THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
Ford & District Branch

Remembrance of the Fallen in World War 1

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning.

*We Will Remember Them*

LEST WE FORGET

“If men could learn from history,
what lessons it might teach us”.

*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*
After Germany attacked Russia on 1\textsuperscript{st} August 1914 and France on 3\textsuperscript{rd} August 1914, Great Britain Declared War on Germany on the 4\textsuperscript{th} August 1914. Austria-Hungry joined Germany in the days after. The War raged until the Armistice was signed on 11\textsuperscript{th} November 1918.
Foreward

When the members of Ford & District Branch discussed how to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Great War, it was agreed that “fleshing out” the names that appear on the War Memorials so that the Fallen were not just names, but flesh and blood with families, friends, jobs etc. would be a good way to commemorate the centenary.

The task of researching this fell to me, and thinking that it would be an easy exercise, I began.

Over the 5 years since the project started until it’s conclusion at the Branch Annual Church Parade at Bicton Church on 2nd June 2019 barely a week went by without some research taking place.

As more and more information became readily accessible, I became more and more engrossed with researching the communities, the families, the military and acts of gallantry and the horrors.

There were instances where frightened, stressed soldiers were deemed to have been cowards and deserted resulting in them being “shot at dawn”. In 2006, More enlightened thinking pardoned the 306 soldier so classified – in todays army they would be provided with proper support to overcome their problems. Those soldiers are not identified any differently here from those who were killed as a result of enemy action. They all went to war, and lost their lives.

 Whilst the objective of the original task is now completed, as more information becomes available, I foresee updated versions of this booklet being produced. Especially when the 1921 census information becomes available.

So do not assume that you have a final version of information about these soldiers.

I will undertake to continuously look for updates as long as I am able to, and will publish them on this website. fordrl.org.uk

Feel free to print of a copy, but if you pass the details on, please either keep the document whole or credit the Royal British Legion with the research.

Ian Hulme.
Our Fallen Comrades

**Private William Nock Price** was a married man who was Baptised at St Mary's on 4 Sep 1882. William worked as a Rural Postman and resided in Nesscliffe according to the 1901 Census and by the 1911 census he had joined the 12th (Prince of Wales Royal) Lancers. He was serving with "B" Sqdn, and died at the Battle of the Marne 10/9/14 age 32.

His younger brother **Sergeant Frank Price** Born 1883
Enlisted 3rd Bat. Rifle Brigade 18/2/02 (lied about his age) saw service in Malta and Egypt. Left regular army 17/2/09 to join reserve, and fully discharged 17/2/14 He trained and worked as a Blacksmith in civvy street
Frank re-joined 1st Batallion, Rifle Brigade 05/08/14
He died at the First Battle of Ypres 9 November 1914 Age 31

They were the sons of Richard (a carpenter) and Annie Price and had a younger sister, Lily.

**Private Walter Weaver**
Born in Crudington on 12th October 1890 he lived with his parents John (a carter) and Mary at Oak Cottage, Bicton Heath.
He had a Brother, William, 6 years his senior (a Police Constable in St. Helens) and Sister Fanny who was four years senior
Walter was A Professional Soldier who enlisted during March 1910 in the 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards
He went to France on 12/8/14 and was presumed dead on 14/9/14 at the Battle of the Aisne River - Aged 24. His personal effects were handed to his Mother.

**Private Charles Dewland Kew** was born in Montford in 1894 and continued to live and work there.
He was the Son of Charles (Army Pensioner and rural postman) and Elizabeth, of 9, Montford Bridge, the 2nd of 3 surviving children. Charles was a gardener and his Sisters were housemaids.
Charles signed up for 7 years service in the KSLI and the 1901 census places him at the KSLI Depot. When he was discharged he continued in the reserve and his daily work was as a gardener.
He was mobilised at the start of the war when he joined "A" Coy. 1st Bn., South Wales Borderers
He was KIA 21 October 1914 - 1st Battle of the Aisne River - Age 30

**Private Arthur Brown** was born in Baschurch and worked in Montford.
He was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Brown
He joined "B" Coy. 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry
He was wounded in battle at Armentieres on 8th November 1914 and died 2 days later aged 22.
He was Buried Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La Chapelle-D'armentieres

His friend **Private Henry Thomas Edge**
Son of George and Sarah Edge, of Rose Villa, Calcott Lane, Bicton the eighth of 11 childrenen
He enrolled in the 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry in 1907
He was wounded in battle at Armentieres by the same shell as Arthur on 8th November 1914 and died on 22 April 1915 Age 24

**Holy Trinity Parish, Bicton**

**Funeral of Henry Thomas Edge**

Upon the 27th April 1915 there took place in our Church and Churchyard the Military Funeral of Henry Thomas Edge of Calcott Lane.

He was born and baptized in this Parish and was one of a family of 11 children.

He was seriously wounded by shell fighting at Armentieres on 8th last November. Arthur Brown his companion of Montford, was killed by the same shell.

Edge was most seriously wounded, and lay for several weeks in the hospital at Boulogne from thence he was removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital near Bournemouth.

His cheerfulness and patience under severe suffering, coupled with sympathy for others, endeared him to all the wounded soldiers in his ward. He was so unselfish that he was long unwilling that his family should come to behold how he suffered. Happily he was able to see and say farewell to several of them before he died for his country, submitting resignedly to the will of God.

