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WALK HOUSE

WAR MEMORIAL AT BROUGHTON.

Tribute to Local Craftsmen.

VILLAGE THAT SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

On Friday in last week an interesting event took place in the Broughton district. For some time there has been the need of a public watering place. It was during the drought of 1921 that Mr. John F. Fripp came to the help of the villages and purchased the site of the present well-house. A well was sunk. The water is good and plentiful.

During the war Mr. Fripp lost his elder son, Lieut. John Fripp, and later it occurred to him to have the house built over the well, and to make it a memorial.

Friday saw the realization of the idea, when the completed well-house was handed over to the Broughton Parish Council.

It is a massive structure, and will last for generations.

At 2 p.m. the members of the Broughton Parish Council met at the well-house, and were introduced to Sir Alfred Fripp, K.C.V.O., Surgeon in ordinary to the King, and Lady Fripp. Mr. S. Fripp and the donor, also Sir Arthur Holbrook, M.P., were present.

The Councillors were: Dr. Hobbs (chairman), Mrs. Hobbs, W. Ray, F. Hinwood, G. Hinwood, C. Hinwood, C. King, T. Blake, J. Baldwin, C. Hunt, whilst friends who had helped Mr. Fripp were also present, namely, Mr. H. C. Knapman, S. G. S. Leigh, C. W. Hoare, with the Council Clerk (Mr. Mintrim).

The deeds were then read by Mr. P. Talbot, solicitor, of Andover, after which he handed them to Sir Alfred Fripp, who in turn gave them into the keeping of the Chairman of the Council.

Sir Alfred, in so doing, said the well-house had been erected to the memory of the late John Fripp and his "pals," who paid the great sacrifice.

Lady Fripp pulled the string, which released the Union Jack covering the inscription in tablet form on the outer wall.

THE LAST POST.

As she finished, buglers of the Lincolnshire Regiment (his old regiment) sounded the "Last Post and Reveillé," under Sergt. Kime, whilst Lieuts. Toogood and Boxer, representing the Lincolnshire Regiment, stood at the salute.

Silence reigned for a moment, after which Miss Turner presented Lady Fripp with a bouquet.

The architect, Mr. W. Turner, the builder, Mr. H. Munday, the carpenter, Mr. H. Robinson, and the smith, Mr. P. Blake, were then presented to Sir Alfred Fripp and Lady Fripp.

The whole company adjourned to the "Greyhound" Hotel, where a repast was served by Host Joyce.

the use of all. With the help and co-operation of Mr. Knapman and Mr. S. Leigh, who gave me facilities for the site, I sunk a well 32 feet deep, and, very fortunately, came upon a very generous spring of water. It never failed all through the drought, although drawn upon from early morning until late at night, both for humans and for cattle. And long may it continue to do so.

Having lost my elder son, Lieut. John Trude Fripp in the war, in 1915, it occurred to me to make a permanent memorial to him in the form of a house over the well, to be public property for the use of the village for ever.

CORDIAL CO-OPERATION.

In consultation with my good "craftsman" friends, and with their cordial co-operation, we designed and evolved the building you see to-day. From my rough little sketch, Mr. Turner drew the plan and elevation to scale, and I cannot thank him sufficiently for the loving care and interest he has given to the work right through as architect.

Having settled on the general plan, we first set about getting the oak for the superstructure, and were greatly helped by Mr. Tanner, of the firm of Tagart, Morgan & Coles, of Winchester Sawmills.

It is all Hampshire oak, from the neighbourhood of Portchester, and has been maturing for six years. It has been most carefully selected, and you can see the result to-day. Of my young foreman, Mr. Henry Robinson, I must make special mention. With a long family history of wood craftsmanship he promises well to preserve and exceed the family records. It is a pleasure to me to say that he has been in my hobby workshops for some ten years. He, with his loyal helpers, has in the past few months constructed this work in a workshop, which we specially provided in my home paddock, where I could constantly oversee it and be close at home.

Having got the timber work ready, Mr. H. Munday (who has worked with me on many occasions) came to our help for all the mason's work in brick and cement, and all necessary iron work has been done by Mr. Philip Blake. My aim has been to get all the work, as far as possible, done in the village by village craftsmen. I want to see the village crafts maintained, believing, as I do, in the elevating and satisfying effect of devoted craftsmanship, and mechanical skill, and practice. During the recent and still existing labour troubles, I am both pleased and proud to say that our village has steadily kept to work, and has set a good example to the whole country.

Dr. Hobbs proposed the Royal toast. Mr. Samuel Fripp proposed "The Houses of Parliament," and reminded the company how fitting it was that Sir Arthur Holbrook should be present on such an occasion, being, as he was, the father of six soldier and sailor sons, one of whom gained the highest award that his country could give him—the V.C.

Sir Arthur Holbrook proposed the memory of Lieut. John Fripp, which was drunk in solemn silence.

The Chairman proposed "The Opener."

—Sir Alfred Fripp.

He dwelt on the honour that had fallen to Broughton in being able to have as a guest such a distinguished surgeon.

Sir Alfred said he was rejoiced to see the effort that was being made to bring back the ancient individual craftsmanship of England.

THE TOAST OF THE DAY.

