

1914 – 1918

The Great War 100 years since the Armistice in 1918



Gainsborough Old Hall above, was owned by the Lord of the Manor, Sir Henry Hickman Beckett Bacon, who at the end on the Great War, now known as World War One, offered the building to Lindsey County Council as the Town's War Memorial. The Council gently declined the offer, possibly appreciating the enormous cost of the up keep of the building, which was in a dilapidated state. However not to be beat, Sir Henry offered the North East corner of the curtilage of the Old Hall as a site for the proposed cenotaph which was finally unveiled in 1923.



The NE Corner before the Cenotaph was erected in 1923, a well known landmark to the boys who both went and returned and those who sadly did not.



The War Memorial today against the backdrop of this fine late 15c Manor House that in its time had been caught up in military conflict, such as the War of the Roses and the Civil War of the 17c. In World War Two 1939- 1945 it came within a whisker of enemy fire!