The Funeral Service was choral and Private Edge’s body was borne to the grave by a firing party of the King’s Shropshire Light Infantry in which he had served seven years.

“Rest, eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him.”

**Lieutenant Maurice Alfred Alexander Darby** was born in Chelsea and resident in Adcote.

Son of Alfred Edward William and Frederica Louisa Juliana Darby, of Adcote Hall, Little Ness, Shrewsbury

Brother of Frances Muriel (13 years senior)

Great, great, great grandson of Abraham Darby – Ironmaster

Maurice was a career soldier who enlisted in 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards

He was KIA 11th March 1915 at Neuve Chapelle 2 months short of his 21st birthday.
Private Harry Hancocks born on 1896 in Dorrington.
The youngest of 5 children of Son of Peter and Margaret Hancocks of 5, The Bank, Dorrington
In 1911 he was a Page Boy Domestic for William and Jemima Clement at The Gateway House,
Castle St, Shrewsbury.
He joined the 2nd Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
He died in the Second Battle of Ypres, Stage II The Bellewaarde Lines, on 08 May 1915 Age 20

Private James Morris was born in Ford to Thomas (Agricultural Labourer) and Sarah brother to
John and Mary. At the age of 13 he was a servant to John and Mary Jones at Rhossal Grove.
In 1901 at the age of 34 he was a builders labourer and he, wife Emily (Morris) and Daughter and 2
Sons lived at 8 Kitchener Street in Birmingham. In 1911 he was a farm labourer living at Isle Gate in
Bicton with wife Emily, children Thomas, John, James, Maggie and Edith.
He enlisted in the special reserve on 7/9/14 and was posted to the 2nd Bn., King's Shropshire Light
Infantry.
He died in the Second Battle of Ypres, Stage II The Bellewaarde Lines on 10 May 1915 Aged 46

Private Edward Jones Son of Thomas and Margaret Jane Jones was born in Knockin.
In 1891 Thomas(26) was an agricultural labourer in Argoed, son Edward(2). 1901 saw the family
living at Springfield Street, Rhostyllen with Thomas(36) employed as a milk seller. Edward (12),
Pryce(10), Rachael(1). 1911 Thomas(36) employed as a farm labourer of Keepers Cottage, Kinton,
Nesscliffe, Edward (22 coachman), Pryce(20 labourer on farm), Rachael(11), Eleanor(9),
Margaret(2).
Edward joined 1st Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers and was posted to France
He died in the first wave of The Battle of Festubert at 3:15am on 16 May 1915 when hit by heavy
machine gun fire, Age 26. His personal effects were returned to his mother Margaret.

Private Frederick Edward Walter Newitt,
Son of Walter Henry and Sarah Jane Newitt, of, 11 Isle Cottages, Bicton, Shrewsbury.
In 1911 Walter(46 retort setter), Frederick(16 labourer) and sisters Lizzie(10) and Doris(7).
He joined the 5th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Frederick died at the Battle of Bellewaarde on 16 June 1915 Age 20.
Private Samuel Burgoyne
Son of Samuel and Catherine born at Forton 1891.  
1901 Samuel(36 Brewery Yard Foreman), Ellen(14 Nurse Domestic), Annie(12), Samuel(10), Joan(8), Amelia(4), William(2), Catherine(3 months).
Samuel jnr. worked for Robert Madeley (Butcher) at 41 High Street Shrewsbury. 
He joined regular army on 4th July 1910 and was assessed as a 3rd hand butcher and trained as a Field Butcher in the No 6 Field Butchery Army Service Corps. 
He served for 3 years until 4th July 1913. 
Mobilised at Aldershot 7/8/1914 served in France 13/8/1914 to 20/2/1915 
Discharged from the Army on health grounds on 24/7/1915 and died 2 days later from Tuberculosis at his parents home, 32 Broadway, Shifnal, age 24.

Lieutenant Frederick Rivers Currie 
Born 02/11/1896 to Rivers Grenfell and Alice Teresa Disney Currie, of Shelton House, Shrewsbury  
In 1901 they lived in Cheltenham and Rivers(43) is listed as a general merchant and steamer agent, Alice(34), Disney(6). Frederick(4), Mabel(3). 
1911 Frederick was at school in Repton, Derbyshire. 
3rd Bn. attd 1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry 
Died on 8th August 1915 during an attack on the Hooge positions Age 18
Private Thomas Griffith Evans
1 of 10 Children of Thomas and Annie Evans, of Old School House, Tregynon

1891 Thomas(37), Annie(28), Margaret(7), Thomas(5), Mary(3), James(10 months).
1901 Thomas(47), Annie(38), Mary(13), James(10), Gertrude(7), John(6), William(11 months).
1911 Thomas(58), Annie(48), William C.(10), Florence(7), Gladys(6), William E.(3)

In 1911 Thomas jnr. was working for Farmer John Lewis at Bwlch-Y-Ffridd, Newtown.
Wife Elizabeth Ann Evans, of Concrete Cottage, Tregynon

Lance Corporal Francis Hancocks
Son of Timothy and Mary Ann Hancocks, of 4 Main Rd., Dorrington, Salop
5th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 25 September 1915 Age 23

Lance Corporal William Salter
Son of John Charles and Annie Salter, of Wood Hill Lodge, Oswestry, Salop
Husband of Mary Jane Salter, of 3 Mytton, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury
5th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 25 September 1915 Age 32

