



Reception for Victoria



As we reported last month Victoria Cook won a Royal Television Society award for her features on Thame Remembers and she brought her award to Thame last Friday to show it off to an invited audience. Most of the people who accompanied us on the Battlefield Trip in October 2015 were joined by representatives of many aspects of the project at a reception held at Thame Museum on 1st April 2016. Mike Dyer, on introducing the evening, paid tribute to the many

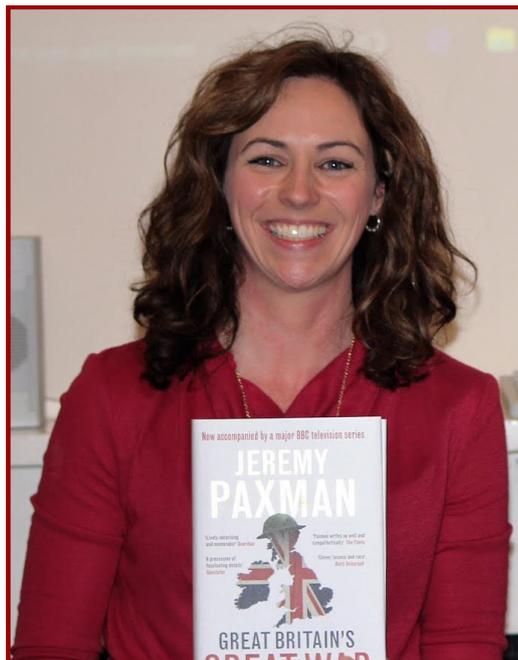
**Victoria Cook with Ron Roberts, David, Mike and Richard Bowdrey.
Ron and Richard featured strongly in the programmes**

people who are working behind the scenes to make the project the success that it is and commented on how the BBC broadcasts had enhanced the project.

We stood and watched all four featured programmes again, and believe that even now, six months on, there was still a great deal of emotion emanating from the screen, and also from the audience. Victoria said that it had been a fantastic journey for her and she was so grateful to everyone for their time and patience during the filming. She took the opportunity to relate some of her highlights and memories from the trip, including some of the lighter moments. David then made a small presentation to Victoria on behalf of Thame Remembers as a permanent reminder of the day.

A couple of days later Victoria wrote to say *"Thank you so much for a lovely evening Thame! I think I've just about recovered from the hangover!"*

We understand that the videos of her features have already been viewed online 'tens of thousands' of times, and Victoria confirmed that both the BBC, and she personally, are committed to following Thame Remembers through to the end of the project in November 2018. We are already discussing some possible future opportunities with them.

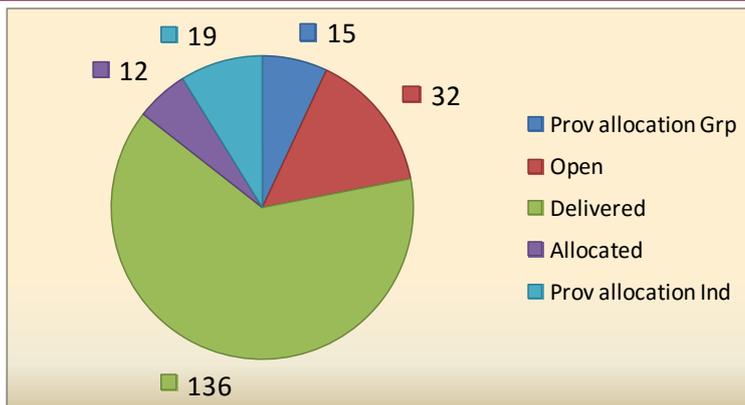


Victoria with the book presented to her

See the features

If you have not yet seen the features they are available from the BBC South website and also direct from our website.
thameremembers.org

How are we doing?



Unfortunately there are no deliveries to record this month but it is a good opportunity to let you know how we are doing with the project. **Exceptionally well we think.** However with many of the more difficult places still to

get to, the challenge is still a big one. We will be increasing the publicity over the next few months to target any Thame residents going abroad on holiday or business.

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Battlefield Tour Confirmed

We have now found ways to counter the problems over dates for our next Battlefield Tour and are pleased to advise that we will be leaving Thame on Friday 19th May 2017 and returning on Tuesday 23rd May 2017. Two nights in Mouscron, Belgium and two nights in Arras, France are planned. The exact itinerary is still to be confirmed but it will include the important sites such as Thiépval, Lochnagar Crater, Beaumont Hamel, Tyne Cot and Menin Gate ceremony.

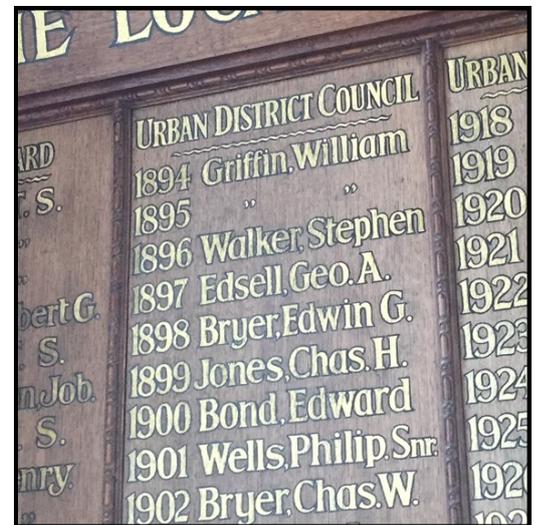
Cost for the 4 days on B&B basis will be £419 per person sharing a twin/double room. Hayley at Spear Travels is ready to take your bookings and deposits.



The Town Hall at Mouscron, Belgium.
Mouscron is just north of Lille and a short drive from Ypres. We will spend two nights here at the 4 star Best Western Plus Hotel Alize.

G A Edsell

We told you last month about the cross delivered to Kingston on Thames to the grave of Lt Col George Alfred Edsell RAMC. It is more than a little embarrassing to report now that we had missed an important aspect of his life in Thame when in 1897 he chaired Thame Urban District Council.



100 Years Ago

Early 1916 was a quiet time on the western front with no major offensives, however Thame still lost a few men.

Farrier Quartermaster Sergeant Albert Edward Outing AVC died of pneumonia and cardiac failure, age 53, in Fulham Military Hospital on 18th March 1916, and is buried in Kensal Green Cemetery. Driver Albert Green of the Canadian Field Artillery was killed, age 23, on 4th April 1916 near Ypres. Private William Honour ASC died of wounds in the Red Cross Hospital Thame, age 42, on 13th April 1916 and is buried in St Mary's churchyard, Thame.

Thame Remembers is a project of Thame, Oxfordshire to commemorate the centenary of World War One by researching those from Thame who fell in all conflicts worldwide, and remembering them by placing a Thame Cross on their grave or memorial wherever in the world that may be. If you feel that you can help please contact Dave on 01844 21 5178.