

# Hardingham War Memorial Register 1914-1918

Annotated transcript

Hardingham's *War Memorial Register* was an exceptional attempt to record the service and sacrifice of all of the men of the village who served in the Great War, those who returned as well as those who did not.

It was probably the initiative of Major Bartle Edwards, MC, who himself is included in it. He was a decorated war veteran, and the son of a soldier father who won the Victoria Cross; he was to see his eldest son killed in the Second World War. The laconic treatment of Major Edwards' service, omitting the Italian decoration he had been awarded, and the fact that he had twice been Mentioned in Dispatches though mentioning his father's VC, seems more likely to have been the work of Edwards himself than another person writing about him. We can almost certainly rule out the Rev Stephen Walley, the Rector of Hardingham, as a possible author; he would surely not have committed the solecism of referring to his predecessor Charles Stuteville Isaacson as *Vicar* of Hardingham.

You will read here of Bertie Adcock, a recklessly brave young stretcher bearer who in the event was "only" Mentioned in Dispatches but who was recommended by his commanding officer for the award of the Victoria Cross, at that time the only medal which could be awarded posthumously. How near little Hardingham came to being probably the only village in England to have two of its men win the VC.

You will read of another man from the village whose life was saved by the Prayer Book which he had in his breast pocket.

And you will read of a mother stepping in to save her daughter's blushes...

It has been possible to check some of the information contained in the War Memorial Register against official records, and in a few cases we have also been able to obtain further information from family members. In some cases this results in a correction to the material contained in the Register. In other cases, additional information has been inserted where this appeared relevant.

It will be borne in mind that the majority of military records from the Great War were, ironically, destroyed by enemy action during the Second World War.

#### Abel, Arthur (Corporal)

Born at Hardingham in 1890. Enlisted in 1908 in Norfolk Regiment. Served in India till the outbreak of the Great War. Son of Henry and Elizabeth Abel of Dunsmore Green. In India 1918. Sergeant April 1918.

It may be helpful to set out certain family relationships:

**Henry Abel** (1862-1936), who was for 15 years the Parish Clerk, married **Elizabeth Hunt** (1865-1954) on 3 September 1882 at Hardingham. They had five sons, all listed in the War Memorial Register, and two daughters:

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Harry Ernest Hunt (1882-1961);
Freddie Abel (1885-1917);
Francis Percy Abel (1888-1968);
Arthur Abel (1890-1970);
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**Henrietta May Abel** (known as "Retty") (1893-1995) who married Percy Moy. Like her parents, she is buried in Hardingham Churchyard;

John Thomas Abel (1895-1917);

May Winifred Abel (1898-1974). She married Walter Cross and lived in London.

Arthur Abel was admitted to Runhall School on 9 April 1894, when his date of birth was given as 12 June 1890. His father's name was recorded as "Harry" (interestingly, the name his parents gave their eldest son). He left that school on 12 June 1903, recorded as being of an age for work "and is to work on land". He had been reported several times, usually together with his sister Henrietta, for irregular attendance.

His enlistment papers, which survive, state that he stood 5 ft 5½ in tall and weighed 105 lb (7 st 7 lb). He had brown hair and hazel eyes. He survived the War and lived until 1970.

He is listed as in India/Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in the 1911 Census. He married Adelaide Clara Hyde in 1910. They had four children; she appears to have died in India in 1918, shortly after the birth of their youngest child Cecil.

## Abel, Francis Percy (Brother of the above)

Born at Hardingham in 1888. Hotel Servant in London when called up in April 1916.

He was baptised at Hardingham on 3 June 1888, on the same day as Harry Ernest Hunt. His date of birth was noted as 30 March 1888.

He married Ellen Jackson on 8 July 1914. His address was given as Madron Street, which is in Southwark. He was No. 164712, the Royal Garrison Artillery. He survived the War, dying in Wandsworth in 1968.

#### Abel, Freddie (Brother of the foregoing).

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Born at Hardingham in 1885. Enlisted in the Norfolk Regiment in 1903. Went to France with the first Part of the BEF Aug 1914. Invalided home in January 1915 suffering from nerve shock after severe engagements. Rejoined the 9th Battn. July 1915. Commissioned 2nd Lieut November 1917. Drowned in the Mediterranean 31 December 1917.

He was baptised at Hardingham on 6 December 1885, and his given name was Freddie, not Frederick. When he joined Hardingham School on 24 February 1890 his date of birth was given as 26 October 1885.

His enlistment papers show that he stood 5 ft 2 in tall and weighed 101 lb (7 st 3 lb). He had brown hair and brown eyes. At the age of 17, he carried scars on his left arm and right leg.

In the spring of 1915 he married Louisa Emma James ("Louie") of Coston.

His Medal Record Card shows that in fact the date of his commission was 28 August 1917. He was one of 610 drowned aboard the troop ship RMS Aragon when it was torpedoed by C-34, a German submarine, as it waited to pull into port at Alexandria.

#### Abel, John Thomas (Brother of the foregoing)

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Born at Runhall 1895. Enlisted in the Scots Guards (Machine Gun Section) 1915. Formerly worked on White Cross Farm and afterwards as Underkeeper at Woodbastwick. Killed in France in March 1918. Lance-Corporal when he died 27 March 1918.

He was born on 8 August 1895, probably in Runhall, though he was baptised at Mattishall on 9 October 1895. He attended Runhall School from 13 March 1900 until 11 October 1904 when the family left the village. The following day he was enrolled in Hardingham School along with his sisters Henrietta and May. He left Hardingham School on 24 April 1909, initially to work as a market gardener.

#### Adcock, Arthur Sidney

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Born in Norwich 1899, son of Arthur and Charlotte Adcock, Plough Inn Cottage High Common. Enlisted in 3rd Battn. Norfolk Regiment Dec 1914. Sent to Salonika 30 Sept 1915. Invalided home December 1915. Rejoined – Missing 11 October 1916 at Battle of the Somme.

His service number was 17683, The Norfolk Regiment. He transferred to 6th Battn., Royal Dublin Fusiliers, where his service number was 27802.

#### Adcock, Ernest Joseph (Brother of the above).

Born in Norwich 1891. Enlisted at the same time as his brother above and in the same Batt at Salonika. Returned to Hardingham.

His school records state that he was born in January 1891, but in the 1939 Register (by which time he is living at Model Cottages, Hardingham) he gives his date of birth as 28 January 1890.

His enlistment papers survive and are in fact dated 4 January 1915. He is recorded as standing 5 ft 6½ in tall and weighing 130 lb (9 stone 4 lb). His service number in the Norfolk Regiment was 17686, suggesting that he did indeed enlist at the same time as his brother. Alongside his brother (Arthur) Sidney, he was transferred to the 6th Battn., Royal Dublin Fusiliers, where his service number was 27803.

He survived the Great War, dying in Hardingham on 17 January 1954, and is buried in Hardingham Churchyard.

#### Adcock, Bertie William (Brother of the foregoing).

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Born in Norwich in 1893. Enlisted in Oct 1914 in 2/4 Norfolk Regiment. All three worked on farms in the Parish of Hardingham. While acting as Stretcher bearer "by a most glorious piece of gallantry" he gave his life for the wounded, and was shot by a German sniper 15 November 1916. See the Eastern Daily Press 2nd Dec 1916 – "A Hardingham Hero".

He was born on 10th February 1893. He is recorded as being admitted to Hardingham Church of England School on 16th October 1901.

There follows a facsimile of the report in the Eastern Daily Press.

# A HARDINGHAM HERO

# GIVING HIS LIFE FOR THE WOUNDED

Mr and Mrs Adcock, of Hardingham, have received official notice that their eldest son, Arthur Sidney, Norfolk Regiment, has been missing since 11th October. They have also received the following letter from the company commander of their younger son, Bertie William, Norfolk Regiment:—

"I regret to have to inform you that your son, Private B. W. Adcock, was killed in action on 15th November. He was acting as stretcher bearer on that date, and in broad daylight went out into 'No Man's Land' and brought in a wounded man on his back. Later he went out again with another stretcher bearer and brought a second wounded man. After this he went out a third time alone for about 70 yards to assist a wounded man. He was hit in the arm on the way out, but continued, and remained dressing the man's wounds for ten minutes. Returning for help, he was again hit, but he had got right back to our trench when he was unfortunately killed by a German sniper. Our colonel has recommended your son for the Victoria Cross, and if ever a man deserved it he did. I myself saw him go out the first two times, and that alone was worthy of the honour, but the third time was a most glorious piece of gallantry. The whole company and myself wish you to accept our heartfelt sympathy in your time of mourning. I hope the thought of his gallantry may make your heart too full of pride for grief. Few men have the honour to die such a glorious death and the deed of your son will ever be remembered by the officers and men of his Battalion."