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Townshend Logan DSO
Son of Late Edward and Emily E. Logan, Residence Great Ness House, Shrewsbury.
Brother of Ronald who died 3 weeks later on 17th October
Also brother of Balfour (KIA Nowshera, India 1/1/1898), Crawford, Hugh, William and Isobel.
Husband of Hilda Logan, of 21, King St., Chester
3rd Bn., Cheshire Regiment
Served in the South African War, twice mentioned in Despatches
Commanding 15th Bn. Durham Light Infantry
Killed in action Battle of Loos 26 September 1915 Age 49

Private Percy Edwards
Son of Thomas and Mary Edwards
Husband of Emily Edwards, of Horse Shoe Cottage, Dorrington, Shrewsbury.
Native of Belle Vue, Shrewsbury
1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 01 October 1915 Age 29

**Captain Roland Octavius Logan**
Son of Late Edward and Emily E. Logan, Residence Great Ness House, Shrewsbury
Younger brother of Edward, Balfour, Crawford, Hugh, William and Isobel
5th Bn., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry
Served in the Boer War, winning the Queens Medal with 4 bars, also in India
Killed in action Battle of Loos 17th October 1915 Age 33

**Private Abraham Brown,**
Born in Ellesmere in 1896 to Thomas and Jane Brown, resident in Bicton
6th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 23 October 1915 aged 19

**Private Robert Thornes,**
Son of Robert and Mary Thornes, of Edge, Shrewsbury.
Apprenticed as an Ironmonger in Bishops Castle
Landlord of the Swan Hotel, 11 Castle Gates, Shrewsbury
3rd/4th Bn, King's Shropshire Light Infantry who died on 25 December 1915

**Private William Edward Parry**
Born April 1891, Son of William, an itinerant agricultural labourer, and Emily Elizabeth Parry of Calcott Lane, Bicton. William was 11 years older than his brother Charles
He worked as a Railway Porter
2nd Bn., Leicestershire Regiment died 7/1/1916 age 25

**Lance Corporal William Setterfield,**
Son of the late William and Helen Setterfield and brother of Edith.
Lied about his age (18yr 6mo) to enlist in the Royal Buffs (6th Bat. East Kents Regt.) at Margate on 2nd January 1915
He died on 18 March 1916 Age 16

**Private Thomas Henry Pye,**
Born in Marchamley, resident in Rowton.
9th Bn, King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died at the Military Hospital, Prees Heath from Pneumonia on 25/3/1916 before he saw active service.

**Private Albert William Phillips**
Son of Lewis and Annie Phillips, of Criggion, Shrewsbury.
10th Bn., Royal Welsh Fusiliers who died on 30 March 1916 Age 28

**Captain Vincent Coldwell**
Son of Maj. Robert and Clare Coldwell
Husband of Adeline Coldwell and Father of Clare Mary Coldwell
4th Indian Cavalry
died 18/4/1916 a month short of his 28th Birthday from Typhoid whilst on active service at Basra, Iraq

![Vincent Coldwell](image)

**Rifleman James Pye**
Son of George and Elizabeth Pye, of Dorrington, Shropshire;
husband of Bessie Florence Pye, of 54, Royal Oak Rd., Woking, Surrey
17th Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 02 June 1916 Age 31

**Private William Edmund Roberts**
Son of Thomas and Elizabeth Roberts, of Nesscliffe Hill, Baschurch, Salop, England. Principal of Transcona Schools, Winnipeg
43rd Bn. Canadian Infantry (Manitoba Regiment) who died on 06 June 1916 Age 25

**Rifleman James Pye**
17th Bn., King's Royal Rifle Corps
died on 02 June 1916
Age 31
Husband of Bessie Florence Pye, who moved to 54, Royal Oak Rd., Woking, Surrey
Son of George (Game Keeper) and Elizabeth Pye, of Lower Netley Farm, Stapleton
One of 6 Children
Brother Thomas served until the death of his father when he was discharged home in 1916 to run the farm.
Brother Samuel served as a Tank Driver in the Royal Tank Corps
Brother George served in the Army Service Corps

Private William Edmund Roberts
43rd Bn., Canadian Infantry died on 06 June 1916 Age 25
Son of Richard Roberts (Painter, Plumber and Grocer) and Elizabeth Roberts, of 43 Valewood Lane,
Little Ness
One of 8 children
In 1911 he was an Elementary School Teacher at Dymock in Gloucestershire.
He emigrated to become Principal of Transcona Schools, Winnipeg.

Sapper Ernest Salmon Price
29th Advanced Park Coy., Royal Engineers
died on 18 June 1916
Age 28
Married to Annie Price, Blacksmiths daughter of “The Smithy”, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury at Oxon
Church on 14th February 1916
Son of William and the late Penelope (salmon) Price, Born 15th March 1888 at New Lodge, County
Asylum, Bicton Heath;

Private Richard Edward Davies
1st Bn., Border Regiment
died on 04 July 1916
Age 22
Son of John and Harriett Davies, of Valeswood Cottage, Little Ness, Shrewsbury.
One of 7 children
He worked as a Groom at Daresbury Hall, Warrington prior to joining the army.

Sergeant William Edward Davies
7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry
died on 14 July 1916
Age 28
Husband of Elizabeth Jane Davies, of 3, Yew Tree Cottages, Ryton, Dorrington, Shrewsbury.

