

**The War Memorial
of the Ecclesiastical Parish
of Ashchurch**



Dedication of Ashchurch War Memorial - November 22nd 1919

The service of dedication of the Ashchurch War Memorial took place on Sunday afternoon, the officiating clergy being the Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey (Rev. E.F.Smith) and the Vicar of Ashchurch (Rev. B.H.Chambers). The Church was crowded.

A special form of Service was used, the opening hymn being "O valiant hearts". The Rural Dean (Rev. E.F.Smith) took for his text the first sentence of the Epistle for the day: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you," and he said he was very pleased to find the people of Ashchurch were honouring the living as well as the dead, a framed illuminated address being given to each returned soldier. He urged each man whenever he passed the Memorial to raise his hat.

The address was followed by the singing of "For all the Saints," which was sung as the congregation walked in procession to the Memorial, where the dedication portion of the Service was carried out, concluding with the hymn "When I survey the Wondrous Cross."

The names of all living Ashchurch men who served in the war (some 90 in number) were then read by Col. Steward, and the illuminated addresses presented by Miss Steward, the proceedings closing with the National Anthem.

The Memorial stands about 17 feet high, is made of Minchinhampton stone, and consists of three deep steps, from which rises a shaft 8 feet high surmounted by a cap enriched with an entwined string of carved oak leaves.

Upon this stands a Cross 3 feet 7 inches high, with gabled ends and Tudor rose ornament.

The inscription on the front of the Memorial reads: "Their Name Liveth For Ever More." "This Cross is erected to the glory of God and in grateful remembrance of the following who gave their lives for their Country in the Great War, 1914 -1919."

Then follows a list of 25 names.

The Memorial, which stands on an enclosed portion of the Ashchurch School Playground facing the main road, is the work of Mr W.H.Fry of Cheltenham.

Names in the order they are read out at the Remembrance Service

1. Jesse Nind - 7th Bn Worcs Regt

- 1885** - Jesse Thomas Nind was born in Oxenton, the son of Thomas Nind and Harriet nee Mustoe
- 1891** - he was living in Oxenton with his parents and 2 brothers Frederick and Richard
- 1911** - Now a Farm Labourer he was living in Kinsham lodging with Thomas Wiggins
- 1915** - Jesse married Amy Perks - Amy was the daughter of Charles and Ann Perks of Eckington
Jesse enlisted into the 1/7th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment at Worcester giving his residence as Pershore
- 1918** - Private Jesse Thomas Nind was Killed in Action 11th October 1918 and is buried in Barenthal Military Cemetery Italy.
He is also commemorated on the Village War Memorial at Eckington.

2. William Page - 2nd/5th Bn East Lancs Regt

- 1894** - William was born in Ripple in 1894. He was the son of Joseph Page, a railway signalman, and Jane nee Long.
- 1901** - He was living next door to Ripple Station with his parents and 2 brothers and 2 sisters.
- 1911** - William's parents, his sisters, and 2 more sisters born since 1901, were living in Droitwich but William was working as a Farm Boy and living as a Boarder with his uncle, Walter Long, in Naunton Upton on Severn.
- 1912** - The family moved to Northway - possibly from Tewkesbury as his younger sisters were admitted to Ashchurch School from Tewkesbury
William enlisted at Sheffield Yorkshire into the 2/5th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment giving his residence as Tewkesbury. A note states - Formerly Notts and Derby Regt.
- 1918** - Private William Page was Killed in Action on 21st March 1918 and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial France