#### Andrews, Herbert William, Lieut.

Born at Barford 1875, son of George Henry and Elizabeth Andrews of High Common. After school life in Hardingham as P.T. [that is, Pupil Teacher (as he is described on the 1891 Census)] he went to Peterboro Training College and obtained the teachers' Certificate. At College he was NC Officer in the Volunteers. At the outbreak of War he gave in his name and applied for a Commission, and was Gazetted to the XVIII Batt of the Rifle Brigade Sep 1915 and was sent to India [actually to Rangoon according to his Medal Record card] with the Batt. No 1915. Formerly Assistant Teacher under Willesden LEA.

His date of birth was 29 March 1875. The family had moved to Hardingham by the time of the 1881 Census. Herbert was the second of four sons.

He is recorded as living in Willesden in 1901 and again in 1911 by which time he is married and he and his wife Alice have two daughters. He survived the War and in 1939 was living in retirement in Chorleywood. He died in 1971 in Watford.

#### Andrews, William

Son of John and Mary Andrews, Dunmore Lane. Born 1878. Enlisted in the West Yorkshire Regt 1<sup>st</sup> Batt. 1898. Served in the Boer War for which he had Queen Victoria and Edward VII Medals and 3 Bars. Sent out with BEF in September 1914 and was made Prisoner by the Germans 20 Sept 1914. Rank Sergt. Major (Coy).

Suffered cruelly in a "retaliatory" camp near Libau – from whence out of 500 men less than 100 remained alive.

He was born at Kimberley. He appears to have been the third son.

He enlisted on 12 July 1898 at York, his service number being 5241. He is described as standing 5 ft 9 in tall and weighing 140 lb. He had hazel eyes and black hair.

His portrait appears in the Dereham & Fakenham Times of 29 July 1916 alongside those of four of his brothers; John Andrews, who served in the RAMC, James Andrews, Frank Andrews and Ernest Andrews. John and James are not listed in the War Memorial Register.

John Andrews was born in Kimberley in 1876. He appears in the Census for Hardingham in 1901 and 1911 and was still living in Hardingham in 1939. He died in 1945 and is buried in Hardingham churchyard.

James Andrews was born in Kimberley on 27 November 1886. He is recorded as attending Runhall School from 13 April 1891 to 26 February 1898, leaving with a Labour Certificate.

#### Andrews, Ernest

Son of John and Mary Andrews – brother of the above. Born at Kimberley May 1893. Enlisted in Norfolk Regt January 1915 [according to a report in the *Dereham & Fakenham Times* of July 1916, he was in the 1st Norfolks].. Sent to France April 1915. Wounded June 1916. Formerly worked on the

land but at the time of enlistment was in Chemical Works in County of Durham. Wounded seriously in his back from shell fire July 1916.

When he was admitted to Runhall School in 1897 his date of birth was given as 13 May 1893. Impressively, his father was 46 and his mother 47 when he was born, the youngest of their ten children. He left school on 1 May 1906, having obtained a Labour Certificate.

#### Andrews, Frank, Senr

Son of John and Mary Andrews of Dunmore Green. Born Sep 1880 at Kimberley. Enlisted January 1915 in the Norfolk Regiment but transferred to the 1st Essex. Went abroad to France in Sep 1915. Was working in Station Farm and living in Low Street at the time of Enlistment.

The 1939 Register gives his date of birth as 23 September 1880. By 1901 he was married and living in Hardingham. He and his wife Laura had four children by the time of the 1911 Census. He survived the Great War and in 1939 is recorded as living at Besthorpe and working as a gardener

## Andrews, Frank W (Son of the above)

Volunteered for the Navy and Enlisted Nov 1917 [he is recorded as enlisting on 16 November 1917].. Aged 17. Posted to RMLI [The Royal Marines Light Infantry. His service number was 19860].

Frank William Andrews was born on 3 October 1900 and baptised at Hardingham on 9 December 1900. He survived the Great War and died in Norwich in 1963.

#### **Arthurton, Sidney Waites**

Son of William W and Alice M Arthurton, Mansion (sic) Green Farm. Born February 1895. Called up – after Exemption – April 1917. Returned to the Farm.

In fact although he gave his date of birth for the 1939 Register as 12 December 1895, he was born on 12 December 1894, as noted on the record of his baptism at Hardingham on 17 March 1895.

He survived the Great War and married Elizabeth Venn in 1928. In 1939 he was living in Gipping, Suffolk and working as a builder's labourer. He died in Ipswich on 25 February 1959 leaving an estate of £605 12s 2d.

Banks, Herbert George [Here the alphabetical order goes awry in the original document]

Born at Bishops Stortford Nov 1898. Called up Feb 1917. Tanks Corps. (Two Wound Stripes).

He actually appears to have been born on 5 September 1898. He was baptised at Birchanger, Essex (less than two miles from Bishop's Stortford though in the next county) on 2 October 1898.

February 1917 appears to be the date on which he was mobilised. He signed up as a reservist at Bishop's Stortford on 2 September 1916, at which time he was living in Eye,

Suffolk, and working as a laundryman. His enlistment papers survive and show that he stood 5 ft 5¼ in tall and weighed only 118 lb (8 st 6 lb).

#### Banks, Wilfred (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above, born 1899. Joined the RN May 1918 [This conflicts with a record which survives of his enlisting in the Tank Corps on 30 April 1918]. Son of Mrs Banks — Widow of the Laundry, High Common.

His full given names were Wilfred Vincent. In 1911 he was living at Birchanger. His mother was widowed by then; she had five children.

#### **Balaam, Charles Henry**

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Son of James and Mary Ann Balaam, Hackford Road. Born at Hingham 1895. Enlisted in 3<sup>rd</sup> Norfolks in 1913. Sent to the Dardanelles June 1915. Invalided home – sent out again May 1916. Formerly working on Farm. Died of Wounds in Hospital with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force 20 April 1917.

#### Baly, Frederick John.

Son of George John and Julia Daly, Station Farm. Born April 1890. Enlisted in Norfolk Yeomanry Oct 1914. Received Commission in Nov 1915 in the 2/1st South Midland Brigade. R.F.A [Royal Field Artillery, in which he appears to have held the rank of Lieutenant]. Went with his Brigade to France May 1916. Lieut. "MC" May 1918.

He was born in Hardingham on 23 April 1890 and baptised there on 6 July 1890.

# Baly, G Gordon

Brother of the above. Called up April 1917. Joined the O.C.T. Drafted to Agricultural Labour Batt.

His given names were George Gordon. He was born at Hardingham on 30 March 1885.

None of his military records survive. He survived the War and in a 1933 Directory was listed as a merchant at Station Granaries, even with his own telegraphic address "Baly, Hardingham". By 1939, still listed as a corn merchant, he was living with his parents and sister at Newmarket Road, Norwich. He died at Acle in 1962.

## Barker, Devereux William.

Son of Alfred and Sarah Ann Barker. Born 1895. Enlisted in Jan 1916 in 10th Batt. Norfolk Regt. Boy Scout — 1st Thuxton Patrol. Formerly Porter and Signalman and living at home, Thuxton Road, Hardingham. R.O.D.

His date of birth was 2 September 1895; he was baptised on 24 October 1885 at Hardingham.

Eventually the Army made use of his railway experience; he was successively in the 10th Norfolks (Service No 23620), the Machine Gun Corps (35814), the Royal Engineers (248145) and the Railways unit of the Royal Engineers (WR267036) finishing the War with the rank of Corporal.

He survived the War and in 1939 he was living in Dereham working as a signalman. He married twice, in 1920 to Bertha Smith (d. 1949) and in 1954 to Elizabeth Wasey. He died in Dereham in 1961.

Brown, John William (sic – his name was actually John WESTON Brown)

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Chief Stoker. At the outbreak of War was a Reservist and was called up at once. He was on HMS "Formidable" and went down with his ship. Formerly Electrician and Chauffeur at Hardingham Hall.

#### Brown, Thomas.

Son of John and Sarah Brown. Born at Hingham 1890. Enlisted in 4th Norfolk Territorials 1912. Invalided from the Service April 1915. Formerly living at Dunmore Green and returning there to work at Manor Farm.

