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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

As Remembrance Day has recently passed, it is appropriate to acknowledge the work carried out by members of Everton FC Heritage Society to ensure our players who gave the ultimate sacrifice are not forgotten.

The annual November service, held by the Park End War memorial tablets, was again expertly organised by Paul Kelly and was attended by members of the armed forces as well as representatives of Everton Football Club.

The installation of the memorial tablets came about through initiatives and research begun by Dr David France, the Society founder and Life President. However, since they were installed more names have come to light due to diligent research by members of the Society.

The complex work required could not be in better hands. Peter Jones has researched extensively on the First World War and has written widely on the period. Four of Mike Royden's books are on the history of both wars and in addition to numerous articles he also runs three First World War websites. Tony Wainwright runs the superb Liverpool Pals website and was awarded the British Empire Medal for his part in the Pals' Memorial being erected in Lime Street Station. All three Evertonians are regular visitors to the Western Front battlefields to further their research. Between them, and with input from other Society members, they produced *'The Fallen of Everton'* booklet,



which includes brief biographies of players on Everton's books who did not return and is currently regarded as the definitive list remembered by the Club and fans alike. Research continues to ensure that no player has been omitted.

But now a new venture: Everton FC Heritage Society has this year embarked

on making its own films, which have included Jamie Yates' study of Everton director and first Club historian, Thomas Keates, which was followed by a wonderful film about *'Everton Village and the Birth of Everton FC'*, taking in the Queen's Head, two toffee shops, the Club crest, and the lock-up along the way with Ken Rogers and Rob Sawyer. An insightful interview with Pat Nevin during his book launch in St Luke's followed, featuring archive clips from the collection of EFCHS member Crawford Miles, and other projects are in production under the guidance of photographer and film maker Lewis Royden.

- Further details on how to watch the films, including the Remembrance Service held on 9 November, and how to download a copy of *The Fallen of Everton* can be found on the Society website at efcheritagesociety.com.

