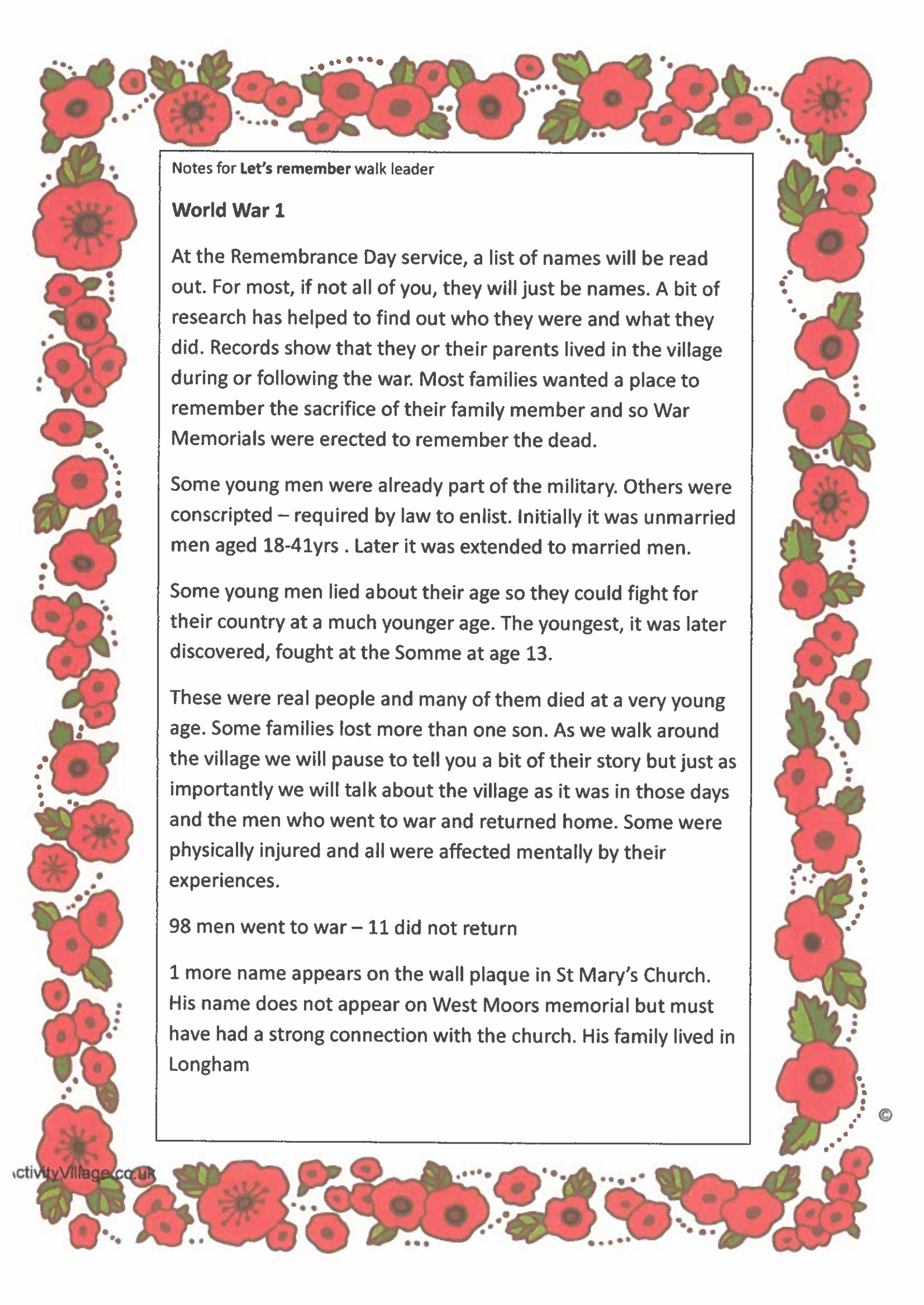


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Notes for Let's remember walk leader

World War 1

At the Remembrance Day service, a list of names will be read out. For most, if not all of you, they will just be names. A bit of research has helped to find out who they were and what they did. Records show that they or their parents lived in the village during or following the war. Most families wanted a place to remember the sacrifice of their family member and so War Memorials were erected to remember the dead.

Some young men were already part of the military. Others were conscripted – required by law to enlist. Initially it was unmarried men aged 18-41yrs . Later it was extended to married men.

Some young men lied about their age so they could fight for their country at a much younger age. The youngest, it was later discovered, fought at the Somme at age 13.

These were real people and many of them died at a very young age. Some families lost more than one son. As we walk around the village we will pause to tell you a bit of their story but just as importantly we will talk about the village as it was in those days and the men who went to war and returned home. Some were physically injured and all were affected mentally by their experiences.

98 men went to war – 11 did not return

1 more name appears on the wall plaque in St Mary's Church. His name does not appear on West Moors memorial but must have had a strong connection with the church. His family lived in Longham