He was actually born on 20 July 1889 and he was baptised on 1 September 1889. In the 1911 Census he was recorded as living as a boarder with John and Mary Andrews (q.v.) and working as a groom.

His younger brother Arthur Brown was killed at Ypres on 29 July 1917.

# **Bunnett, Cubitt.**

Born 1898. Called up March 1917. Formerly Leader of Kimberley Boy Scouts. Member of Hingham V.T.C. for 2 years. Wounded 26 March 1918.

(Note – Prayer Book in his breast pocket saved his life)

He was in fact born on 9 January 1899 at Haddiscoe, the son of William and Mary Jane Bunnett. His given names were Cubitt Arthur. The unusual first name may have come from family tradition – there is a record of a "Cubyt Bonnett (or Bennett)" being baptised at Great Yarmouth as long ago as 1594.

Military records show him as serving in the East Surrey Regiment from 5 February 1918 as Private 36647, and as GS/69951 in the 17th Royal Fusiliers from 18 February 1918 to 28 March 1918.

He survived the War, marrying Ada Breeze in 1924. The 1939 Register finds him working as a Police Constable and living at Walsingham. He died in North Walsham in 1970.

#### **Bunting, Francis**

of Model Cottages, Hackford Road. In Territorials Norfolk Regt in 1914. At the outbreak of War joined the 4th Norfolks. Born in 1896. Wounded 1917. With the Camel Corps in 1918.

He was born in Fundenhall, the son of Henry and Sarah Ann Bunting.

#### **Chaplin, Alfred James**

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Son of Jesse and Martha Chaplin. Born at Deopham 1891. Enlisted in the 9<sup>th</sup> Norfolks in Jan 1915. Sent to France October 1915. Invalided home and rejoined Feb 1916. Formerly gardener at the Hall and lived at High Common. Picked up from a torpedoed hospital ship in the English Channel. Missing October 14 1917. Presumed dead, and widow pensioned June 1918.

#### Chaplin, Arthur William (Brother of the above).

Born 1890. Called up June 1916. Drafted to the 4th Norfolks.

In fact his date of birth according to the 1939 Register was 6 July 1889, at Deopham. His military records do not appear to survive. In 1939 he was living in High Common, Hardingham and working as a Team Man on a farm. He died on 18 January 1973 and was buried in Hardingham Churchyard.

#### Clarke, Bertie William

Born at Dereham 1882. Enlisted in A.S.C. M.T. in 1913. Rejected at the outbreak of War. Reexamined and enlisted in January 1915. Went to France in July 1916. Formerly Chauffeur at the Hall. Married.

He was born on 25 January 1882 and baptised at Dereham on 15 February 1882. His service number in the RASC was C(MT)1732.

He is recorded as marrying Beatrice Burrow both on 24 March 1912 at Dereham and on 8 April 1912 at Mitcham, Surrey! He survived the War and appears to have resumed his former employment – the 1939 Register finds him living at High Common and working as a chauffeur.

#### Curzon, A A

Enlisted while working at the Great Eastern Railway Station.

It is difficult to identify this person with confidence but he may have been Albert Alexander Curson, born 6 September 1893 at Hethersett, the youngest of the eleven children (8 of whom survived) of Chrismas (sic) Curson, builder, and Harriet his wife. He is described as a railway clerk both on the 1911 Census and on the 1939 Register by which time he was living in Walthamstow. He appears to have died in Norwich in 1978.

#### **Denny, William Frederick**

Son of John and Rosanna Denny. Born at Hardingham in 1871. Enlisted in 2nd Batt. Norfolks in 1892. Served in India and South Africa. Took his discharge July 1916. Long Service and S.A. Medals.

He was baptised at Hardingham on 4 June 1871.

He enlisted on 30 May 1892, his service number being 3210. He was 5 ft 3¾ in tall and weighed 121 lb (8 st 9 lb). He had blue eyes and black hair, but (at the age of 19) he had the distinguishing feature of "bald patch on top of head". Having also served in Gibraltar, he was discharged from the Army on 24 June 1916, his conduct having been described as "Exemplary"; in addition to the two medals noted in the Memorial Register, he was awarded a Good Conduct Medal.

He married Emma Wick on 17 March 1903 at Depwade Register Office. Their daughter was born on 8 June 1905. He was carrying his little daughter in a blanket on 20 December 1907 when he stepped on a drain cover which gave way and he broke his ankle. He also suffered a knee injury, and at the time of his discharge from the Army was suffering from arthritis in both knees. Despite all of that, in 1939 he appears to have been working as an Auxiliary Postman.

In 1955 he saw an orthopaedic specialist with the unbelievable name of Dr Gout who reported that he was suffering from swelling of the legs due to cardiac failure but that his right knee was "totally destroyed and unstable".

#### **Dewing, George Edward**

of Low Street. Born at Causton in 1864. Enlisted in 9th Batt. R.G.A. [Royal Garrison Artillery] as Gunner in 1885. Served 8 years with the Colours and 8 in the Reserve. Served in Burmah Campaigns where he was wounded several times — Medal. Re-enlisted in A. S. C. in October 1915. Sent to Gallipoli where he was severely wounded in the head in November 1915. After some months he was discharged having been in hospital. Invalided in April 1916 and pensioned. Formerly worked on a farm.

His date of birth in fact appears to have been 3 June 1865, according to the 1939 Register. He had married Margaret Beck at Briston in 1893; they had no children. When he enlisted in 1915 he was living in Low Street; at the time of the 1939 Register he and his wife were living in Plough Lane.

He was Private No SS18435 in the Army Service Corps. Forces War Records give the date of his injury as being 14 December 1915, but his military records suggest a gunshot wound on 19 November 1915.

His records state that the first theatre of war where he served was in Egypt.

His conduct on his discharge record is stated to have been "Good". Unlike many who were seriously injured, he appears to have lived to a good age; it appears that his death is recorded in Norwich in 1954 which would make him 89 years of age.

#### **Daniels, Edward James**

Son of James and Henrietta Daniels, Hackford Road, "Hill Farm". Born 1898. Called up March 1917. Q. R. M. (?) Surrey – Signal Section. Wounded by Shrapnel in the shoulder 5 October 1918.

He was admitted to Hardingham C of E School on 20 April 1903 (three days before Ernest Risebrook, q.v.) and his date of birth was given as 11th November 1898.

He survived the War and in 1939 was farming at Manson Green Farm, described as "Farmer Arable & Dairy" and a senior ARP Warden. He married Miriam nee Spratt in 1931. He died on 27 January 1978 and is buried in Hardingham Churchyard.

#### **Edwards, Bartle M M**

Son of the late Major M. M. Edwards VC of Hardingham Hall.

Lieutenant in the Rifle Brigade at the outbreak of War when his Regiment was in India. Returning with the Regiment he went to France and was wounded on 9 May 1915.

Captain 1915. On the staff on 1916. Brigade Major 1917. MC 1917. In Palestine at capture of Jerusalem.

He was born at Hardingham on 30 March 1891 and baptised there on 7 June 1891. He was educated at Eton and Sandhurst.

As a Brigade Major, 181st Infantry Brigade, he served on the Western Front and in Salonika and Egypt/Palestine. In addition to the Military Cross, which is referred to in markedly laconic terms, he was also twice mentioned in despatches; and he was awarded the Silver Medal of the Order of the Crown of Italy. He later became a Lieutenant-Colonel.

In 1921 he married Daphne Kendall-Butler, a first cousin of Richard Austen "Rab" Butler.

Typed copies of the notes he made in the field have been deposited with the University of Leeds. He survived the War and was for many years the well-respected Squire of Hardingham. He was High Sheriff in 1946 and Chairman of Norfolk County Council from 1950 to 1966. He was knighted in the New Year's Honours List of 1956. He died on 28 May 1977 and is commemorated in the Chancel of Hardingham Church.

#### Egle, Harry A

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

of Dunmore Green. Born at Mattishall in 1886. Enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Norfolks in Sep 1914. Sent to France in May 1915. Wounded January 1916. Rejoined in May. Formerly in Farm Work. Wife and four children. Died of wounds in hospital in France on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1917.

#### Eke, Ernest

of Nordell [i.e. Nordelph] Corner (wife and 2 children). Born at Hingham 1883. Was in the Territorials from which he had retired. Enlisted again February 1915 in A.S.C. Went to Gallipoli and Egypt in March 1915.

According to the 1891 Census he was in fact born in Gressenhall.

He was successively in the Army Service Corps (Driver No T4/058288), the Cheshire Regiment (Private No 66366) and the Suffolk Regiment (Service No 50716). He was demobilised on 13 April 1919.