3. John Potter - 10th Bn Glos Regt

- 1879** - John Henry was born 17th June 1879 in Ashchurch, son of John Potter a Farm Labourer and Elizabeth [possibly nee Carpenter]
- 1881** - He is listed as John and living at Mytton [*Mitton*] Bredon with his parents and 2 older brothers.
- 1882** - He was admitted to Ashchurch School as Henry - Address: Ashchurch
- 1891** - He is called Harry and living at No. 2 Vinefield Cottages Fiddington with his parents, one older brother and a younger sister.
- 1901** - Henry was living in East Road Ystradyfodwg Rhondda with wife Ada [Short] whom he married in 1900 and working as a Colliery Worker.
- 1911** - He was living in Donald Street Tylorstown Rhondda with wife Ada and children Henry; Lilian; Reginald and Rosa
Henry enlisted at Stroud into the 10th (service) Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment not giving a residence address
- 1915** - Private Henry Potter was Killed In Action on 13th October 1915 and is commemorated on the memorial at Loos

4. Allen V. Sallis - 1st Bn King's Shropshire L.I.

- 1898** - Allen Victor was born 20th May 1898 in Pamington, son of Charles Sallis an agricultural labourer and Harriet nee Greening and brother to Leonard who died 4th November 1918
- 1901** - He was living at Natton with his parents, 2 sisters and 5 brothers
- 1902** - he was admitted to Ashchurch School
- 1911** - Allen was still living with his parents in Pamington he now had 3 more sisters
- 1912** - Allen was chosen to act St. Andrew in the Empire Day performance
- 1912** - Allen left school and worked for Mr Smith at Manor Farm
Alan served in the Gloucestershire Regiment and then enlisted at Tewkesbury, giving his birthplace and residence as Pamington, into 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
- 1918** - Private Allen Victor Sallis was killed in action on 17th October 1918 and is commemorated in High Tree Cemetery, Montbrehain

5. Arthur Witts - 1st Bn Glos Regt

- 1881 - Arthur's birth is recorded as December qtr 1880 although the school register states he was born 12th April 1881, son of Henry Witts an agricultural labourer and Sarah
- 1881 - The family are at Aston on Carrant and Arthur has 3 older brothers - Thomas; Walter and Herbert and a sister Ellen. The children having been born in Longdon; Awre; Aston on Carrant; Northway and Tewkesbury.
- 1885 - Arthur Witts son of Henry Witts of Aston enrolled at Ashchurch School
- 1891 - The family are still at Aston on Carrant with an additional Sister, Martha and brother, George
- 1895 - Mother Sarah dies and an entry in the School Log states that George has returned after having left home after the death of his mother
- 1897 - Father Henry remarries to Sarah Healey widow nee Wasley
- 1900 - Arthur Witts is listed as one of eleven volunteers for the Boer War
- 1911 - Arthur, Herbert and George are all serving overseas with the 2nd Battalion Gloucester Regiment in Verdala Barracks Malta
- 1913 - He became a Porter at Ashchurch Railway Station Arthur, a reservist, was called to the colours on the outbreak of war enlisting at Cheltenham enlisting into the 1st Battalion Gloucester Regiment at Cheltenham.
- 1914 - In October, Private Arthur Witts was with the Battalion at Langemarck north of Ypres and on 21st October was killed in action. An Officer of the 1st Gloucesters was also killed and 48 other ranks were also casualties.
Private Arthur Witts is commemorated on panels 22 and 34 Menin Gate Memorial
[thanks to Sam Eedle for help with this record]

6. Ernest V.S. Nunney - 10th Bn Glos Regt

- 1894** - Ernest Victor Stephen Nunney was born 18th January 1894 at Pamington, son of James Nunney, Railway Plate Layer and Ellen Watt nee Witts
- 1899** - Ernest was admitted to Ashchurch School
- 1901** - Ernest is still living at Pamington with his parents and his Uncle Thomas Nunney
- 1906** - His father James was killed by a train at Ashchurch Station
- 1907** - Ernest left Ashchurch school to attend the Grammar School in Tewkesbury
- 1911** - Ernest was living at Northway with his widowed mother Helen
- 1915** - Private Ernest Victor Stephen Nunney enlisted in the 10th battalion Gloucestershire Regiment and was killed on 25th September. He is commemorated on the Loos Memorial Pas de Calais France and on the Grammar School memorial in the Town Hall Tewkesbury

