



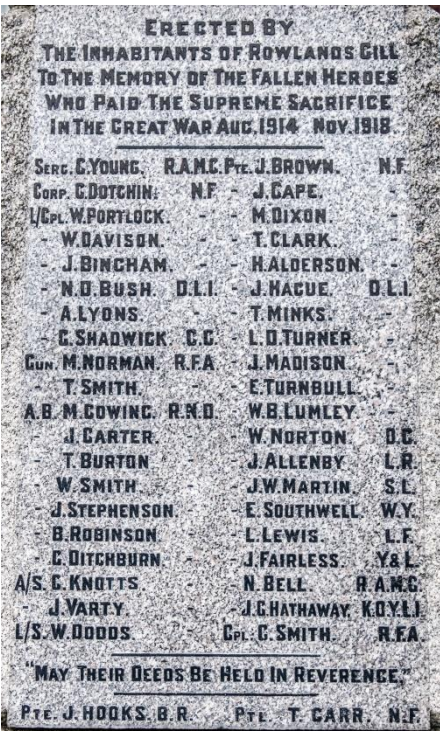
Rowlands Gill: The Great War and the Great Peace Lesson Plan Guide

During the summer term 2019, teachers Mrs Brady and Redshaw, together with the Year 6 children from Rowlands Gill investigated the impact of the Great War on their community. Supported by an HLF First World War Then and Now grant they focused on connections between their school, village and a world at war. On the first day their visit to the village memorial showed that Rowlands Gill men were in the thick of the fighting on land and sea.



Year 6 at Heugh Battery Museum, Hartlepool

These lesson plans and activities were written to support the children in their work. We hope pupils and teachers in other schools may find them interesting and challenging.



01 Finding the Bingham Brothers

A research case study searching for evidence about John and William Bingham from Derwent View, Rowlands Gill. The children will use an extract from a contemporary newspaper and the CWGC website.

02 Rowlands Gill on the Eve of the Great War

Take a tour round the Edwardian village. Discover what has changed and what has stayed the same. Visit Lilley Drift, Cowan Terrace, the railway station and shop at the Cooperative Stores. Don't forget to check out those weird looking pupils at the Board School.

03. The 1911 Census: Lilley Terrace

Explore a real Edwardian family in Rowlands Gill and transcribe the enumerator's handwriting.

04 First World War ID Cards

Aged between 15 and 65, you better sign up for civil registration. And don't forget to carry your ID card.



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05 Ruth Dodds' Diary

Transcribe a page from Ruth's Diary and find out about the German raid on Hartlepool in 1914. Find out how family friends, the Swanwick's, coped with the aftermath of the attack.

06 Joining Up

What can we learn about local soldier Tommy Atkin? (Yes, that's his real name) Then join up by filling in the attestation and medical forms based on his records.



07 Spy for the Kaiser in Rowlands Gill

Use a contemporary Ordnance Survey map to identify key local features and prepare your spy report for a Zeppelin raid. Keep both eyes open for the Alloy Works

08 Zeppelins over Rowlands Gill

Air Raid alert. Giant airships are seeking targets along the Derwent Valley.

09 Britain: the Belgian Connection

Discover how the German invasion of Belgium stiffened Britain's resolve to go to war.

10 The Response

Explore the story and symbolism of Newcastle's moving war memorial. The goddess Nike leads the way.

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