He died on 19 October 1973 and is buried in Hardingham Churchyard.

#### **Eke, Thorney**

of Nordell Corner (Wife and 3 children). Born at Southburgh in 1887 (sic). Enlisted in the 7th Norfolks in December 1914. Formerly on Farm Work.

The Census records suggest he may in fact have been born in 1878.

He successively served in the Norfolk Regiment (Service No 17446), the 43rd Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (104835), the Notts & Derby Regiment (73272) and the Labour Corps (405835).

He survived the War, dying in 1945.

#### **Elvin, Charles Robert**

Born at Morley 1888. Enlisted in 1st Norfolks in 1906. Was a Reservist and called up at the outbreak of War. In the Advance to Mons he fell out and was at home for long periods afterwards. Lived at High Common and formerly worked on Old Hall Farm.

He was in fact born in 1887. He was the son of Arthur and Sarah Ann Elvin and was baptised at Morley on 12 June 1892 together with his four siblings Sydney William (born 1886), Wallace (born 1888), Daisy (born 1890) and Frederick Harry (born 1891). He died on 6 October 1961 and is buried in Hardingham churchyard. His headstone gives his names as Robert Charles.

His Great War service was as Corporal 35283 the Bedfordshire Regiment.

# **Etheridge, Charles**

of Hackford Road. Born at Hackford. Enlisted in the 9th Norfolks December 1914. Sent to France October 1915. Wounded at Ypres June 1916. M. P.

He was born in 1886. On his enlistment papers he spelt his name as Ethridge. He was described as a carter and was living at 15 Hackford Road Hardingham with his wife Ellen nee Mann, whom he had married at Hackford in 1913, and their son Donald born in the same year. They had another son Reginald born in 1917. His service number in the Norfolk Regiment was 17449. He was recorded as being 5 ft 7¾ in tall and weighing 144 lb (10 st 4 lb).

His military records record "Gunshot wound June 1916" and he was hospitalised for some time.

He transferred successively to the 25th Training Regiment (No TR/9/1143) and to the Military Police with the rang of Lance-Corporal (46517).

#### Fox, Charles A V

Son on Walter and Louisa Fox. Born at Hardingham 1895. Enlisted in Ordnance Corps March 1915. Went to France August 1915. Formerly grocer's assistant.

He was born on 24 March 1895 and baptised at Hardingham on 9 June 1895. His given names were Charles Albert Victor.

He was a Corporal in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps with the service number 05680. He survived the War and in 1939 was working as manager of a grocery store in Lowestoft. He died in 1982.

## Fox, Wilfred (Brother of the above)

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Son of Walter and Louisa Fox of Low St. Born 1897. Called up Dec 1916. 4 Bedford Reg. Fell in France 3 Sept 1918. Died in No 38 CCS (Chaplain's Report) (sic)

He attended Hardingham School from May 25 1903 to 7 November 1912, leaving to go into domestic service. He appears to have been a successful pupil; according to the School Log Book he received a prize for being top boy in Standard V in 1909, and shared the prize for top boy in Standard VI the following year.

#### Gayford, F J

Son of Mr & Mrs F Gayford, Dunmore Green. Motor Engineer before joining up. 2nd Lieutenant M. T. (?) 1917. A.S.C. Italy September 1917.

His given names were Frederick John. He was the son of Frederick Gayford, farmer, and Charlotte. He was born at Felthorpe on 14 December 1887 and baptised on 12 February 1888. In the 1901 Census he is away at boarding school, but in the 1911 Census he is described as a Motor Engineer. He survived the War and in 1939 was living in Guildford, described as an Automobile Engineer. He appears to have died in 1964.

#### Goldson, Charles

Born at Hardingham in 1872. Enlisted in 20th Hussars in 1895. Served in India and South African War. Afterwards in Royal Horse Guards Corporal. Discharged in June 1916 and then re-enlisted for the War.

In fact he was born on 20 December 1874, the son of John and Anna Goldson. He was baptised at Hardingham on 7 February 1875.

He enlisted on 11 February 1895, then being a porter; in the 1891 Census he had been a page-boy in a household in Kensington. His service number was 3868. He is described as

having brown hair and blue eyes. He stood 5 ft 6½ in tall and weighed 136 lb (9 st 10 lb). He married Edith Woodman in 1904. They had three children, Percival, Winifred and Stanley.

He was awarded the South Africa Medal with clasp. He was discharged with exemplary conduct, described as "a good horseman" and intending to seek employment as a mounted policeman, but re-enlisted in the Royal Horse Guards in 1907. His service number in the Royal Horse Guards was H/47401.

He survived the War and in 1939 was living in Southend, described as a retired Prison Officer. He appears to have died in 1945.

#### **Goldson, Ernest Albert**

Born at Hardingham 1885. Enlisted in September 1914 in 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. Went to France May 1915. Wounded lightly July 1915. Formerly Butler in London.

His date of birth was actually 20 March 1887, and he was not born in Hardingham but in Barford, Warwickshire. His mother was Elizabeth Goldson. What took her to Warwickshire is not clear; on the 1891 Census she was working in Kensington as a parlourmaid. When Ernest joined Hardingham School on 21 September 1891, his parent's name was given as Anna. The true position appears in the 1901 Census, the only record which had to be completed accurately on pain of prosecution; at High Common, Hardingham, are living Anna Goldson, widow, George and Elizabeth, her children, and Ernest, her *grandson*.

He enlisted on 21 September 1914, claiming to be 32, described as a butler and valet. His service number was 19385. He stood 5 ft 8 in tall and weighed 158 lb (11 st 4 lb). He had brown hair and brown eyes. His next of kin was given as Anna, his "mother".

His military records state that he was wounded in the left shoulder in September 1916. He was also hospitalised in 1918 with "v. bad pyorrhoea" (bleeding from the gums).

He survived the War, marrying Beatrice Edwards in 1918 in Chelsea. The 1939 Register found him and Beatrice as proprietors of a hotel in Bournemouth; also listed is Margaret Griffiths, "Domestic". Beatrice died in 1961 and in 1963 Ernest Goldson married Margaret Griffiths. He died in 1981; Margaret survived him for a few years.

#### **Goldson, Horace Frederick**

Son of William and Elizabeth Goldson. Born at Hardingham in 1887. Enlisted in November 1915 in Norfolks and transferred to 3rd Essex (Garrison Regiment). Went to India in February 1916. Formerly Gardener at the White Hall.

William Goldson had been the fifth member of his family to be licensee of The Plough, a now long defunct beerhouse commemorated by the present Plough Lane. George Goldson (1790-1862) had been licensee from 1836 to 1861, followed by his widow Keziah (1792-1865). She was succeeded by her son Samuel (1811-1879), one of 12 children almost all of whom had survived to adulthood; he in turn was followed by his widow Mary, the license being taken over by their son William in 1881.

He was born on 7 September 1887 and baptised on 4 December 1887. He joined Hardingham School on 12 January 1891.

He was No 22206 in the Norfolk Regiment and 25650 in the 2nd Garrison Battalion, the Essex Regiment. He is recorded as suffering from malaria in 1917-1918, contracted in Mesopotamia; and at the age of 25 he suffered from varicose veins. He stood 5 ft 5 in tall and weighed 126 lb (9 stone).

He survived the War, marrying Jessie Rix in 1919. In 1939 he was still working as a gardener, living at Plough Lane (on or near the site of the family beerhouse). His "incapacitated" mother in law Happy Rix (1864-1941) was living with them. He died in 18 December 1969 and is buried with Jessie in Hardingham Churchyard.

#### **Goward, Charles**

Enlisted in 1916 in 3/1 Cambs. Born at Hardingham August 1882. Transferred to 1st Herts August 1918. B.E.F. May 1917. Gassed September 1917. Demobilised March 1918.

According to the records of Hardingham School which he joined on 24 September 1888, his date of birth was actually 20 August 1883. He was baptised at Hardingham on 12 October 1890.

He survived the War and in 1939 is recorded as working as a gardener.

#### Goward, William

Son of Robert & Georgina Goward. Born at Hardingham in 1881. Called up in May 1916. Severely wounded June 1917. Discharged May 1918.

His date of birth was 4 July 1881.

He survived the War and in 1939 is recorded as living in Swaffham and running the General Stores at Necton.

#### Harrold, Stanley

Son of Herbert Harrold, Old Hall Farm. Born in 1897. Enlisted in 10th Sussex Regiment June 1916. Previously in Hingham VFC (?). Severely wounded October 1917. Invalided March 1918.

