

**"HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YET?" THE BIDFORD SURVIVORS OF THE GREAT WAR**

**by Bob Marshall, with Betty Hemming and Wendy and Mark Shaddick (Bidford and District History Society, Bidford Publications, 2018)**

This beautifully produced paperback commemorates the end of the Great War in November 1918 and its effects on local lives. Bob Marshall's earlier book "We Will Remember Them" researched the Bidford men lost in World War I, and this lavishly illustrated book chronicles their fellows who survived. A line in the poem 'Aftermath' by Siegfried Sassoon, himself a disillusioned survivor, provides the title. The book reports in meticulous detail the post-war lives of 180 men from Bidford and the surrounding area, many returning from the conflict mentally and physically scarred. The book suggests that 'in many ways their stories are just as tragic' as those who died in battle. While these ordinary men returned to 'normal' life in a small Warwickshire town, some suffered ill-health and an early death, remaining reticent regarding their terrible experiences in a world irrevocably changed by the War. Copies £10 from Mark Shaddick, 01789 778769

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