Stilton Book of Remembrance

Honouring the men of Stilton and surrounding villages who gave their lives during both World Wars
INTRODUCTION

It is over a century since political tensions in Europe and the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand started a chain of events that led to ‘The Great War’. For the UK it started on 28th July 1914 and lasted 4 years, 3 months and 14 days until the armistice on 11th November 1918.

The war involved 135 countries.

54 million of the famous poster of Lord Kitchener were issued in August 1914. By the end of that year over a million men had volunteered. All over the country hopeful young men from villages like ours answered the call, to proudly serve and fight for the freedoms we enjoy today. Conscription was only introduced in 1916. The war would see over 10 million soldiers killed or missing in action, 20 million more wounded and nearly 8 million civilians dead. Although it was called ‘the war to end all wars’, within only 21 years the world found itself in another global conflict. Once again, the call to arms was answered from which many did not return.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Created to accompany the dedication of a new, relocated village memorial in 2019, this booklet is the result of lengthy research into the individuals commemorated. But records are not always complete and some are known to have been lost. If more information comes to light this online version will be updated.

THEY WENT WITH SONGS TO THE BATTLE,
THEY WERE YOUNG,
SRAIGHT OF LlM, TRUE OF EYE,
STDAY AND AGLOW.
ADAMS, WILLIAM

Private 8033 1st Battalion,
Northamptonshire Regiment
Born: Denton, 1885
Killed in action:
on or after 17th Sept 1914, aged 29
Husband of Margaret; son of John and
Sarah Atkins, Main Street, Denton.
Remembered: Le Ferte-Sous-Jouarre
Memorial, France. Stone 20.

ARCHER, JOHN WILLIAM BUTTS

Lieutenant 2nd Battalion,
The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)
Born: Halifax, Yorkshire, 14th March 1890
Killed in action:
16th February 1915, aged 24
Son of the Revd George and Beatrice
Butts Archer of Stilton Rectory
Remembered: Ypres (Menin Gate)
Memorial, Ieper, Belgium
Panels 12 and 14.

ATKINS, JAMES

Private 3078 2nd Battalion,
Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Born: Glatton, 1881
Died: 16th May 1915, aged 34
Son of Thomas and Fanny Atkins; brother
of Walter, Fen Street, Stilton
Buried: Cabaret Rouge British Cemetery,
Souchez, Pas de Calais, France. Grave
(marked ‘believed to be’) XXIII. AA.6.

ATKINS, WALTER

Private 30292 4th Battalion,
Bedfordshire Regiment
Born: Glatton, 1878
Died: 21st February 1917, aged 38
Son of Thomas and Fanny Atkins; brother
of James, of Fen Street, Stilton; husband
of Susan Atkins, Rutland Cottages, Back
Lane, Farcet.
Buried: Mont Huon Military Cemetery,
Le Treport, France. Grave 3.C.1

BUSBY, CHARLES

Lance-Sergeant 1 305566
1st/8th Bn, West Yorkshire Regiment
(Prince of Wales' Own)
Born: Stilton, 1879
Died: 25th July 1917, aged 38
Son of George and Alice Busby, of
Stilton; brother of James Busby.
Remembered: Mont Huon Military
Cemetery, Le Treport, France.

BUSBY, JAMES

Private 50508 2nd Battalion,
Middlesex Regiment
Born: Stilton, 1876
Died of wounds: 1st Sept 1917, aged 41
Son of George Busby, of Stilton;
husband of Annie Busby, Fletton
Buried: Wimereux Communal Cemetery,
France. Plot IV.A. 8A.

1 Shown on memorial as Private
World War 1

Clark, Ernest William

Private 7215 4th Battalion,
Australian Infantry, A.I.F
Born: Glatton, 1879
Died: 16th April 1918, aged 37
Son of John and Harriet Clark of Glatton
then Caldecote
Remembered: Villers-Bretonneux
Memorial, Somme, Picardie, France.