He was born on 20 October 1897 at Metfield, Suffolk. His mother died in 1900, possibly in childbirth, and the 1901 Census found him living with his grandparents at Barnham Broom. His father remarried in 1903 and he had several half-siblings. His father Herbert Harrold was listed in a 1933 Directory as both a farmer and a (water) miller at Hardingham Mill, just as the Mill came to the end of its active life.

No military records relating to him appear to survive. He survived the War, marrying Edith Jermy in 1924. By 1933 he was farming in a substantial way at Turnpike Farm, Wramplingham. He died in 1973.

#### **Hurrell, Frederick William**

of Low Street. Son of William and Hannah Hurrell. Born in 1891. Enlisted in Royal Engineers April 1915. Went to France January 1916 (Pioneer). Formerly on Great Eastern Railway. Wounded February 1917. Discharged November 1917 with loss of part of the right hand.

He was born in Wicklewood on 8 December 1891 and baptised there on 21 February 1892. His given names were in fact William Frederic John.

He was Sapper No 85233.

Virtually none of his military records appear to survive, but he married Ethel Head at Dereham in 1915 and survived the War; in 1939 he was living in Dereham and working as "Stores Issuer Railway". He died in 1966.

#### **Hurrell, Arthur Charles**

Enlisted 1915.

He was born on 19 February 1893 or 1894 and baptised on 2 February 1896 at Brooke, Norfolk.

His enlistment papers survive. He enlisted on 22 May 1915, initially in the Norfolk Regiment, and subsequently served in the Machine Gun Corps. He was Private No 74420. He was demobilised on 3 March 1919. It is recorded that he applied for a War Pension but was turned down, on the grounds that his disability was due to malaria. On discharge his address was given as 60 Dunmow (sic) Lane Hardingham.

#### Hurrell, Robert John

Enlisted 1915.

He was born on 27 March 1895 at Brooke and baptised there together with four of his siblings, including Arthur Charles, on 2 February 1896.

No military records relating to him appear to survive.

#### Hurrell, Walter

Enlisted 1897.

He was born in about 1881 in Bergh Apton.

No military records relating to him appear to survive.

All three sons of Walter and Lucy Hurrell living in 1917 in Hackford Road, Model Cottages.

#### **Hunt, Alfred**

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Son of Alfred & Ellen Hunt. Born at Hardingham 1897. Called up and joined the 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Sussex Regt in May 1916. Killed 31 July 1917. Private XI Batt Royal Sussex.

#### Hunt, Frank (Brother of the above)

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Born at Hardingham 1896. Enlisted in Leicester Regiment October 1915. Went abroad in March 1916. Missing 23 March 1918. Private 8<sup>th</sup> Batt Leicestershire Regiment. Formerly Grocer's Assistant.

#### Hunt, Harry Ernest.

Born at Hardingham 1882. Enlisted in Norfolk Regiment 1900. Served in South African Campaign and in India. Sergeant Instructor. Formerly worked on Farms in the Parish.

See the family grouping listed under Arthur Abel.

He was not related to Alfred, Frank and Wilfred Hunt. He bears the surname Hunt because he was born on 2 July 1882 and his parents were married in September of that year. While by then it had become academic for him, the Legitimacy Act 1926 declared that with effect from 1 January 1927 he was treated as legitimated by reason of the subsequent marriage of his parents. He was baptised at Hardingham on 3 June 1888 alongside his brother Francis Percy Abel, the Baptism Register pointedly omitting his father's name and giving his mother's name as Elizabeth Mary Hunt.

His service number was 5684.

The War Memorial Register omits to mention that he was discharged from the Army on 3 July 1920 as medically unfit for further service. 30% disability was attributed to war service.

In the 1901 Census he appears living at the Garrison in Colchester, but he returned to the Hardingham area, marrying Bertha Thaxter in the Forehoe district on 16 August 1905. They had seven children; by the time of the 1911 Census they were living in Reedham, Bertha's home village, and had two children living and had lost one. He survived the War and in 1939 was recorded as living in Blofield and working as a Locomotive Driver at a sugar works. He died in 1961 in Acle.

#### Hunt, Wilfred (Brother of Alfred and Frank)

Son of Alfred and Helen (sic) Hunt. Born and baptised at Hardingham 1899. Went with his parents to Leicester in 1916. Some time a great invalid using crutches for nearly 2 years while at Hardingham. After recovering strength he worked in the Rectory Garden. Called up in 1917. Went to the Front (BEF) March 1918. Gassed 1918. Wounded in Sept (?) 1918.

He was born on 26 March 1899 and baptised on 8 May 1899. He attended Hardingham School from 24 March 1903 to 4 April 1913 when, aged just 14, he left for, as the Admission Register laconically puts it, "Work".

None of his Great War military records appear to survive; so it is solely thanks to the initiative of whoever compiled this Register that we know of this man's sufferings.

#### Isaacson, Charles Herbert (Rev)

Son of the former Vicar(sic) of Hardingham. Joined the 11th Reinforcements of the New Zealand Forces and was sent to Egypt in April 1916. (Capt C F).

Formerly Chaplain to New Zealand Forces and Vicar of Panalahaniu (?) NZ. At Queen's College Cambridge he was Sergeant in C. U. R. V.

Hardingham in fact had a *Rector*. It is the presence of this solecism that makes it highly unlikely that the Register was the work of the Rev Geoffrey Walley, probably the only other person besides Maj. Edwards who would have had the intellect and organisational drive to bring the Register into existence.

He was born in Melbourne, Australia, on 26 March 1872, the oldest son of the Rev Charles Stuteville Isaacson (1840-1931) and his wife Emma nee Woolfield (1843-1925). The family returned to England shortly afterwards, Charles' nine siblings being born at Hardingham beginning with his sister Margaret in 1874. Isaacson sr became Rector of Hardingham in 1874 and served until 1911.

The Cambridge University Alumni records that Charles Herbert Isaacson was admitted to Queens' College Cambridge as a pensioner (i.e. commoner – a student who had not won a scholarship), matriculating in Michaelmas 1890. In the following year's Census he is proudly listed at Hardingham Rectory as "Student of Arts at Cambridge". He graduated in 1893 with a B.A. degree and was ordained deacon in 1900 and as a priest the following year.. He was a curate in Doncaster for two years but then became Vicar of Bulls with Sandon, New Zealand in 1902. Apart from service in the Great War he appears to have remained in New Zealand for the rest of his life, dying in 1965.

#### Kerry, James

Son of David and Eliza Kerry of Manson Green. Born 1891. Enlisted in A. S. C. M. T. Mechanic. Went to France in May 1916. Worked as Blacksmith and Motor Mechanic at Wymondham.

He was born in Wymondham on 16 July 1891. He attended Hardingham School from 16 October 1899 to 30 January 1905, leaving to become a blacksmith's boy. In the 1911 Census he is recorded as still living at home and working as "Blacksmith's Striker". No subsequent records relating to him have been located.

#### King, Alfred

Son of S & E King Mill Lane Hardingham. Born in 1893. Enlisted in May 1915 in 1st Norfolk Yeomanry (Signal Troop) and went to Egypt and Gallipoli in September 1915. Formerly Booking Clerk at the Station. In France 1918.

He was born in Worthing (a hamlet near North Elmham), the son of John and Emma King, on on 12 August 1893. He was baptised there on 17 September 1893. He joined North Elmham school in April 1899, leaving on 27 April 1909 when the family left the parish.

He enlisted on 26 May 1915 in the 1st Norfolk Yeomanry, service number 2369. He subsequently transferred to the Royal Engineers as Sapper 233450, 74 Division Signal Corps,

and trained as a telegraphist. He is recorded as standing 5 ft 6¼ in tall and weighing 9 st 10 lb.

In the 1911 Census he is recorded as living in Hardingham and working as a Railway Clerk.

#### King, Charles

Brother of the above. Born in 1897. Enlisted in Norfolk Cyclists' Battalion. Went to France July 1916. Formerly Cabinet Maker's Assistant in Norwich. Wounded 26 September 1916.

#### **King, Herbert James**

of Dunmore Green. Several years a Volunteer. Called up June 1916.

He was born in 1881 in Martham. He was baptised 9 April 1883 at Yarmouth, together with his brother. In 1911 he was living at East Harling. He married Ellen Fields in 1906 and they had two children. He is recorded as standing 5 ft 6 in tall. He appears to have survived the War and died in 1954

#### King, John of Dunmore Green

Brother of the above. Formerly in the Territorials. Called up at the beginning of the War. Wounded and rejoined. Born at East Harling.

