad at the same time)
9/11/18		A beautiful project. Thank you for helping us to remember in such a special way.
9/11/18		a moving display - thank you.
9/11/18		Thoughtful and moving display - well presented
9/11/18		A lovely memorial to Daventry Heroes
9/11/18		Moving display of empty chairs
9/11/18		Lovely display very moving.
9/11/18		moving and fantastic display Thankyou all

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS/COMMENTS
8.11.18		Thankyou to all who contributed to a wonderful display.
8 11 18		Very moving display beautifully done.
8 11 18		very thoughtful display, a credit to the lost lives in Daventry
8.11.18.		Impressive record of lives - Daventry,
08/11/18		Very interesting
08-11-2018		VERY INTERESTING
08-11-2018		VERY INTERESTING AND A VERY IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY TO HONOUR ALL THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THIS COUNTRY
08 11 2018		Excellent and well credit to Daventry

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS/COMMENTS
9.11.18		So proud of Daventry for this moving display. Thank you.
9-11-18		DAVENTRY HAVE A GREAT DISPLAY
9.11.18		mes Tinker W1.
9.11.18		
11.11.18		A wonderful, yet moving, display. Thank you.
11 11 18		Too many empty chairs.
11.11.18		Amazing, thank You

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS/COMMENTS
11/11/2018		A very moving and informative display. Extremely interesting ^{NAME} you
11/11/2018		Excellent display.
11/11/2018		Just brilliant!
11/11/18		Wonderful Display
11/11/18		Very impressed!!
11/11/18		Amazing display, very moving.
11/11/18		Amazing display & very moving as we have family names in the displays
11/11/18		Excellent display, very moving 'lest we forget'

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11/11/18		Very moving display, great community effort.
		A fitting exhibition
11/11/18		An amazing display + really interactive exhibition.
11/11/18		A stunning display.
11.11.18		An amazing display and facts
11-11-18		wonderful
11.11.18		Very moving exhibition, it makes you remember the sacrifice that was given.
11.11.18		Well done all the organisations who decorated the empty project chairs to create Daventry's contribution to mark White.

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11.11.18		I found the display tremendous and warming to remember them
11.11.18		I found the display fabulous and designs artful
11.11.2018		Thankyou 😊 A wonderful display.
11.11.2018		It's such a wonderful display. I love the empty chair! Thank you. 😊
11.11.2018		Amazing 😊 Thank You
14.11.2018		A very interesting display telling the history of our town. So many familiar local names!
15.11.18		A quick visit to see the "empty chair" but then treated an interactive overview of Daventry since pre-historic times. Many thanks.
16.11.18		A very fascinating display and usign into 'old' Daventry - very thought provoking reminder of our childhood.