

Red Cross Fundraising

In October 1916 the village held a Red Cross 'Our Day' to raise funds for the work the Red Cross was doing. The Girls' School held a Bazaar and tea with contributions from all over the village. There was also a house to house collection carried out by Mrs. Tarver, Misses Garth, Adams, H. Tatham, and Mrs. A. Heley as they went around the village pushing the organ. A collection was also made in Church, the amount as follows:-

Proceeds of the Bazaar and Tea £22 3s. 7d.; Collected in the village £28 10s. 7d.; Collected in the Church £19 15s. which totalled to £70 9s. 2d. In total for 1916 the amount raised for the Red Cross was £174 7s. 11d. £54 was spent on materials for the work parties and that still had £15 3s. 10d. in hand, but the rest was sent onto Red Cross headquarters.

VADs

The VAD was made up of both men and women doing various jobs from nursing to orderlies, ambulance drivers, and many more roles. In 1914 Miss Helen Tatham, Mrs. Grinstead, Misses Beatrice Mould and Mary Page started working in the Military Hospital in Aylesbury, The Royal Bucks. Hospital. There was also a Military Hospital in Leighton Buzzard but there is no record in the Magazines of anyone from Wing working there.

In January 1915 the men were called up. G. Prime, W. Lloyd, T. Lloyd, W. Lloyd, F. Guess, F. Lovell and C. Hooker and were sent to Southampton. 'A letter from G. Prime announcing their safe arrival describes how they had at once been told off to assist in carrying 1,000 wounded men from ashore to the ship. These go either into Hospital there, or most of them, to the trains to convey them to various hospitals all over the country.'