Private John Thomas Davies
5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on the Somme on 24 August 1916 age 26

They were the sons of John and Sarah Jane Davies, of 2, Yew Tree Cottages, Ryton, Dorrington,
Shrewsbury; 5 children
Private Alec Bertie Milner
7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
died on 14 July 1916 during the Attack between Bazentin-le-Grand Wood and Longueval
age 29
Married to Ada (in 1906) their children Ivy (b.1905) & Hugh (b.1907).
Hairdressers manager of 36 Frankwell

Private Walter Henry Milner
7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 18 August 1916 age 27. Warehouse Manager
They were the sons of George and Mary Milner of 35 Frankwell, Shrewsbury. 6 Children

2nd Lieutenant Edward Gordon McGregor King
Son of Lt. Colonel 21st Hussars, Percy Macgregor King and Ethel Gordon King (Scott), of Ford House, Ford, Salop.
Grandson of Walter Scott.

Private William Henry Davies
7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on the Somme on 18 August 1916 age 21
b.1895 Son of Richard and Alice E. Davies, of 1, The Kennels, Shepherds Lane, Bicton, Shrewsbury 8 Children

Private Edward Sidney Edwards
7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on the Somme on 18 August 1916 age 21
Son of John and Alice Edwards, of 11, Church Lane, Little Ness, Shrewsbury.
4 Children

Private Edward Ewell
5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 24th August 1916 age 22.

Private Bertie Ewell
1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 18 September 1916 age 18.
Sons of Charles (Mill Wagoner) and Emily born Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury.
7 Children

Private Alfred Edward Taylor
6th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on the Somme on 30 August 1916 age 23
Son of Alfred (Waggoner) and Elizabeth Taylor, of 2, Stapleton, Dorrington, Salop
He worked at Bayton Farm as a Waggoner
5 Children

**Private Harry Tilley**
1st Bn., North Staffordshire (Prince of Wales) Regiment died on the Somme on 31 August 1916
age 37
Son of John and Sarah Tilley, of Loynton Lodge, Stafford.
5 Children John (b.1880), Robert (b.1883), Mary (b.1885), Christopher (b.1888)
Harry was a Gardener working and living in Little Ness when he enlisted at the age of 36/7 months in 1915.

**Private John Taylor**
6th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died at Picardie on the Somme on 06 September 1916
Age 21
Married Annie Rogers, of Osbaston, on 22nd July 1915
Son of Joseph and Emma Taylor, of Netley Hall Cottages, Dorrington
4 Children

**Private Edward Parry MM**
5th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 16 September 1916 Age 36
Edward was a Waggoner in Alberbury
Husband of Emma Parry, of I, Hanwood, Westbury, Shrewsbury
Son of David (Agricultural labourer) and Mary Parry, of Perry Tenement, Montford, Salop;
5 Children

**Private John William Edwards**
1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 18 September 1916 Age 21
Son of John and Sarah Edwards, of Guilsfield, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire
2 Children

**Private Arthur Fox**
1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 18 September 1916 Age 27
Son of Henry (Agricultural worker d.1915) and Emma Fox, of Coedway, Alberbury, Shrewsbury.
Worked as Agricultural labourer at Washfords Farm in Meole Brace prior to joining up.
5 Children
Private Thomas Pearce
1st & 5th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 18 September 1916 Age 28
Married Elizabeth 1902 (d.1907), Daughter Emma (b.1905)
Born at Great Woolaston, Middletown, Son of William and Ellen Pearce, of the Dog & Duck, Halfway House, Shrewsbury.
5 Children

Private William John Seabourne
1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry died on 18 September 1916 Age 26
Husband of Lottie Seabourne of 1, Isle Gate, Bicton, Shrewsbury

Private Thomas Edwards
1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry died from wounds on 24 September 1916 Age 26
Son of Emma Manley (formerly Edwards), of Wilcott, Nesscliffe,

Private Harry Yewberry
8th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment died on 13 October 1916 Age 21
Grandson of Mr. William and Mary Yewbery, of 1, Grange Cottages, Bicton, Shrewsbury.

Private James Anthony
13th Bn. Cheshire Regiment died on 21 October 1916 Age 21
Son of James and Annie Anthony, of 1, Rural Cottage, Ford, Shrewsbury
7 Children
Ernest RHA was KIA 26 September 1917

Private Edward Bryan Davies
13th Bn Cheshire Regiment died on the Somme and buried at Stump Road Cemetery (b76) on 21 October 1916 Age 21
Son of Mrs. Eleanor.(Nellie) Wear and stepson of Mr William Wear, cottage no 4, Forton, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury. Mrs Wear married her widowed neighbour,
Grandson of Richard and Elizabeth Morris.
2 Children with 2 step brothers

Private Richard Charles Dudley
3th Btn Cheshire Regiment Died 28 October 1916 in France Age 20
Son of Charles and Edith Dudley of 5 Meadow Cottage Mount Fields, Shrewsbury.
One of 8 Children
In 1911, Richard and Brother William were living with Grandmother and Uncle Richard at 1 Paper Mill Cottages, Longnor, Shrewsbury. Richard was working on a farm and William was at school.

