

NOVEMBER 2023 PARISH MAGAZINE REPORT ON HALL CENTENARY

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St Mary Magdalene, Stowell

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*"At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

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VILLAGE HALL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Over 100 people flocked to **Charlton Horethorne Village Hall** to celebrate its 100th anniversary recently. Bought as a surplus Army dining hall from Larkhill Camp in 1923, the wooden building became the central social hub of the village and a commemoration of the villagers who had fought, and died, in the First World War.

The first celebration included an **exhibition of the life and events** held in the Hall over the last 100 years with memorabilia kindly lent by local residents as well as a wide range of newspaper articles, village documents and photographs all put together by **Sue Gudgeon**.

The climax of the afternoon was the cutting of a specially designed celebration cake by **Catherine Mathew and William Hole**, whose grandfather, William Hole, was a key figure in organising the purchase of the building in 1923. The Village Hall's Committees have put in much work over the last 100 years to ensure its upkeep. **Richard Terry** has worked tirelessly over the last 25 years updating everything from a new floor to installing disabled toilets! His contribution was recognised with a gift. Refreshments were provided, including the celebration cake, and a great time was had by all.



The second event was the welcome return of the magnificent **Yeovilton Military Wives Choir**. An uplifting evening of music and song featuring two local singers – **Olive Lynch and Sara Watkins**. Songs ranged from ELO to The Kinks via The Sound of Music, Edward Elgar to a very moving Remembrance Medley. The choir clearly enjoyed the evening just as much as their enthusiastic audience. It's been seven years since they were last here. Let's hope they are back much sooner than 2030!!



***Congratulations, Village Hall.
Here's to the next 100 years!***