

The Sonning Common Society

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AUTUMN MEETING: THURSDAY, 30TH October, 7.30pm (Village Library)

“**LEST WE FORGET**” Mike Willoughby will give a talk about local people who fought and died in WWI. Refreshments will be provided.

(Please support this, our last meeting)

CLOSURE OF THE SOCIETY

Dear Members,

At the recent Annual General Meeting, after much discussion, it was decided that the Society would cease its activities and, while not officially disbanding, become dormant. Since its formation over 50 years ago the Society has overseen the village grow from small beginnings to the vibrant village community it is today. The Society worked hard over the years pursuing its aims of protecting and enhancing the village environment under the guidance of our founder and late President, Sibella Bonham Carter and our late long-serving Secretary, Ken Crush. It was unanimously felt that other groups are now fulfilling these aims and that the time has come to close.

The committee of Mark Richards, Judy Pitson, Rosemary Dunstan, and Leigh Rawlings, has resigned but will remain ‘caretaker’ while ‘loose ends’ are finalised. There will be no more organised talks or walks, no collection of subscriptions or distribution of newsletters. However, the Village Guide, the postcards and walking leaflets will continue to be sold from various outlets in the village. Rosemary Dunstan and her husband have volunteered to continue producing the Guide and will, no doubt, need help later on. The work on a design and costing for the village sign for submission to the Parish Council will continue. Dirk Jones has expressed and interest in seeing the Society continue in some form or other and would like to hear from people who feel the same—if you do please contact him on dhrijones@gotadsl.co.uk, 972-2165, or speak to him at the next and final meeting.

Our appreciation and gratitude go to all those who have supported and helped the Society over the years in so many ways, especially our loyal band of collectors and distributors.

Many thanks again for your valued support.

Mark Richards (Resigning Chairman)