Private John Arthur Chant
2nd Bn., King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 25 January 1917 Age 39
Worked as a Baker of Bread in Wellington

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He was a Journeyman Baker living at 5 Stanley street, Castleford, W.Yorks
When he married Emily in 1903.
They had 3 Children
Son of the late John and Mary Chant of Yockleton, born in 1879.
One of 5 children

2nd Lieutenant Joseph Robert Chapman
19 Royal Fusiliers 14/11/15 to 23/3/16
Battlefield Commission 2nd Lieutenant to 5th Btn.King's Shropshire Light Infantry
died on 09 April 1917
Age 21
Son of James (gardener) and Martha Chapman, 4 Betton Cottages, Betton Strange
Sister Sarah

Rifleman Richard Roberts
King's Royal Rifle Corps who died on 23 April 1917 Age 21
Son of Charlotte Roberts, Born Little Ness 1895
Enlistment age 19yr 6months on 11th September 1914 Shrewsbury

Private William Hilton
7th King's Shropshire Light Infantry
who died on 26 April 1917
Age 37
Son of Robert and Jane Hilton of Calcott Lane, Bicton, Shrewsbury where all the family lived for over
30 years.
In 1911, resident at 2 The Mount Shrewsbury with Father, Peter and John – all single.
6 Children

2nd Lieutenant Guy Charles Dunlop Hill
2nd Lieutenant 2nd Bn .King's Shropshire Light Infantry drowned at sea on 4th May 1917 when the
HMT Transylvania was torpedoed and sunk of the coast of Italy’s Cape Vado whilst en-route to
Salinika in Greece with reinforcements
Age 26
Son of Admiral George William and Mary Hill
b. 21st November 1890 Weston Under Redcastle – his mother died 6 years later.
After the death of his mother, his father married Helen and moved to Stoney Stratford Hall where Guy
was schooled by Dorice Lamb, a governess.
Guy matriculated at Exeter College in 1910
He became a Theological Student in 1911.
He was gazetted as Second Lieutenant on 21/8/1914 to 3rd Bn, KSLI
2 Children, 2 Half Brothers
Private George Titley
1st Bn., King’s Shropshire Light Infantry died on 01 June 1917 Age 23
Son of Mr John (Cowman) and Elizabeth Titley, of Cottage No 2, Shrawardine, Montford Bridge
12 Children 4 brothers and 8 sisters
In 1911, a Farm labourer, he lived at “The Ferry” a 30 acre smallholding at Shrawardine,

Private John Parry
2nd /1st (Shropshire) Bty. Royal Horse Artillery died on 03 June 1917 Age 18
Son of Robert (Rural Postman) and Harriet Parry, of Rose Cottage, Brook, Ford
7 Children
Brother Richard 6048 2nd Bn. Scots Guards was KIA 18/12/14

Private Denis Jetson Blakemore
A Grocers Assistant, Denis was 1 of 8 children and lived with his parents, George and Sophia (both School Teachers) at the School House in Bicton. Brothers George (Watchmakers apprentice) & Ernest (Grocers assistant) both volunteered for the war and both survived. Brother Frederick was a Gents Outfitters assistant. Sisters Florence and Alice were assistant school teachers, Sophie was a Milliners assistant and Gertrude was a correspondence clerk.
He served with the 8th Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment and died on 9th July 1917, Age 28. He is buried at Locre Hospice cemetery in Belgium.

Private Roland Edwin George Roberts
Was 1 of 3 sons of Farmer Edwin and Catherine of Rose Cottage, Montford Bridge.
He was an under shepherd on the Powys Estate.
He transferred from 5KSLI to 228th Coy., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
Died of his wounds on 24 July 1917 Age 22

Private Harry Gwilt
The youngest of 5 children born to William (Gardener) and Mary Ann at 2 Wilcot Marsh, Nesscliffe. A Rural Postman, he enlisted in KSLI and later transferred to the Prince of Wales’s Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians).
Died on 14 August 1917 age 34.

Private Richard Morris
The Middle one of 5 children, Son of Thomas and Sarah Morris, of 4, Isle Gate, Bicton.
A Farm Labourer Richard originally enlisted on 6th November 1894 at the age of 18 for 7 years, extended to 12 years and then extended again to 21 years in the Welsh Regiment seeing service in India, South Africa and Egypt.
When his 21 years was up, he enlisted in the KSLI and then transferred to 1st Garrison Bn., The King’s (Liverpool Regiment).
He died on 17 August 1917 Age 42 and was buried in Cairo.
Private Joseph Brown
1 of 4 children of John and Sarah Brown of Welshampton, Step-son of Philip (Wagoner) Ralphs, of The Isle, Bicton, Shrewsbury
6th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 17 October 1917 age 19.

Private Leslie William Beyer
1 of 3 children of William (Farmer) & Alice Beyer
Farming assistant to his Aunt, Louisa Beyer, at Hollyleigh Farm, Pentrecoed
9bn. Welsh Regiment
Died 20 September 1917 age 19

Lance Corporal William George Smith
Youngest of 3 children of widowed Mrs. Emma Smith, of 2, Goss Brook, Dorrington, Shrewsbury.
Enlisted 6th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 20 September 1917 Age 19

Private William Ernest Owen
Son of John and Elizabeth Owen he lived in Calcott
Enlisted 6th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 21 September 1917 Age 21

Gunner Ernest Anthony
Born in 1894 to James (Farm Labourer) and Annie Anthony
Enlisted Royal Horse Artillery and later joined the Royal Field Artillery,
Died on 26 September 1917 Age 23

Private William Southerton
Youngest of 3 sons of Mrs. Susannah and the late George Southerton, of 1, Felton Butler, Montford Bridge.
Lived in Alberbury before enlisting in 6th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died of his wounds in Belgium on 26 September 1917 Age 24.