Darkin, Robert

Lance Corporal 14780 6th Battalion,
Northamptonshire Regiment
Died: 14th July 1916, aged 24
Son of Josiah and Alice Darkin,
Church Street, Stilton
Buried in Bernafay Wood British
Cemetery, Somme Picardie, France
Grave C.4.

Freeman, Cecil

Private G/11779 1st Battalion, The Queen's
(Royal West Surrey Regiment)
Born: Folksworth, 27th April 1888
Killed in action:
on or after 23rd April 1917, aged 28
Son of Arthur and Annie Freeman of
The Fox, Folksworth
Remembered: Arras Memorial, Arras,

Gee, John

Lance Corporal 268526 1st/7th Battalion,
Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Born: Washingley, April 1894
Died of wounds: 4th March 1917, aged 23
Son of Harry and Ellen Jane Gee,
Washingley
Buried: Bray Military Cemetery. Somme,
France. Grave II D 57.

Herbert, Albert

Private 13092 2nd Battalion,
Northamptonshire Regiment
Born: Steeple Gidding, Huntingdonshire
1st September 1894,
Killed in action: 26th April 1915, aged 20
Son of Thomas and Martha Herbert;
brother of Charles and Reginald,
Denton Lodge, Stilton
Buried: Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery,

Herbert, Charles

Private 6071 23rd Battalion,
Australian Infantry A.I.F.
Born: Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire
24th March 1887
Killed in action: 9th October 1917 aged 30
Son of Thomas and Martha Herbert;
brother of Albert and Reginald,
of Denton Lodge, Stilton
Buried: Aeroplane Cemetery, Ypres,
Belgium. Grave VII. B. 38.
**HERBERT, REGINALD**

Private 40567 2nd Battalion, 
Lancashire Fusiliers 
Born: Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire 
26th December 1888 
Killed in action: 9th October 1917, aged 29 
Son of Thomas and Martha Herbert; brother of Charles and Albert, of Denton Lodge, Stilton 
Commemorated: Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Panels 54 to 60. Stone 57.

**HOBBS, WILLIAM**

Private 28039 1st Battalion, 
Bedfordshire Regiment 
Born: Farcet, Huntingdonshire, 
24th August 1883 (twin of brother Shadwell) 
Killed in action: Monday, 23rd April 1917, aged 33 
Son of Shadwell and the late Sarah Ann Hobbs, lived Farcet and Caldecote. 

**HOUGHTON, ABRAHAM**

Sergeant Trumpeter 5129 
14th (King's) Hussars 
Born: Stilton, 1887 
Died of wounds: 26th February 1917 
Son of David and Caroline Houghton, The Boot & Shoe Inn, Fen Street, Stilton 
Remembered: Basra Memorial, Iraq, Panel 2.

**HOUGHTON, DAVID JOHN**

Trooper 145071 
Northamptonshire Yeomanry 
Born: Stilton, 1893 
Died of sickness: 1st July 1918, aged 25 
Son of Caroline and the late David Houghton, Fen St., Stilton 
Buried: Bordighera British Cemetery, Italy. Grave II. B.5.

**HOUGHTON, RICHARD**

Corporal 172342 Signal Depot (Dunstable), Despatch Rider, Royal Engineers 
Born: Stilton. 1880 
Died in Hitchin, England: Tuesday 10th April 1917, aged 37 
Resident Sheringham, Norfolk 
Son of Alfred and Eliza Houghton, George & Dragon Inn, Stilton; husband of Ethel M. Houghton, Birkenhead. 
Buried: All Saints Churchyard, Upper Sheringham, Norfolk.

**HUNT, LEONARD**

Private 16559 2nd Battalion, 
Northamptonshire Regiment 
Born: Stilton 1886 
Killed in action: 14th March 1915, aged 29 
Husband of Sarah; Son of John and Martha Hunt, Fen Passage, Stilton 
Remembered: Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 29B.
**WORLD WAR 1**

**Islip, Charles Cuthbert**

Private 24371 2nd Battalion,
Northamptonshire Regiment
Born: Stilton, 1897
Died: Loughborough, 4th October 1918, aged 21
Brother of Hubert; son of Herbert and Elizabeth Islip of Talbot Cottage, North Street, Stilton
Grave location unknown

**Islip, Hubert**

Private 23415 4th Battalion,
Bedfordshire Regiment
Born: Stilton, 1899
Died: On or after 23rd April 1917, aged 18
Brother of Charles; son of Herbert and Elizabeth Islip of Talbot Cottage, North Street, Stilton
Remembered: Arras Memorial, France. Bay 5. Course F. Stone Z.