7. W. Frederick Parson - Royal Glos Hussars

- 1896** - William Frederick Parsons was born on 18th July 1896 at Pamington, son of Charles Parsons a railway labourer and Emily nee Stephens
- 1901** - William was living at Pamington with his parents and enrolled at Ashchurch School on 17th June that year
- 1910** - William left Ashchurch School
- 1911** - William is still living at Pamington with his parents. He now has a sister Violet and his father is a Coal Agent .
- 1915** - William enlisted at Gloucester into Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Yeomanry giving his residence as Gloucester
- 1916** - Trooper William Frederick Parsons was killed in action on Easter Day [23rd April] 1916. He is commemorated on Panel 3 of the Jerusalem Memorial

8. Leonard J.Sallis - Machine Gun Corps

- 1887** - Leonard James Sallis was born in Alstone 15th April 1887. He was the son of Charles Sallis an agricultural labourer and Harriet nee Greening and brother to Allen who was killed in action 17th October 1918
- 1891** - Leonard was living at Alstone Fields with his parents, 2 brothers and a sister
- 1896** - The family moved to Ashchurch with Leonard and 2 of his brothers transferring school from Alderton
- 1901** - Leonard was living at Natton with his parents, 2 sisters and 5 brothers and he is working as an agricultural labourer
- 1911** - He was living in Wadborough Worcester working as a platelayer for the railway and boarding at the home of Thomas and Eliza Corbett
- 1914** - Leonard married Elizabeth Corbett at Kings Norton
He enlisted at Birmingham into Machine Gun Corps - Infantry Battalion
- 1918** - Private Leonard James Sallis died of pneumonia on 4th November 1918 and is commemorated in Birmingham (Brandwood End) Cemetery

9. Lionel Stickley -6th Bn Duke of Cornwall L.I.

- 1898** - Lionel Frank Stickley was born at Lower Swell, son of Frank Stickley and Harriet nee Fisher
- 1900** - His father Frank died aged only 22 years
- 1901** - Lionel is still living in Lower Swell but is with his maternal grandparents - Thomas and Charlotte Fisher. His widowed mother is a Cook at Huntspill House.
- 1911** - Lionel is still living in Lower Swell with his widowed mother and grandparents
- 1915** - Lionel was working as a Farm Labourer for Mr Prew of Aston on Carrant
Lionel enlisted in the 6th Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry giving his residence as Aston on Carrant
- 1917** - Private Lionel Frank Stickley was Killed in Action on 16th October 1917.
He is remembered on The Tyne Cot Memorial France

10. Charles H. Wooley - 2nd Bn Glos Regt

- 1893** - Charles Henry Woolley was born at Barnwood Gloucester on 7th October 1893, son of Frederick Woolley, Hydraulic Engineman on Railway and Jane Emily nee Player
- 1901** - He was living in Armscroft Road Gloucester with his parents and a younger brother and sister
- 1904** - He enrolled at Ashchurch School with his brother Reginald both transferring from Barnwood National School. They lived in Midland Cottages.
- 1908** - Charles left school being "exempt over 14"
- 1911** - Charles was living in Stratton Road Gloucester with his Aunt and Uncle Ellen and Alfred Organ. He was working as a general labourer for a Builders Merchant
- 1914** - He enlisted at Gloucester into the 2nd Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment
- 1915** - Private C.H. Woolley was killed in action on 27th June 1915 and is buried in Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle-D'Armentieres

11. William Attwood - 1stBn Herefordshire Regt

- 1894** - William A. Attwood was born in 1893 in Tewkesbury, son of Abel Attwood, gardener and Louisa nee Bateman
- 1901** - William was living with his parents in Ashchurch Road. He had an older sister and two younger ones
- 1911** - William was living at 1 Marconi Cottages Ashchurch Road and was a grocer's assistant.
- 1914** - William enlisted at Hereford and joined the 1/1st Battalion Herefordshire Regiment
He went to Gallipoli in 1915 and in November was wounded in the head by shrapnel. He was then conveyed to Malta and operated on in the hospital there.
- 1915** - Private William Attwood died of wounds on the 6th December 1915 and is buried in Addolorata Cemetery Malta.