He appears to have been born in fact at Martham on 8 February 1883 and baptised at Yarmouth on 9 April 1883. No other records relating to him appear to have survived.

#### Lain, Charles Henry

of Hackford Road, aged 38. Born at Hackford. Enlisted in A. S. C. February 1915. Sent to the Dardanelles July 1915 and was on the Royal Edward when torpedoed 13 August 1915 – picked up after 3 hours in the Sea.

Sent out to Greece and invalided home February 1916. Sent out again August 1916. Formerly Farm Teamster – Married.

He was born on 1 September 1878 and baptised on 24 November 1878, his given names in fact being Henry Charles.

He had married Daisy Clark in 1909. She was from Tooting and by 1915 they were living there. He enlisted in the Army Service Corps in February 1915 with service number 058138 but was discharged in May with the assessment "Not likely to become an efficient soldier". He was at that time diagnosed as suffering from phthisis (tuberculosis). He stood 5 ft 4 in tall and weighed 141 lb (10 st 1 lb).

He managed to re-enlist, initially with the service number 13527 and latterly transferred to the 733 Labour Corps with service number 298835. He was hospitalised in January 1916 suffering from cystitis. At another point he is recorded as suffering from neurasthenia, which may well have saved him from being treated as a coward. He survived the War and in 1939 was living in Wandsworth working as a jobbing gardener. He died in 1954.

#### Lawrence, Lancelot

Born at Attleborough. Enlisted in the R. F. A. in July 1915. Postman at Hardingham and while resident took a great interest in Reading Room, Cricket XI &c.

He was born on 6 May 1890 and baptised on 29 June 1890.

In fact he enlisted in the 6th Norfolks (Territorials) as early as 7 December 1914 with service number 1670. He transferred to the Royal Field Artillery via the 54th Division Signals, being designated Gunner but in fact being a telegraphist and cook with service number 875568. He qualified as a first class signaller on 17 February 1917. On his discharge he was recorded as standing 5 ft 7 in tall, "Sobriety – excellent".

He married Sarah Palmer in 1920 at Depwade; he was still working as a postman in 1939. He died in 1960.

Post Office records show him being appointed at Attleborough; but the postal address for Hardingham at that time was "Hardingham, Attleborough, Norfolk".

#### Male, Herbert

Son of John (deceased) and Thirza Male. Born at Manson Green in 1893. Called up in May 1916 and joined the 3rd Battalion Norfolk Regiment. Worked on a Farm.

He was born in Hardingham on 10 September 1893 and baptised there on 3 December 1893.

None of his service records appear to have survived. However, two engraved shell cases which were formerly in the possession of his family are now preserved in Hardingham Church. They record that he was promoted to the rank of corporal and that he served in the 12th Yeomanry Battalion. That battalion saw service on the Western Front. One shell case (grimly captioned "Souvenir") records involvement at the Battle of the Somme, and specifically at "Fremycourt, Norel, Lagnicourt and Vaulx-Vraucourt".

He survived the War, marrying Annie Eliza Kerry in 1934. She was the sister-in-law of Agnes Kerry, Hardingham's only civilian casualty of World War 2. Herbert Male died on 2 June 1969; he and Annie are buried in Hardingham Churchyard.

#### Male, John William

Brother of the above. Born at Manson Green 1891. Called up June 1916 and joined VI Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Married. Formerly on Farm Work.

He was born on 31 March 1891 and baptised on 7 June 1891. No other records relating to him have been located.

#### Mann, Walter James

Son of James and Emma Mann. Born at Hardingham in 1897. Enlisted in Norfolk Regiment May 1915. Invalided May 1916.

He was baptised as James Walter Mann at Hardingham on 5 December 1897. Presumably because James was his father's given name, he was known as Walter and it under that name that he is registered at Hardingham School on 3 June 1901, his date of birth being given as 29 October 1897.

He survived the War and lived to a great age; his death is registered in Norwich in the first quarter of 1987.

#### Morley, George H

Hackford Road. Married (Wife and one child). Born at Fincham 1888. Enlisted in R. E. in January 1915. Went to France August 1915. Formerly a Cycle Engineer.

In the 1911 Census he is shown living with his parents in Swaffham and is described as Cycle Maker Agent & Dealer. His military records do not appear to have survived.

#### Neave, George

Hackford Road, Parish of Hackford. Married the daughter of James Balaam. Five children. Enlisted in Norfolks & transferred to 1st Essex. Sent to Dardanelles in June 1915 and to France February 1916. Wounded in Face and Foot and blinded in one eye in November 1916. Worked at Mr Daniels' Farm & a regular Church attender.

He was born on 7 November 1880. His wife was Louisa Balaam, born 7 December 1889.

He survived the War and is recorded as still living in 1939 when he was working as a farm labourer.

#### Peek, Cecil Francis of Low Street.

Married. Born in Norwich in 1887. Enlisted in June 1915 in A. S. C. M. T [Army Service Corps Motor Transport]. Formerly Chauffeur at The Grove.

He was born in Old Catton on 24 November 1887 and baptised at Catton on 16 December 1887.

His service number was 106315. He stood 5 ft 9½ in tall.

He married Olive Everson in 1910 and, after her death in 1929, he married Dorothy Burrell in 1932. He, however, died the following year in Bury St Edmunds.

# Pooley, Leslie

Lived in Low Street with his aunt Mrs Rivett. Born in 1899. Enlisted (under age) in 3rd Norfolk Regiment in May 1916. Formerly worked at the Station Farm.

He appears to have been born in Stratford, London, on 22 March 1899 and baptised on 10 May 1899 at Holy Trinity, Leytonstone. The circumstances in which he comes to be living with relatives are not clear, but in 1911 he is living with his aunt and uncle Arthur and Ethel Rivett at Coltishall.

His service number may have been 9708 but his enlistment records do not survive. He survived the War, marrying Gladys Raynolds in 1927. In 1939 he was a Police Constable in Wayland. He died in 1971.

#### Quantrill, Walter Edward

Son of Robert & Rebecca Quantrill of School Farm. Born in 1882. Enlisted in R. F. A. 3rd Section 27 D. A. C. in February 1915. Went to France in May 1915 and afterwards to Salonika. At home – farming.

He was born in Tottington (a village about 6 miles north of Thetford and now deserted, having been taken over by the military in World War 2 and the Government having reneged on assurances that the villagers would be allowed to return) on 1 March 1882 and baptised there on 15 October 1882. Both of his parents are buried in Hardingham Churchyard.

His service number was 69662. He survived the War. He died in 1952, at which time he was living in Plough Lane, Hardingham.

#### Reynolds, John Henry

Son of John & Mary Ann Reynolds of Nordell Corner. Born at Hardingham 1885. Enlisted in R. F. A. in May 1915. Formerly at Farm Work.

He was born on 11 February 1885 and baptised on 3 May 1885. He was admitted to Hardingham School on 1 April 1889, leaving on 12 December 1898 to become an agricultural labourer.

His military records do not appear to survive, but he survived the war and died in 1973.

#### Riches, Arthur Benjamin

Son of Arthur & Hebe Riches of the Post Office, Hardingham. Born at Hardingham 1892. Enlisted January 1916 in 3rd Battalion Norfolk Regiment. Formerly Postman. Secretary while at home for the Reading Room, Cricket Club, &c. Wounded 25 September 1916.

He was baptised at Hardingham on 27 March 1892.

He was Private 23985 the Norfolk Regiment. He subsequently served in the Royal Engineers where his regimental number was 616069.

He survived the War. He died on 7 October 1948 and is buried in Hardingham churchyard.

## Rivett, Arthur

of Low Street. Born in Newcastle 1880. Enlisted May 1915 in A. S. C. M. T. Staff Sergeant. Went to France January 1916. Wounded by Bomb. Formerly served in South African Campaign – Medal and 5 Clasps. Chauffeur to Mr Baly.

#### Risebrook, Victor Ralph

Son of Thomas William & Charlotte Christiana Risebrook of Wood Farm. Born 1897 at Hardingham. Called up June 1916 and joined the 10th Norfolks. Transferred to the Royal Irish Fusiliers. Prisoner of War 1918. Home 1 January 1919. Formerly at home on the Farm.

According to the 1939 Register he was born on 25 May 1897; according to the records of Hardingham School, which he joined on 3 June 1901, his date of birth was 1 June 1897. He was definitely baptised at Hardingham on 7 October 1900.

