

Somerset Wood Fundraiser Event!!



William Palliser Bruford

BORN: Taunton, 27th of March, 1880,

DIED: Passchendaele, 24th of October, 1917

**The local farmer's son, who gave his life on
the Western Front**

*A joint presentation by **Mike Batsch (Chair, Cheddon Fitzpaine PC)** with **Simon Augustyn**
& **Wouter De Witte** from the Research Section of **The Passchendaele Museum, 1917***

From **7pm, 24th of October, 2024** in **CHEDDON FITZPAINE MEMORIAL HALL** TA2 8JY

Adopted as 'the face of the Somerset Wood', William Palliser Bruford grew up on old Nerrols Farm in Cheddon Fitzpaine on the very land, where the Maidenbrook Country Park with its WW1-commemorative wood now stands. His life was tragically cut short while fighting on the front line in the grounds of Zonnebeke Chateau near Ypres in Belgium during the notorious Battle of Passchendaele. The chateau was later rebuilt and now houses the Passchendaele Museum, 1917. Today, the exact locations, where Bruford and others fell are marked within its grounds for all to see and 'our William' has his own feature display within the museum's extensive and unique indoor exhibit. By looking at William's life from the perspectives of where it began and where it ended, this presentation on the anniversary of his death will give a unique insight into his story and its place in the wider context of the First World War. Admission will be by voluntary donation on the night but, so we can manage attendance numbers, please register your interest either by contacting Mike Batsch on 07770 946135 or by booking online via Eventbrite at

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