12. Harold Griffiths - 8th Bn Glos Regt

- 1895** - Harold F. Griffiths was born 5th February 1895 at Ashchurch, son of John Griffiths, a corn porter, and Athelinda nee Shepherd
- 1898** - Harold enrolled at Ashchurch School address given as Homedowns
- 1901** - Harold was living at Homedowns with his parents, two older sisters and a younger one. He was recorded as Frederick H. Griffiths
- 1908** - In March 1908 Harold leaves school
- 1911** - Harold was still with his parents at Homedowns. He was working as a Farm Labourer and now has two younger brothers.
He enlisted at Cheltenham into the Gloucestershire Regiment 8th Battalion leaving for France in the summer of 1915.
- 1916** - Private Harold Frederick Griffiths was killed in action on July 3rd 1916.
He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Somme France

13. Charles W. Hopton - 7th Bn Glos Regt

- 1890** - Charles Hopton was born on 2nd December 1890 son of John Charles Hopton, a farmer and Annie Elizabeth nee Matthews
- 1891** - Charles was living with his parents at Cowfield Farm
- 1896** - Charles enrolled at Ashchurch School - Father John - Address Cowfield
- 1900** - Charles is recorded as leaving Ashchurch School in February that year
- 1901** - Charles is still living at Cowfield with his parents and two younger sisters
- 1911** - Charles is now 20 and working on his father's farm Cowfield
He attended Stratford on Avon Commercial College and then spent some time in Australia and New Zealand before returning home in 1914.
On the outbreak of war he enlisted at Tewkesbury into the Gloucestershire Regiment 7th [Service Battalion] and soon found promotion.
- 1915** - Sergeant Charles William Hopton served at Gallipoli and died of Tetanus on 17th August 1915.
He is remembered on the Helles Memorial Turkey.

14. Harold Hutchings - Royal Army Service Corps

- 1892** - Ernest Harold Hutchings was born 5th August 1892 at Ashchurch, son of Charles Hutchings, painter and Amelia nee Moore
- 1897** - Harold enrolled at Ashchurch School - Address is recorded as Northway
- 1901** - Harold was living at Northway with his parents, an older brother Frank and two younger sisters. He was recorded as Ernest H. Hutching
- 1905** - He left school in September 1905
- 1911** - Harold was living with his parents at Aston on Carrant. There was now an additional brother Alfred. Harold was working as a Labourer on the railway
- 1915** - Harold enlisted at Tewkesbury giving his occupation as a Carter living at Homedowns. He stated he had served with 5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment for 3 years. He married Ivy Prescott in 1915 at Hunslet Leeds and had a son John.
- 1916** - Harold embarked on the "Linnewaaka" for Salonika to join 37th Reserve on Railway Works
- 1918** - Driver Ernest Harold Hutchings died of Malaria on 2nd September 1918. He is remembered with honour in the Lahana Military Cemetery Greece.

15. George Mallett - 2nd Bn East Yorkshire Regt

- 1889** - George Mallett was born in Great Yarmouth
Research has revealed little so far on George's earlier life.
His service notes state that he was drafted from the 1st Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment to 2nd Battalion in 1907 and given a 2nd Good Conduct badge in 1911.
It is thought that having then left the army - possibly coming to Ashchurch and as he would have been a reservist was recalled when war started.
He enlisted at Great Yarmouth
- 1914** - December 1914 he was wounded
- 1915** - He was posted as missing
Private George Mallett was listed as Killed in Action on 9th August 1915 and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Ypres Memorial Ieper Belgium

