

TIMELINE 1914-1919



1916	INTERNATIONAL	NATIONAL/LOCAL
May	31st Battle of Jutland	
June		5th Lord Kitchener dies (with 643 others) when ship sunk off Orkney 8th Voluntary enlistment replaced by compulsion
July	1st Start of Battle of Somme (until November)	War Savings Association started in Radcliffe
September	15th First mass use of tanks at Somme	2nd First Zeppelin shot down in Britain 24th Zeppelin raid on Nottingham – 3 die and 15 injured. Airship passes over Radcliffe
December		25th Lloyd George becomes Prime Minister
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January		Street lights turned off in village
February	1st Start of Germany's campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare	
March	15th Russian revolution. Tsar Nicholas II abdicates	
April	6th USA declares war on Germany Mutinies in French Army Battle of Arras	
May		2nd Royal Proclamation urging household economy read out in local churches
June	25th First US troops arrive in France	13th First heavy bomber raid on London
July	Third Battle of Ypres (July-November)	
September		25th Escape of 22 German Officer POWs from Sutton Bonington – 3 recaptured at West Bridgford
October	Battle of Passchendale – 5 miles gained for half a million casualties (October-November)	
November	6th Major British offensive on Western Front 7th Bolshevik revolution in Russia	