Boys who became Extraordinary Young Men By John Mc Carthy

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A brief look at just a few of the young men from this country who served at the time of the D-Day landings.

The speaker, John McCarthy, gave an illustrated talk using photographs and records to show how a small selection of ordinary schoolboys from this country, a few within four years of leaving school, went on to play a courageous part in one of the most famous military campaigns in history.

John McCarthy

An historian and archivist by training, John has worked at the National Archives, as well as for Shell International in London, and Anglo American in Zimbabwe. A member of the History Society since the early 1990s, he has contributed several articles to Heritage over the years, and has served as Chairman of both the Mashonaland and National Committees of the Society. Two previous illustrated talks to the Society were "Letters from the Trenches", and "Lest we forget – 100 years on", both of them related to people from this country and their role in World War 1.