Private Thomas Vaughan
Eldest of 3 children of Richard and Mary Jane Vaughan, of 2, The Gate, Alberbury.
A Farm worker before he enlisted in 7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died of Wounds in Belgium on 26 September 1917 Age 35

Private Percy Tomlins
One of 6 children of John (farmer) and Sarah Ann Tomlins, of Heath View, Fords Heath, Shrewsbury worked on the family farm.
Joined 7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 27 September 1917 Age 24

**Private George Welchman**
Son of Thomas and Mary Welchman, of Alberbury, Shrewsbury, husband of Catherine Jane Welchman, of 49, Moor St., Hereford.
A mechanic with, 717th Mechanical Transport Coy., Army Service Corps
Died on 30 September 1917 Age 40.

**Private Samuel Andrews**
1 of 8 children of Samuel and Mary Andrews raised at 1 Pump Lane and Corner Lane, Bicton Heath,
Working at age 15 as a Garden Labourer,
Married to Lilian Alice, he joined, 5th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 17 October 1917 age 31.

**Private Joseph Harry Brown**
1 of 10 children of William (from Londonderry) and Mary Brown
A Journeyman working in Bicton
He joined 5btn. King’s Shropshire Light Infantry
Died of Wounds on 17 October 1917 age 37

**Private William Edward Evans**
Son of William and Mary Evans, of Rowton, Shrewsbury; He married Lucy Evans, of Grinshill, Shrewsbury.
Joined 16th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
Died on 20 October 1917 Age 31

**Private Ernest Edward Tipton**
Son of John and Emma Tipton, of "Glendale" Anscroft, Shrewsbury.
Joined "B" Coy. 1st/4th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry and later the 6th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force
Died on 31 October 1917 Age 23

**Brothers Private John Richard and Sergeant William Thomas Hudson**
Sons of John and Elizabeth Hudson, of 6, Shelton Cottages, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury.
The brothers had been raised in Peckham, London before moving to Bicton Heath.
William married Daisy Hammond on 20 Feb 2015
Richard served in 1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
William served in 6th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Richard Died on 21 November 1917 Age 26
William Died on 21 March 1918 Age 24.
Private Elijah James Edwards
A Sheet Metal Worker in Ellesmere Port living with his Brother and wife.
8th Bn., Cheshire Regiment who
Died on 25 November 1917 in Baghdad Age 30.

Private William Barkley
1 of 7 children of William (Agricultural Labourer / Shepherd) & Hannah Barkley
10btn. King’s Shropshire Light Infantry
Died 30 November 1917 age 21 in Palestine

Rifleman George Henry Perry
1 of 8 children of Alfred (head gardener at Mansion House) and Sarah Ann Perry, of Ford Bank, Shrewsbury.
George was a gardener at Oulton Park, Tarporley when he joined 1st Bn., Rifle Brigade
Died on 01 December 1917 Age 28

Private William Pritchard
The eldest of 5 children of Philip (a Cowman) and Alice Pritchard, of Little Shrawardine, Ford.
He joined the Hereford Regiment and then 88th Coy., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
Died on 01 December 1917 Age 21.

Major George Henry Rich DSO
Residence - Little Ness House, Little Ness.
Adjutant RHA Attached to KSLI. "U" Bty., Royal Horse Artillery
Died on 01 December 1917 Age 31

Corporal Alfred Thomas Reece
Son of Thomas and Sarah Reece, of Ivy Cottage, Stapleton; husband of Annie May Reece, of 2, Park Terrace, Dorrington.
8127, 1st Bn., King’s Shropshire Light Infantry
Died on 08 December 1917 Age 31

Private William Edgar Mansell
Son of Alfred (a signalman) and Francis Mansell, of Stretton Heath Railway crossing house, Yockleton.
Joined 4th Bn., King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)
Died on 18 January 1918 age 18.
**Lance Corporal Fredrick John Bownes**
Son of John and Sarah Bownes  
Widow Sarah Jane Bownes (Wagstaff), Son Howard  
Lived at 3 Racecourse Lane, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury  
He served with King's Shropshire Light Infantry and 7th Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment  
Died 23 March 1918 age 29.

**Private Thomas Henry Jones**
One of 6 children of Enoch and Hannah Jones, of 41, Rodney Rd., Kinnerley,  
A Native of Montford, he worked as a gardener.  
Enlisted in 46th Bn., Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)  
Died on 22 March 1918 Age 26

**Sergeant Herbert Feltus**
Son of Richard (wagoner) and Mary Feltus, of Stone Cottage, Station Rd., Baschurch  
Worked as a farm labourer  
Joined 7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry  
Older brother John (a butcher) served from 1915 to 1922.  
Died on 24 March 1918 Age 23

**Private John Price**
1 of 4 children of Thomas and Sarah Ann Price, of 3, Alberbury Rd., Ford, Shrewsbury  
Served with King's Shropshire Light Infantry  
Died on 26 March 1918 Age 27

**Private William Bishop**
Adopted son of Thomas and Emily Robinson, of 11, Weir Cottages, Hanwood  
Served with King's Shropshire Light Infantry and the Gloucestershire Regiment  
KIA 26 March 1918 age 22

**Lance Corporal William H Davies**
One of 4 children of Thomas (Cowman) and Louisa Davies of 1 Hilley Cottages, Shrawardine.  
He worked as a wagoner at Prescott farm in Baschurch before enlisting in the 6th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry  
He Died on 01 April 1918 age 21.