16. A. Charles Day - Royal Engineers

- 1876** - Arthur Charles Day was born in 1876 in Tewkesbury, son of George Thomas Day, bricklayer and Eliza Emma nee Newman
- 1881** - Arthur was living in Laurel Cottages Oldbury Road with his parents and three siblings. He was recorded as Charles A. and was a scholar.
- 1891** - Arthur was still at home Oldbury Road. He was now recorded as Arthur C. Day, bricklayer.
- 1901** - Arthur was living in London Street Worthing with his father in the house of George F. Mitchell a carpenter
- 1901** - Arthur Charles Day married Emily Mary Ellen in East Preston Sussex
- 1910** - Arthur and Emily's two daughters enrolled at Ashchurch School transferring from Tewkesbury British School, their address given as Fiddington.
- 1911** - Arthur and Emily were living at Homedowns with three daughters. Arthur enlisted at Tewkesbury into the Corps of Royal Engineers - a note states: Formerly 49493 East Yorkshire Regiment (203rd Field Coy. R.E.)
- 1918** - Cpl Arthur Charles Day of No. 3 Section was killed in action on 16th July 1918 whilst working with Trench Mortar Battery. He is remembered with honour at Godewaersvelde British Cemetery France

17. William Halling - R.N. HMS Monmouth

- 1886** - William Halling was born on 15th October 1886 at Tirley, son of Thomas, a waterman, and Jane nee Biggs.
- 1891** - William lived at Newman Cottage Deerhurst with his parents, father now a Captain of a trow, and four siblings
- 1901** - William was still living at Deerhurst at Severnside with his parents, father now a boat owner, and younger brother Joseph
Between 1901 & 1911 the family moved to "Severnside" Ashchurch Road
- 1902** - William joined the navy serving as a Boy 2nd Class on "Impregnable"
- 1903** - He was made Boy 1st Class - Character: Very Good and in 1904 being 18 years old and became an Ordinary Seaman signing up for 12 years.
- 1907** - William was made Able Seaman and served on several ships until -
- 1914** - Joined "Highflyer"
On the outbreak of war in August 1914 William transferred to H.M.S. Monmouth and sailed for the South East Coast of America.
Able Seaman William Halling lost his life when H.M.S. Monmouth was sunk at the Battle of Coronel November 1914. He is remembered on the Plymouth Naval Memorial

18. Charles F. Hutchings M.M. - 2nd Lt R.G.A.

- 1884** - Charles Francis Hutchings was born in 1883 at Redditch Worcestershire, son of Ion John Hutchings, Carpenter and Joiner, and Sarah Hannah nee Dursey
- 1891** - Charles, a scholar, is living at Aston Cross with his parents and 2 younger sisters, Ethel and Alice.
- 1901** - Charles still living at home at Aston is a painter's labourer - he has another sister Annie.
Between 1901 & 1910 Charles joined the Police and moved to Bristol
- 1910** - Charles married Annie Collard in Bristol
- 1911** - Charles and Annie are living in Saxon Road St Werburgh Bristol and he is a Police Constable - his parents still live at Aston Cross with daughter Annie who has a grocery shop.
Charles and Annie had 3 children:- Mabel; Victor and Lelia
Charles joined the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Sergeant rising to the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was awarded the Military Medal in August 1918 and died 15th January 1919.
- 1919** - Charles F. Hutchings is buried in Ashchurch St Nicholas Churchyard and commemorated on a Military headstone in the family grave plot

19. Henry J. James - 3rd Worcs Regt

- 1884** - John Henry James was born at Bredon's Hardwick in 1884, son of William Charles James, railway servant and Emma nee Bullock
- 1884** - Emma died [possibly in childbirth] leaving 4 young children
- 1891** - Father, William, had returned to his parents in Pamington with his two eldest sons William Arthur and Charles. Daughter, Clara Ellen was living at Railway Cottages as "adopted daughter" of William Bowyer and Henry John James was living with his maternal Grandparents at the Farmers Arms Kempsey.
- 1901** - Henry James living at Brotheridge Green Upton on Severn with his maternal Grandparents. He was an Agricultural Labourer
- 1906** - John Henry James married Amy Lampitt
- 1911** - John Henry was living at Brotheridge Green with his wife Amy and two sons Albert and Harold. He was a gardener - Sweet Pea specialist.
John Henry James enlisted at Malvern into the 3rd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment. He gave his birthplace as Bredon and residence as Hanley Castle
- 1917** - Private John Henry James was killed in action on 7th June 1917 and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