He was No 45035, Princess Victoria's Royal Irish Fusiliers.

He survived the War and in 1939 was living at Narford, Swaffham, and working as a cowman. His death was registered in Norwich in 1966.

#### **Risebrook, Ernest Dudley**

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Brother of the above. Born 1898. Enlisted in 3<sup>rd</sup> Norfolks in Nov 1915. Formerly on the G E Railway. Died August 1917 (at home).

#### Rump, Reginald

Ostler at the Station Hotel. Born at Swanton Morley. Enlisted in the East Anglian Brigade in June 1915.

In fact he appears to have been born at Tasburgh on 13 July 1895 and baptised there on 6 October, his given names being Reginald George. He was living at Swanton Morley at the time of the 1911 Census.

His Service Number was 2156. He subsequently transferred to the 272nd Brigade, Royal field Artlllery, with service number 875813 and the rank of Driver. In 1939 he was living in Barrow-upon-Soar Leicestershire and working as a "Roadstone Quarrier Heavy worker". He died in 1974.

# Scase, John

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Of Hackford Road. Born 1884. Enlisted in 3<sup>rd</sup> Essex Regiment December 1914. Sent to the Dardanelles in October 1915 . Formerly worked on Farm. Wounded at Simla Bay. Killed in France 22 Oct 1916 when with the X Battalion.

John Scase was actually born in Hingham in 1879.

#### Scase, William

Of Hackford Road. Brother of the above. Born 1880. Enlisted in Army Veterinary Corps in April 1916.

William Scase was actually born on 13 December 1877. He was christened as William Cawley Scase at Hingham on 7 April 1878. His birth (as William Cordy Scase) was registered in the first quarter of 1878.

His enlistment papers survive and reveal that he was 5 ft  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in tall and was working as a team man.

Having survived the Great War, William Scase eventually died in 1937.

#### Shearing, Alfred

Butler at the White Hall. Born at Castle Acre. Enlisted in A. S. C. 22 Divn. Train in February 1915. Went to France November 1915.

Alfred Irvine Shearing was born in about 1888.

He was Driver No T4/058064. In fact, military records indicate that he was posted to the Balkans. Not noted in the Register is the fact that he was hospitalised with diarrhoea (presumably dysentery), though he did survive. He appears to have died in Oakham, Rutland, in 1959.

#### Stubbings, Horace

of Nordell Corner.

Enlisted in XII Lancers in August 1914. Born in 1894. Wounded seriously. Invalided May 1916. Died at Deopham 24 January 1917.

His full name was Horace Charles Stubbings. Horace Stubbings' enlistment papers, which survive, reveal that his date of birth was in fact 25 July 1895. He was 6665 in the 12th Lancers; according to research by Chris Clarke of Deopham, he transferred to the 3rd Battalion, Royal Munster Fusiliers as Private 3/10474 on 2 June 1915.

Horace Stubbings' discharge papers, which also survive, show that he was suffering epileptic fits as a result of shell concussion; according to Clarke this was a result of a shell exploding inside a trench at Achi Baba, burying him alive, on 4 August 1915. He was discharged at Tralee on 4 January 1916. These papers tell us a little of him; he was 5 ft 5 in tall, and had grey eyes and light brown hair. His military character was described as "very good". His parents are given as William and Sally, of Hardingham. He had four younger sisters.

According to his gravestone at Deopham St Andrew, he died on 6th January 1918.

His grave is marked by a CWGC gravestone. Why he is not recorded on the War Memorial of St Andrew's, Deopham or St George's, Hardingham, will remain a mystery.

#### **Sutton, Frank Sydney**

Son of Edward J. & L. Sutton of Station Hotel. Born 1888. Enlisted August 1914 in Liverpool Rifles. Sent to France February 1915. Formerly Tailor's Cutter at Liverpool.

He was born in Norwich on 6 March 1888.

War was declared late on the evening of 4 August 1914; he had joined up by 8 August 1914. He was Private Ni 2192 in the Liverpool Rifles, then Rifleman 200470 in the 5th Battalion, The King's Liverpool Rifles.

He was described as a Tailor's Cutter in the 1911 Census. He survived the War, having married Agnes Carroll in 1916. In 1939 he was living in Liverpool working as a clothing club collector. He died in 1965.

#### Sutton, Percy Edward (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above. Born 1882. Called up May 1916 – in Suffolk.

He was born on 9 May 1883 in Norwich. In the 1901 and 1911 Censuses he was described as "Clothier assistant", as was his father. He appears to have travelled to Canada in 1910 but evidently had returned by the time of the following year's Census. He married Agnes Balls in 1913.

None of his military records appear to survive. He survived the War and in 1939 was living in Dereham and working as a clothing manager. He died in 1949.

#### Sutton, William Thomas (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above. On Army Work – as Exempt.

He was born in Norwich on 18 March 1886. In the 1901 Census he is recorded as a tailor's apprentice and in the 1911 Census as "Tailor (Maker)". By that time he had married Ellen Harrison in 1910.

In the 1939 Register he is recorded as working as a tailor and "ARP Warden remunerated". He died in 1960.

Note: The two last were living in Norwich.

## Tills, William

Son of Christmas and Louisa Tills. Born at Low Street in 1891. Enlisted in ASC MT January 1915. Went abroad January 1916 to France. He had several brothers serving who were born in this Parish but enlisted from elsewhere. One wounded and missing was never heard of again.

In fact he was born on 23 June 1890. He was baptised on 12 April 1891. He was one of seven children of Christmas and Louisa Tills. He attended Hardingham School from 6 May 1895 to 6 May 1904, leaving to become gardener at the Rectory. However by 1911 he was groom and chauffeur at The White Hall; the interest in motor vehicles evidently leading him in to the Motor Transport division of the army Service Corps.

His enlistment papers do not survive but his service number was M2/046295. He married Florence Mann, sister of Walter James Mann, q.v., shortly before the end of the War in 1918. He died in 1959.

The brother who "was never heard of again" was Henry (Harry) Tills, who was omitted from Hardingham's War Memorial but whose details have been traced.

#### Walley, Geoffrey Stephen

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Son of the Rector of this Parish. Born at Kirkthorpe Vicarage, Wakefield, Easter Day 1892. He was a Scholar at Haileybury and afterwards at Clare College Cambridge. Wrangler in June 1914.

Gazetted to the KRRC 14 August 1914. Posted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt for the War. Lieutenant February 1915. Went to France January 1915. Wounded 16 April. Wounded again seriously on 9 May. Rejoined October 1915 and served in the trenches.

Invalided home June 1916. Rejoined in July 1916. Killed in action 20 August 1916. His CO wrote "He was shot while steadying his men during a counter German attack which was successfully repulsed owing very largely to his efforts. He was well known among us as a most gallant and cool headed officer 'under fire' and he showed himself as such on 'that day'".

#### Walley, Rev Stephen Cawley

The Rector went out to France in September 1915, and served six months as Motor Ambulance Driver [or "Chauffeur" as his military records have it] with the British Red Cross Society — No 7 Convoy camped near Etaples. Went again to France in June 1917 and served with the Church Army in Peronne Huts — returning in November 1917.

His military records state that he served from 23 August 1915 to 1 March 1916. He received the 1914-1915 Star.

Stephen Walley was born on 29 November 1856 at Whittington, Shropshire, near Oswestry.

The Cambridge University Alumni records that he matriculated in Michaelmas Term, 1881 at Clare College (later attended by his son). He took his B.A. degree 1884 and his M.A. in 1888. He was ordained deacon at Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1884 and ordained as priest the following year. After a curacy in Northumberland he was vicar of Warmfield, Yorkshire, from 1889 to 1912 after which he served as Rector of Hardingham from 1912 to 1933. He died on 27 July 1936 and is buried in Hardingham churchyard. Both he and his son are commemorated in the Chancel of Hardingham Church.

In 1884 he married Mercy May.

He is recorded as having been initiated as a freemason in 1889, resigning from the Gosforth Lodge in 1891.

He died on 27 July 1936 and is buried with Mercy in Hardingham churchyard.

#### Warnes, Richard Harry

Son of James and Jane Warnes, Hackford Road. Born in 1884. Enlisted January 1915 R. A. Vet. Coprs. Staff Sergeant 1916. Went to the Mediterranean February 1915. Invalided September 1915. Rejoined January 1916. Formerly Metropolitan Policeman.

In fact he was born on 7 December 1893. He was baptised on 2 March 1884. He attended Hardingham School from 16 January 1888 to 29 October 1896, leaving to join the Post Office. By 1911 he was married and a Police Constable in East Ham, London. It is not clear what became of him after the War, but he appears to have died in 1958.

