

Restoration of Buxton College [Community School] World War 2 Memorial – Buxton Advertiser, 18 November 1998

Scott inspires school memorial

An enterprising sixth-form student at Buxton Community School gave a moving presentation in honour of those who fought in both world wars.

Scott Allsop, 18, who also laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the school, put together the presentation over three months.

The eight-minute presentation — with one minute's silence — was shown in the drama studio 13 times, as every pupil in the school wanted to see it.

Scott, who is studying music technology A-level, said: "The response was quite interesting. I think it really opened people's eyes."

"People realised why we had the remembrance and why we had the silence."

He put together the presentation, which was also shown to members of the Royal British Legion, with three of his friends, Sam Kalnins, Steven Fiddy and Tim Butterley.

They received an eight-foot by six-foot projector from the Derbyshire Constabulary, on which they showed still images and famous text from the wars.

Also part of the presentation were pieces of music written by Scott, along with sound effects. He described the presentation as "short but powerful."

They also received smoke and strobe lighting free from Team Allsop Lighting.

The cost of putting together the show could have been between £700 and £800. But because so many props were given to them free, it ended up costing just £25.

The idea for the show stemmed from Scott's own interest in the First World War, which he has built up over the years.

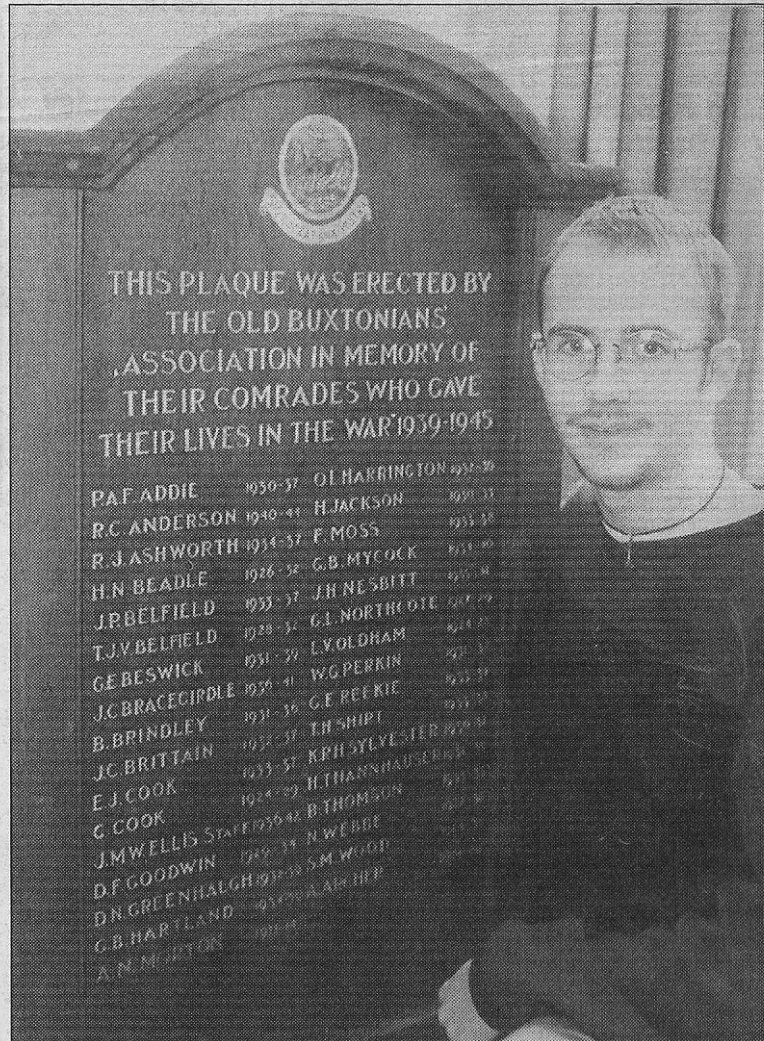
He tries to visit the Thiepval memorial in France — in memory of those who fell in the battle of the Somme in 1916 — every year.

The presentation ties in with the recovery of the school's Second World War plaque, which was lost when the Community School was built in 1990.

Head of the school, David Brindley, said: "We have now made the decision that it will be put back where it was in the Gothic Hall."

Of the presentation, he said: "I was very impressed by Scott's enterprise and the considerable talent he brought to the show."

"His efforts were so good, we wanted the whole school to enjoy it."



■ Scott Allsop with the school plaque to be put back in the Gothic Hall.