20. Frank Steel - 1st Bn Glos Regt

- 1895** - Frank Steel was born in Oxenton on 2nd April 1895, son of William George Steel, a farmer's son, and Elizabeth nee Martin
- 1901** - Frank was living in Oxenton with his parents and 6 siblings
- 1904** - The family moved to Ashchurch to Smow Farm. Frank and 3 of his brothers enrolled at Ashchurch School transferring from Beckford School
- 1908** - Frank left school
- 1911** - Frank was still living at Smow Farm and helping work the farm. He enlisted at Cheltenham into 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.
- 1918** - Sergeant Frank Steel was killed in action on 11th April 1918 and is remembered with honour in Brown's Road Military Cemetery Festubert France

21. Joseph A. Trapp - 11th Bn Middlesex Regt

- 1890** - Joseph Albert Trapp was born 9th July 1890 at Ashchurch, son of Charles Trapp, a Railway Servant, and Ellen nee Jeynes
- 1891** - Joseph was living with his parents and 3 older siblings at Pamington.
- 1895** - Joseph enrolled at Ashchurch School
- 1897** - Joseph's mother died
- 1901** - Joseph and his family were living in Beckford. Joseph was recorded as a scholar. He had two additional younger siblings.
- 1911** - Joseph was living in Cricklewood boarding with a family named Abbis. He was working for the Railway Co. as a Carriage Cleaner
- 1914** - Joseph enlisted into the 11th Battalion Middlesex Regiment at Mill Hill Middlesex and was appointed Lance Corporal in November
- 1915** - Joseph went with Regiment to France
- 1916** - Joseph was wounded in action in March; Joined Base Depot in September; and appointed Lance/Sergeant
- 1916** - Lance-Sergeant Joseph Albert Trapp died on 10th October 1916 and is remembered with honour at Longueval Road Cemetery France.

22. Major James Bertram Falkner Cartland

- 1876 - James Bertram F. Falkner was born 24th May 1876 in Edgbaston. He was the son of James Frank Howard Cartland, a brass founder and Flora Cartland nee Falkner
 - 1881 - James was living in Edgbaston aged 4, scholar, with his parents and a cousin Agnes Cartland born Ireland also aged 4
 - 1891 - James is living at 37 Augustus Road Edgbaston aged 14 with his parents and Agnes who is now described as Agnes Anderton aged 14 born Ireland. Also staying there is Flora's sister Agnes McCausland, a widow
 - 1892 - James joined the Worcestershire Militia
 - 1897 - 8th June Lt J.B.F Cartland gazetted Captain in Worcestershire Regiment
 - 1900 - James Bertram Falkner Cartland married Mary Hamilton Scobell at Redmarley. Mary was the daughter of Sanford George Treweekes Scobell and Edith Scobell nee Palarait
 - 1901 - James and Mary are living at Bowbrook House Peopleton. He is listed as being Captain 5th Worcester Regiment
 - 1903 - 9th September - Captain J.B.F. Cartland resigns his commission 5th Battalion Worcs Regt
 - 1911 - James, a Captain in general reserve of Officers, and Mary are living at Amerie Court Pershore Worcestershire with 2 children - Mary Barbara Hamilton Cartland and John Ronald Hamilton Cartland. Also staying with them are Mary's sister Emily Katherine and her husband Richard Cameron North Palairt
 - 1914 - He was attached to 5th battalion Worcs Regt and went to France in November 1914. After being invalided home he returned to France in November 1916 and was present at the battle of Messines. He was again invalided home returning to France in November 1917
 - 1918 - His widow received a telegram reporting his death on 27th May - killed in action whilst fighting on the Aisne. A later telegram amended this to "Missing not killed" but subsequent enquiries confirmed that James Bertram Falkner Cartland was killed by shell fire on 27th May 1918 He left a widow and three children - 2 sons who were later to be killed in the second world war and daughter who became Dame Barbara Cartland the novelist
- James Bertram Falkner Cartland is remembered on the Soissons Memorial on the left bank of the Aisne; The Calvary in Tewkesbury Abbey grounds and also on the memorial in Pershore Abbey

