



## The Pirton WW1 Project – Jonty Wild

I am sure that most people know that a small team from Pirton have been researching the 30 men who are listed on our war memorial; 8 others not listed who are believed to have a Pirton connection and died and also some 180 others who survived the conflict. Our goal is to document their lives and publish it in a local history book.

The team includes Tony French, Derek Jarrett, Chris Ryan and Jonty Wild, but we are receiving lots of help from other Pirton residents, organisations and interested parties and relatives of the men from as far away as Canada, the USA and Australia.

The project is being undertaken as the first project of the **Pirton Heritage Support Group (PHSG)**. This is a new village organisation formed as a result of evolving the strategy to publish the Pirton WW1 book and, in the short term, that will be its primary mission. In the longer term we believe that the PHSG will be able to support other Pirton related “history/heritage” projects.

The aim of the PHSG is to **“conserve, preserve, record and where possible, to make the history of Pirton accessible to Pirton residents and other interested parties.”**

A lot of progress has been made and we hope that the book will be available from late 2006 or early 2007.

If you agree that these men should be remembered and that this project is worthwhile, please consider helping us financially. **We are looking for donations or sponsorship of ANY amount small or large from individuals, organisations and businesses:**

**1 A £5 to £49.99 donation will receive:**

- A high quality enamel lapel badge in memoriam of the Pirton men of WW1 (I will certainly be wearing mine to the next Remembrance Sunday!)
- Acknowledgement and thanks, including recognition on the website, where the book will be advertised and can include:
  - Brief details about the sponsor, and
  - Links to sponsors business website (from information to be provided by the sponsor)
- As above at the official launch of the book
- An invitation to the official launch of the book

**2 A £50 to £124.99 will receive:**

- As 1 above, and
- One free copy of the book

**3 Sponsors contributing £125 or more will receive:**

- All of the above, but the book will be specially and professionally hand bound, with gold lettering.

The money donated will be used as follows:

- to enable the book to be published,
- to contribute to the machinery being purchased by the PHSG and which is vital to this project, and
- to contribute directly to the costs of publication and,

Any excess funds will be held by the PHSG and hopefully used:

- subject to permission, to record the names of the other Pirton men that died and who are not currently recorded on the War Memorial, on the original or another suitable memorial and,
- to support other Pirton related heritage projects

If you would like more information, support this project or make a donation please contact the:

**Pirton WW1 Book, C/o Jonty Wild, Cats' Whiskers, 14a High Street, Pirton, Herts. SG5 3PS, 01462 711383**  
or if you have the technology visit [www.pirton.org.uk/phsg](http://www.pirton.org.uk/phsg) or make contact via email to [jontywild@pirton.org.uk](mailto:jontywild@pirton.org.uk).

Any cheques should be payable to the **Pirton Heritage Support Group** or **PHSG** and can be delivered to the above address, but please include your name and contact details.

**Please help us to bring this project to life and to remember these brave men.**

*Tony French, Derek Jarrett, Chris Ryan & Jonty Wild*