**Private Cecil Humphreys**
One of 5 children of John and Kate Annie Humphreys, of Broomfield Cottage, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury  
Served with 9th Bn., Welsh Regiment  
Died on 01 April 1918 Age 19
Gunner Timothy Harry Tomlins
One of 10 Children of Timothy and Mary Tomlins a Farmer of Lower Newton, Yockleton.
A Bombardier in the Royal Field Artillery. Formerly, 7th Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Died of Wounds in Belgium age 23.

Private Thomas Herbert Roberts
Born in Dorrington. Husband of May Annie Roberts, of 20, Victoria St., London Rd., Newcastle, Staffs. He worked as a gardener before enlisting.
12th Bn., Manchester Regiment
Died on 22 April 1918 Age 35.

Private Arthur Henry Bason
Lived with Grandparents William & Mary Jane Yewbury of 2 Bicton House Cottages, Bicton.
He works as a servant for Richard Evered Haymes (Architect) at Clifford Lodge, London Road, Shrewsbury.
Joined 1st Bn. King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
Died whilst a prisoner of war on 02 May 1918 in Germany Age 21.

Lieutenant Frank Magens Caulfield Houghton
Son of Frank Edward Caulfield Houghton (Surgeon) and Rose Steele Houghton of Dorrington. Older brother of Dorothy Rose Houghton.
Lieutenant F M C Houghton RAF (formerly Shropshire Light Infantry and Army Cyclist Corps) of the Wireless Experimental Establishment, at Biggin Hill,
He was killed in an accident when his aircraft spun into the ground from a low altitude on 6 May 1918 Age 22.

Lance Corporal Edward John Killan
Son of Edward & Lizzie Killan, Brother of Florence May
Residence Copthorne Gate House, Shrewsbury
Served with 11th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
Shrapnel wound in 16/10/16, repatriated, returned to action 25/2/17, suffered bouts of Diarrhoea, German Measles and an injury to his heel which were treated at Field Hospitals.
He was wounded again on 15/4/18 from which he died on 10th May age 21.

Private Andrew Davies
1 of 3 children of Andrew and Clara Davies, of The Villa, Hopton, Great Ness. He worked on the family farm before enlisting.
Served in 18th Bn., Cheshire Regiment
Died on 28 May 1918 Age 41.
Lance Corporal George Frederick Dodd
He was the son of Thomas and Sarah Dodd and brother of older sister Sarah, of 5, Church Row, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, England.
He lived and worked as a bricklayer in Bicton before he emigrated to Australia where he was married to Lucy Dunn in Sydney.
He enlisted in 1915 in the 5th Field Coy., Australian Engineers
He died on 28 May 1918 Aged 31

Sergeant Walter Maddox was 1 of 6 children of Thomas and Alice Maddox, of The Gate House, Alberbury. He was with the Royal Engineers (Formerly South Wales Borderers) as a Farrier Sergeant. He was discharged as no longer physically fit enough for service on 13th August 1917 with a character "very satisfactory in all respects" and died on 26 June 1918 Age 25 in the UK. He is buried at St. Michael and All Angels, Alberbury.

Private Ernest Hughes was the 3rd of 4 children of Richard (a Waggoner) and Sarah Hughes, of 7, Forton, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury. He was an apprentice Baker. He served with 1st Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry and died on 18 July 1918 at Armand in Germany Age 25.

Private William Baines was 1 of 4 children of John (General Labourer) & Jane Baines. He was married to Lily and lived at Yockleton Mill, Shrewsbury. Brother of Thomas (Cowman), Fanny and Minnie. He worked as a Rabbit Catcher. He served with the South Wales Borderers and died on 08 August 1918 Age 35.

Private Robert Evans was the Son of William and Jane Evans, of Hopton, Little Ness, Shrewsbury. He served with the Somerset Light Infantry and died on 30 August 1918 Age 22.

Private Robert Eli Morris was one of 4 children of John and Jane Morris, of Ruyton. He was working as an Attendant in a Lunatic Asylum prior to enlistment. He served with the 7th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry and died on 02 September 1918 Age 26.
Private Arthur Edwards was one of 5 children of Elias and Hannah Edwards, of 26, Nibs Heath, Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury and he worked as a Gardening Labourer with his Father before joining up. He served with the 12th Bn., Cheshire Regiment and died in Serbia on 18 September 1918 Age 24.

Lieutenant John Lewis was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Lewis, of Wilcot Hall, Nesscliffe, Shropshire. He was the elder Brother of Muriel. He played Cricket for Shrewsbury XI in 1911 and He served with the 3rd Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry. He was severely wounded in the lungs in Mesopotamia during one of the attempts to relieve Kut and He died on 24 September 1918 Age 26.

2nd Lieutenant Percy Craggs, a Grocers Clerk, was 1 of 3 children of Edward and Agnes Craggs who both worked at the Salop County And Wenlock Borough, Lunatic Asylum” and lived in the Chief Attendants House, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury. He served with the .13th Bn. York and Lancaster Regiment and died on 30 September 1918 Age 25.