His service number was SE4293.

#### Warnes, Charles Herbert (Brother of the above)

Born 1880. Called up June 1916. Formerly Gardener at the Rectory, Clerk and Sexton at the Church.

He was born on 21 April 1890 and his baptism is recorded at Hardingham on 1 August 1880. He attended Hardingham School from 22 April 184 to 23 December 1892.

It was the call-up of Charles Warnes which prompted a laconic observation by the Rev Walley in the Parish Register of Burials that he (the Rector) had had to dig a grave himself.

He is recorded as still living in Hackford Road, Hardingham in 1939. He died on 6 October 1944 and is buried in Hardingham churchyard. Leading Aircraftman Stanley Charles Warnes, who died in 1943 and is buried in the adjoining plot in Hardingham Churchyard, was his son.

#### Websdale, Arthur

# ON THE WAR SHRINE

Of Nordell (sic) Corner. Born at Hardingham 1887. Called up April 1916. Joined XI Batt East Surrey Regiment. Son of Henry Joseph & Eliza Christiana Websdale. Formerly Gardener at Reymerston Hall. Killed 17 April 1918 with BEF

#### Websdale, Harry William.

Brother of the above. Served in the South African War with the Norfolks. Came to France with the Canadian Overseas Battalion in 1915. South African, Victoria and Edward VII Medals. Formerly farming in Canada.

His baptism is recorded at Hardingham on 28 September 1890, but he appears to have been born as early as 29 November 1880.

On his death in Mannville, Alberta, in 1928, the *Edmonton Journal* reported that he had been janitor at the Municipal Hospital for some years and that he had succumbed to a severe attack of pleurisy. "He was given a military funeral... and a large number were present to pay their respects"

He is recorded as emigrating to Canada in April 1907.

# Wells, Bertie Louis

Of High Common. Born at Dereham. Son of James and Elizabeth Wells. Called up June 1916. (Married – Wife and two children). Joined 3rd Essex Regiment. Formerly Head Gardener at the Hall.

His baptism is recorded at Dereham on 30 December 1883. His date of birth appears to have been 3 December 1883.

Military records show him as successively No 7244 the Essex Regiment, G/73114 the Middlesex Regiment and 159154 the Labour Corps. There is a note "17.11.22. Application for medals withdrawn".

He is recorded as still living in Hardingham in 1939, his occupation described as Gardener.

#### Wells, Dan

Ostler at the Station Hotel. Born at Foxley. Enlisted December 1915 in Norfolk Regiment.

He was born about 1893 the son of William and Caroline Wells. He does not appear to have been related to Bertie Louis Wells.

#### Whitehand, Arthur William

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Born at Hingham 1882. Enlisted December 1914 in the ASCV XV Brigade. Went abroad March 1915. Invalided and re-joined 1915. Died of jaundice at Belton, Grantham 2 May 1917. Sergeant 1916. Formerly a Groom.

His actual date of birth appears to have been 30 August 1881. He is recorded as having been baptised at Hingham on 2 October 1881.

#### Wilkinson, Charles Arthur

Son of Charles and Mary Jane Wilkinson of High Common. Born at Hardingham 1885. Called up June 1916. Returned to Farm Work.

He was born on 12 August 1885. He attended Hardingham School from 14 April 1890 to 30 May 1899, leaving to become an agricultural labourer.

#### Wilkinson, Frank (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above. Enlisted 1904 in R. A. M. C. 17th Company. Went to France August 1914. Wounded slightly December 1914. Worked with Field Hospital. Certificated Medical Masseur. Formerly a Gardener.

His date of birth appears to have been 28 February 1884. He was baptised at Hardingham on 4 May 1884. He attended Hardingham C of E School from 2 April 1889 to 28 July 1897, leaving to become an agricultural labourer.

His enlistment papers do not survive, but a Frank Wilkinson served with the RAMC with service number 357090, transferring to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry with number 204722.

He was described as a gardener at the time of the 1901 Census. However, he appears to have been a multi-talented individual, for there is an entry in the 1911 Census for Silksworth, co Durham, for Frank Wilkinson, aged 27, born in Hardingham, Norfolk, a draper. It has not proved possible to trace what became of him after the War.

#### Wilkinson, Thomas (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above. Born at High Common 1882. Enlisted February 1915 in 3rd Norfolks. Transferred to Essex Regiment. Went to France in September 1915. Formerly on Farm Work.

His baptism is recorded at Hardingham on 1 August 1882. He is recorded as being admitted to Hardingham C of E School on 3 May 1886, his date of birth being given as 29 April 1882. He left school on 22 November 1894 to become an agricultural labourer. He married Letitia Baldwin at Hingham in 1905. In 1911 they were living at Hackford; he was working as a Yard man on a farm, she was a dressmaker.

None of his military records appear to survive.

#### Yeomans, Donald

Son of Esau and Mary Elizabeth Yeomans. Enlisted in the Navy 1917 (Aged 18). Served on HMS "Inflexible"

He is recorded as being admitted to Hardingham C of E School on 21 November 1904, his date of birth being given as 4 November 1899. He left school on 5 January 1914 to go into agricultural work. He was baptised at Hardingham on 7 May 1900, his given names being Donald Percy Neville.

He enlisted on 9 November 1917, a few days after his 18th birthday. He is recorded as spending much of his naval career on *HMS Pembroke I* but that is a name given by the Royal Navy to a number of shore establishments, notably the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham.

HMS Inflexible was an Invincible-class battlecruiser launched in 1907 which had seen service at the Battle of Jutland. By the time Donald Yeomans joined her crew on 1 May 1918, however, there was little significant naval activity for the Invincibles, other than routine patrolling, thanks to the Kaiser's order after the Battle of Jutland that his ships should not be allowed to go to sea unless assured of victory.

Donald Yeomans will have been aboard *HMS Inflexible* on 21 November 1918 at Scapa Flow for the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet.

After the War, he is recorded as marrying Edith Neads in 1931, and in 1939 he was a Police Constable in Axbridge, Somerset. He died in 1987, leaving a not insubstantial estate of £71,195.

#### Yeomans, Lewis Francis (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above. Born at Hardingham 1895. Enlisted and went to France. Wounded 1 July 1916.

He was born on 20 June 1895 and baptised at Hardingham on 27 October 1895. He attended Hardingham School from 9 July 1900 to 20 June 1909, leaving to become an agricultural labourer. In the 1911 Census he is recorded as "Garden Boy".

He enlisted on 21 September 1914, barely six weeks after the outbreak of the War. He is recorded as standing 5 ft 8½ in tall and weighing 160 lb (11 st 6 lb). He was no 15404 in the 10th Battalion the Norfolk Regiment; he subsequently transferred to the Essex Regiment (regimental number 43975) and the Rifle Brigade (regimental number 52162).

He is recorded as suffering from shell shock and an injury to his side on 7 July 1916, and from a gun shot wound to the back on 18 July 1916.

He married Sarah Houchen in 1921 in Reymerston, at which time he was living in Newmarket. In the 1939 register he is a Police Constable in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire. He died in 1952, leaving a meagre estate of £824 12/5.

#### Yeomans, Sidney Richard (Brother of the above)

Brother of the above. Born 1884. Joined the VI Cyclists Corps of Norfolk Volunteers 1902. Served in five Volunteer Camps and was in the Reserve. Called up June 1916 and joined VII Royal Fusiliers. Severely wounded June 1917. Formerly Head Gardener at the White Hall. Discharged May 1918.

He was born on 10 July 1884 and baptised at Hardingham on 5 October 1884. He attended Hardingham School from 14 April 1890 (being nearly 6 when he started school, much older than most of the children in Hardingham at that time) to 22 July 1898, leaving to become an agricultural labourer. He was listed as a gardener in the 1911 Census, which occupation he resumed to good effect after surviving the War; he is listed in a 1933 Directory as "Head gardener to Maj B M M Edwards, MC, DL, JP, The White Lodge", and by 1939 he is listed as "Market Gardener, Own Account" at the White Hall, Hardingham.

His regimental number was GS/37357.

He married Florence Cranness in 1915. She was the sister-in-law of Robert Sent, who was killed in the Great War in 1918.

He lived to 22 December 1968 (being 82 years old when he died) and is buried in Hardingham Churchyard. His name is given both as Sidney (in the inscription relating to Florence, who predeceased him) and as Sydney (in the inscription relating to him). He left an estate of just £213.