23. Major The Hon. Alfred Henry Maitland

- 1872** - Hon. Alfred Henry Maitland was born 9 December 1872 in Nowgong Central India. He was the third son of of 13th Earl of Lauderdale and Charlotte Sarah nee Sleigh
- 1891** - 13th April - 3rd and 4th Manchester Regt. The Honourable Alfred Henry Maitland made Second Lieutenant.
- 1892** - 2nd April - 3rd and 4th Manchester Regt. Second Lieutenant The Honourable Alfred Henry Maitland to be Lieutenant.
- 1894** - 27th June - Received commission in the Cameron Highlanders from the Militia
- 1898** - Hon. Alfred H. Maitland to be Lieutenant
- 1898** - Served in Nile Expedition in battles of Atbara and Khartoum receiving the Egyptian medal with two clasps and the Khedive's star.
- 1899** - 27th November gazetted Captain
- 1900 to 1901** - South African War receiving Queen's medal with five clasps
- 1905** - 5th January - the Hon. Alfred Henry Maitland married Edith Scobell in London. Edith was the daughter of Sanford George Treweekes Scobell and Edith Scobell nee Palarait
- 1905 - 1909** - 25th February - He was appointed Officer of a company of Gentlemen Cadets at Royal Military College Sandhurst
- 1909 - 1913** - He was Adjutant to 10th Battalion Liverpool Regiment Territorial Force
- 1911** - Captain Maitland was living at 23 Cable Road Hoylake Cheshire with his wife Edith and 2 daughters - Edith and Nora
- 1914** - 13th March - Captain the Honourable Alfred Henry Maitland was promoted to Major and went with the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders to France in August 1914. In September he was he was reported killed in action.
- 1914** - He died on 14th September 1914 and is remembered on the La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial France on the south bank of the River Marne.

24. Major Frederick E. Nixon-Eckersall

- 1869 - Frederick Eckersall Nixon was born 29th September 1869 in Aghmacart Queens Co. Ireland. He was the son of Rev. Eckersall Nixon , Canon of Clondegad, Killaloe and Rector of Etagh, Kings Co. and Constantia Mary Anne nee Armstrong
- 1888 - 27th July - He was gazetted as a Gentleman Cadet from the Royal Military Academy to be Second Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery.
- 1891 - 27th July - Frederick Eckersall Nixon was promoted to Lieutenant
- 1896 - He assumed by Deed Poll the additional surname of Eckersall in accordance with the Will of Frederick Stirling Eckersall thus becoming Frederick Eckersall Nixon-Eckersall
- 1899 - 23rd January - Lieutenant Nixon- Eckersall became Captain
- 1904 - 6th June Captain Frederick E. Nixon-Eckersall was seconded for service as an Adjutant of Volunteer Artillery - Royal Regiment of Artillery 1st Forfarshire
- 1904 - Frederick Eckersall Nixon-Eckersall married Florence Eleanor Scobell at Redmarley. Florence was the daughter of Sanford George Treweekes Scobell and Edith Scobell nee Palarait
- 1908 - 1st April - Frederick was Adjutant of 1st Highland Brigade Royal Field Artillery
- 1910 - Royal Garrison Artillery - He was restored to the establishment 1st April and retired on 15th June 1910
- 1911 - As a Captain of Royal Garrison Artillery on retired pay he was living in Woodfield Road Redland Bristol with his wife Florence and 4 children, Laura, George, Mary and Evelyn
- 1916 - Having rejoined his regiment when war broke out he was made temporary Major 5th September 1916
- 1917 - Major Frederick Eckersall Nixon-Eckersall was with the 157th Siege Battery of Royal Garrison Artillery when he was killed by a shell at Ypres on 10th November 1917. He is remembered with honour in Ypres Reservoir Cemetery, Belgium

Some other Ashchurch men who died in the Great War and are not on the memorial:-

1. **Private James Edward Groves** of the 10th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

James was born at Shurdington and lived at Northway Mill Farm when his father was tenant farmer there.