The Chairman proposed what he described as the toast of the day—"Mr. Fripp."

He had endeared himself to all the villagers. He was a man who always sympathised with the man who needed help, and gave him practical sympathy.

Mr. John Frude Fripp said: While not a native of Broughton, my association with the village began very early. Some 73 years ago I was brought here, an infant in arms, and now, as an old man, I have the wish to end my days here, after over half a century of professional work in London.

Feeling thus that the village is, in affection, but not in possession, "my village," I have a great interest in its welfare.

When the great drought came in 1921, and nearly every well was dry and our little river bed bare for eight months, I felt I should like to provide a water supply in the centre of the village for

LOOS, 1915.

Lieut. John Trude Fripp was educated at Berkhamstead School, under Dr. Fry, as was his brother, Samuel Trude Fripp. They both were students at the Middlesex and National Dental Hospital, and qualified as dental surgeons at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. The elder went to France in August, 1915, and was killed at Loos in October. The younger went through the battle of the Somme in command of the mortar battery, and, after a health rest at Nice, became a member of the British Aviation Mission to the United States of America, and, after a voyage round the world, returned to the practice of his profession.

The Colonel of the Lincolnshire Regiment, to which my late son belonged, has very kindly sent to represent the regiment two officers, one non-commissioned, and three buglers to sound the "Last Post" and "Reveille."

At the close of his speech, Mr. Fripp proposed "The Craftsmen," and all his other friends who had helped him.

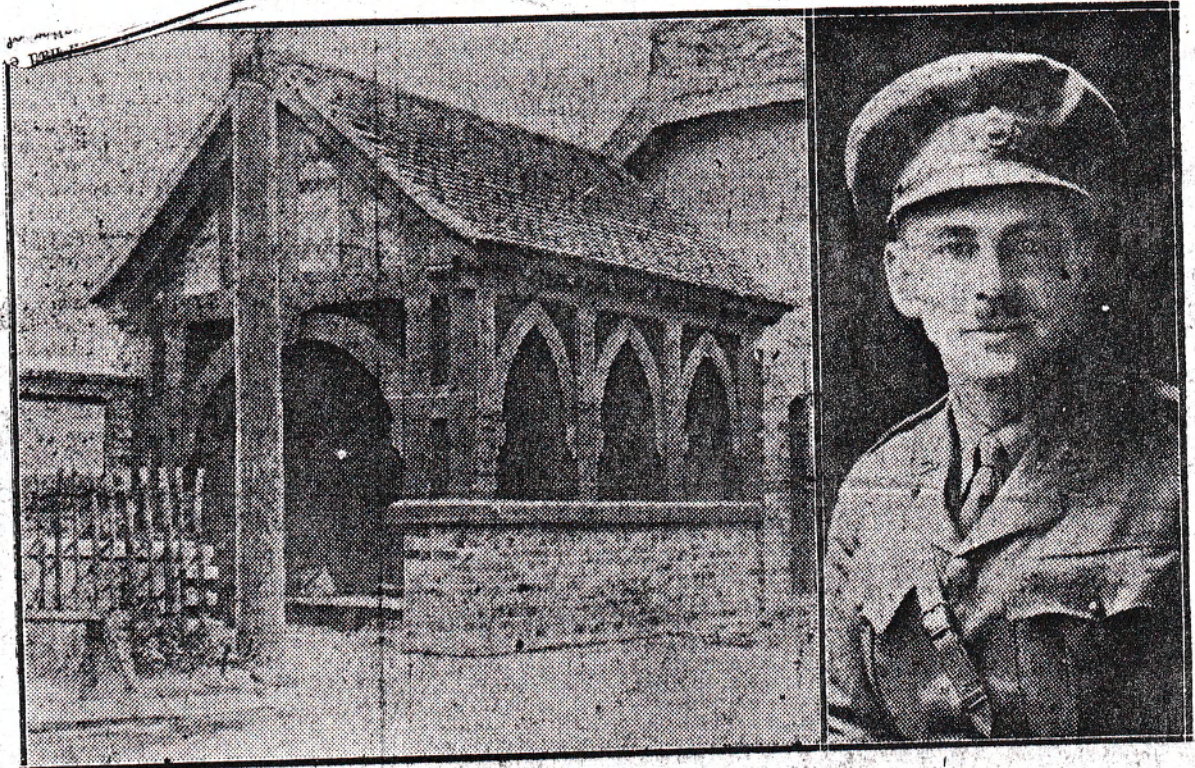
Sir Arthur Holbrook then proposed "The Local Authorities."

Dr. Hobbs, as Chairman of the Parish Council, replied. He said, in view of the rates that the other Councils levied, his Council was certainly the most popular, never levying more than a 3d. rate.

Mr. Knapman, on behalf of the District Council, remarked on the uncomfortable position held by the District Council, who, being between the two Councils, often had a rough time.

Mr. R. Robey, on behalf of the County Council.

The Broughton Brass Band, which had been playing selections during the afternoon, were then entertained with the remainder of Mr. Fripp's employees.



Well house at Broughton, built by Mr. J. T. Fripp in memory of his son, Lieut. J. T. Fripp, killed in the war. It was opened for public use, and handed over to the parish by Sir Alfred Fripp, K.C.V.O.