

## **More Voices from the Great War Poetry of World War One**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at the Northbourne Centre**

An excellent talk was given by John Rowland on what has become an emotive subject being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commencement of the Great War.

John's rendition of the poetry was delivered in a thought provoking way and the chance to sing along, to two with well-known tunes but the lyrics changed by the troops of the time to describe their predicament, provided some amusement.

The poetry written at the time describes the leafy lanes of England in the warm summer sunshine taking the troops far away from their current grim surrounding standing ankle deep in a cold muddy trench with shells whistling overhead!

Poetry was also written by people at home to bring home the horrors facing the troops on the frontline and there were many dissenting voices on the home front as to the conduct of the war and its sheer futility as the casualties figures grew.

**Our next talk is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Northbourne Centre, Church Street entitled "Living with the White Horse excavations at Ridgeway Hill Forts".**