- 1915** - He was killed in action on 22nd November and is remembered in Le Touret Military Cemetery, Richebourg-L'Avoue

2. **Private Leonard Rossell** of the 8th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment.

Leonard was born in Loughborough and lived in Newtown Cottages Ashchurch Road when his father who worked on the Midland Railway moved here

- 1916** - He died 3rd July 1916 and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial France

3. **Private Frederick William Taylor** of the Royal Army Service Corps.

Frederick was born in 1897 and lived at Newtown Ashchurch with his parents.

- 1917** - He died of pneumonia on 11th April at Foye House Hospital Clifton. He is buried in Tewkesbury Cemetery

1939 - 1945

1. Guardsman Thomas Joseph Jones

- 1912 - Thomas Joseph Jones was born in Tottenham 27th August 1912
- 1940 - Thomas lived at Kingshead Cottage Wellesbourne where he met his future wife
- 1941 - Thomas Joseph Jones married Frances Lilian Mary Gwatkin at Cheltenham Registry Office on 29th March 1941 and lived at Cursey Cottage Walton Hill where daughter Florence Rosemary was born
- 1943 - Thomas enlisted with the Coldstream Guards on 15th March 1943 at Gloucester. He stated that he had served with the Home Guard 71 A.A. Glos 1940 - 1943
- 1944 - He writes to mother-in-law at Claydon stating he was in Florence Italy and pleased that his wife Frances and baby were going to stay in her care. He signs himself Joe
- 1945 - A letter dated 4th May 1945 stated that Thomas was posted "missing" on 23rd April.
An official letter dated 12th July 1945 stated that it had been concluded that he had died on 23rd April.
Guardsman Thomas Joseph Jones is remembered with honour in the Argenta Gap War Cemetery Italy
[thanks to Thomas's daughter - Rose Jeynes for help with this record]

2. Craftsman Alfred Percy Lane

- 1906 - Percy Alfred Lane was born in 1906. He was the son of Arthur Edward Lane, a traction engine driver, and Kate Alice Lane nee Webb.
- 1911 - The family had moved from Homedowns to Pike House at Woolstone. Percy had an older brother Arthur. His older sister, Beatrice, had died in 1904, a baby
- 1927 - Percy married Maud Dudfield at St Nicholas Church Teddington and they had 4 children:- Ralph; Arthur and twins - Jillian and John
- 1935 - Percy Lane was gardener to N.P.H. Milne esq. at Ashchurch Lodge. He then worked for a time at Bishops Cleeve
- 1941 - He joined the Pioneer Corps and was with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers 6th Tank Brigade when he was killed in 1944
- 1944 - Craftsman Percy Alfred Lane was one of the 46 R.E.M.E. 6th Guards Tank Brigade workshop personnel who were killed by a flying bomb on 24th June 1944
He is remembered on the memorial cross in Lenham Cemetery Kent

From the School Log Book:-

1920 - Thurs Nov 11th

This being Armstice Day work was suspended at 11 a.m. for the two minutes silence. Then all filed around the playground and saluted the Memorial, with the school flag at half mast, afterwards forming into lines facing the Cross to sing the hymn "O, Valiant Hearts."

The children then returned to their desks & work was resumed.

It was at the request of the older girls that the hymn was sung around the Cross instead of in school as previously arranged.

This booklet was compiled in 2011 by Wendy and Alan Snarey to give some more detail to the names of the men of Ashchurch who died in the two world wars.

Corrections and /or Additional Information welcomed.

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