Gunner Thomas Pritchard was one of 7 surviving children (2 died in infancy) of Thomas and Elizabeth Pritchard, of Nesscliffe. He worked as a plate layer on the Shropshire & Montgomery Light Railway. He married Florence Morgan in 1915, had a daughter, Florence M in 1916, and lived at 7 Hopton Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury. His father was the proud owner of a “Threshing Machine”. He served with "C" Bty. 34th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and died at No 8 Field Ambulance in France on 06 October 1918 Age 26.

Sergeant Edward Tipton MM, a Canadian, was the husband of Eleanor Tipton, of Rossall Grange, Isle Lane, Bicton, Shrewsbury. He served with the Fort Garry Horse and died on 09 October 1918 Age 38.

Private Edward Broughall was the son of William (Farm Labourer) & Martha Broughall, 2 School Cottages, Montford. Edward was a Farm Labourer at Ensdon Farm, Montford. He served with the 1st Bn., Cheshire Regiment and died on 23 October 1918 Age 19.

Corporal Wallace Francis was 1 of 6 surviving children (2 died) of William and Martha Francis, of Alberbury, Shrewsbury. He worked as a grocers assistant in his father’s sub-post office before enlisting. He served with the 9th Bn., London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles) and died of illness in Palestine on 20 October 1918 Age 33.

Driver Charles Jones was 1 of 7 children born in Bicton to Farm Labourer Charles and Louisa Jones, latterly of 3, Monkmoor Cottages, Shrewsbury. He served with "D" Bty. 78th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and died on 30 October 1918 Age 20.

Private Robert Higgins, a career soldier, was the son of Robert Henry and Sarah Higgins, of Ryton, Dorrington and the husband of Florence who lived at Common End, Mickleover. He served
with the 11th Bn., King's Shropshire Light Infantry and was working with the Labour Corp when he died on 03 November 1918 Age 29.

Rifleman Bernard Ratcliffe was the son of Thomas and E. Ratcliffe, of Brook Farm, Waesbury, Oswestry and worked in Montford. He was the husband of Hilda Mary Ratcliffe who went to live at Carlton-in-Cleveland, Stokesley, Yorks. He served with the 3rd Bn., Grenadier Guards and died on 04 November 1918 Age 30.

Private William Lee was the grandson of Charles and Eleanor Lee, of 3 Oak Lane Cottages, Bicton Heath, Shrewsbury. He served with the 820th M.T. Coy., Army Service Corps and died on 18 November 1918 Age 22.

Gunner Job James a bricklayer, was 1 of 5 children of Levi and Eliza James, of The Poplars Stamford, Halfway House, Shrewsbury. He served with the 63rd Heavy Artillery Brigade., Royal Garrison Artillery and died on 25 November 1918 Age 38.

Private Edward Humphreys was the husband of Emily Annie Humphreys, of Manor Farm Cottage, Wistanstow, Craven Arms, He served with No. 8 Sect. (Colchester), Royal Army Ordnance Corps who died on 02 December 1918 Age 32.

Private Henry Cakebread was 1 of 4 children of James and Emily Cakebread of Stanstead. Born 29 Aug 1891. He Married of Edith Mary Jones in 1915, was the father of 4, and latterly lived at the Pavement Gates Inn, Ford, Salop. He worked as a Horse slaughterer at 2 Greyhound Terrace, Oakengates. He suffered with a Left Inguinal Hernia which was controlled by a truss. He was a Licenced knacker dealer. He served with the KSLI then 423rd Agricultural Coy., Labour Corps. He died of influenza and pneumonia at home on 19 February 1919 age 27.

Lance Corporal Harold Birch MM was the son of Richard (Post Man) and Florence Birch, of Marsh Cottage, 6 Wilcot Marsh, Nesscliffe. Siblings Noel & Lillian. He served with the 4th Bn., The King's (Liverpool Regiment) and died on 20 February 1919 Age 21.

Corporal Harold Ferrington served with 2nd Coy. 31st Divisional Train, Royal Army Service Corps and died on 13 February 1920

Driver Otho Williams was the son of Thomas and Mary Jane Williams, of 83, Dark Lane, Grinshill, Shrewsbury. He was born at Alberbury, Salop. He served with the 1st Somerset Bty., Royal Horse Artillery and died on 05 June 1920 Age 26
A Death Scroll was delivered to the next of kin for every member of the armed forces who lost their lives during the First World War.

An example of this is reproduced on the back of this document. The message on it creates a clear responsibility to remember those who died, and why, in perpetuity.

The Royal British Legion was set up in 1921 to provide support for ex-service personnel and their families who were in need and the duty of remembrance of the fallen was enshrined in the work of the Legion.

The poppy emblem was initiated by an American nurse Moina Michael who conceived the idea of wearing an artificial poppy in 1918 as a tribute to US veterans and to raise funds for disabled veterans; becoming known as "Flander's Field Poppy Day" as a memorial to the War Dead.

The first “Poppy Day” in Great Britain was on the 3rd anniversary of the end of the War – 3rd November 1921 and it raised the amazing sum of £106,000 to fund the work of the Legion.

At all meetings, church parades and remembrance services held by over 4000 British Legion Branches across the UK, the Exhortation which is a verse taken from a 7 verse poem written by Robert Laurence Binyon is recited to those assembled who respond as we will in a few minutes, reaffirming that “We will remember them”.

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He whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.

Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.