**Jackson, Cecil Walter**

Private 393
1st Huntingdon Cyclist Battalion
Born: Stilton, 1897
Died: Stilton, 28th August 1915, aged 18
Son of Thomas and Jane Jackson of North Street, Stilton
Buried: Stilton Cemetery.

**Jinks, Charles**

Private 7370. 1st Battalion,
Northamptonshire Regiment
Born: Morborne, 1888
Died: On or after 20th August 1916
Son of James and Mary Jinks; husband of Isabel Jinks

**Pettifor, Thomas Baxter**

Private, G/13418 6th Battalion,
Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regt)
Born: Stilton, 1877
Died: 3rd May 1917, aged 39
Son of Timothy and Rebecca Pettifor, Church Street, Stilton, later Washingley
Remembered: Arras Memorial, France. Bay 7.

**Prior, David Thomas William**

Stoker 1st Class K/30930
H.M.S. Staunch, Royal Navy
Born: Stilton, 14th April 1892
Died: Sunk by U-boat UC-38, Palestine coast. 11th November 1917, aged 25
Son of Paul and Annie Prior of Folksworth, later Morborne
Remembered: Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 26
**Richardson, Ernest**

Acting Bombardier 94381  
26th Battery, Royal Field Artillery  
Born: Wistow, Hunts. 1893  
Died: 21st September 1917, aged 24  
Son of Charles and Betsy Richardson, Folksworth  
Buried: Canada Farm Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium Grave III.C.22

**Scott, Wilfred Ernest**

Private G/27957 7th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers  
Born: Bingham, Notts. 1892  
Died of wounds (gas): 13th February 1917, aged 23  
Nephew/foster son of Charles and Maria Ruff, of Stilton; husband of Lilian Scott  

**Sharpe, Herbert**

Rifleman 5593  
2nd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps  
Born: King's Cliffe, 1883  
Died of wounds: 2nd November 1914, German Field Hospital, Bousbecque, France, aged 31  
Son of Herbert and Emma Sharpe, North Street, Stilton  

**Sharpe, James William**

Rifleman, Bugler 1946  
1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps  
Born: King’s Cliffe, 1883  
Died of syncope: Bethune, France 18th March 1915, aged 30  
Son of Herbert and Emma Sharpe, North Street, Stilton  
Buried: Bethune Town Cemetery, France. Plot IV.A.82.

**Stretton, W.**

Private  
No further information known

**Thomson, Charles Nathan**

Private 9705 1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment  
Born: Stilton, 1889  
Died of wounds: 4th December 1914, aged 25  
Son of Mary Ann Abbott, of Polebrook, Oundle, Northants  

**Wells, George Albert**

Rifleman 6141 16th Battalion, London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles)  
Born: Battersea, 15th April 1882  
Died of wounds: 23rd April 1917, aged 35  
Lived Church Street, Stilton, (1891) with grandparents. Son of Walter (born Stilton) and Harriet Wells of London.  
WORLD WAR 1

Wright, Thomas James

Private 14738 6th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment
Killed in action:
26th September 1916, aged 25
Son of Mr and Mrs T. Wright, Stilton Fen;
husband of Mary M. Wright, of Church Street, Stilton
Remembered: Thiepval Memorial,
Somme, France. Pier 11A and 11D.

Named in Stilton Church but not on the plaques

Bates, Charles William

Private G/13116 6th Battalion, The Buffs, (East Kent Regt)
Born: Peterborough, 1875
Presumed Dead: 3rd May 1917, aged 41
Son of William (born Stilton) and Ellen Bates; husband of Daisy Bates
Remembered:
Arras Memorial, France. Bay 2.

Hillier, A.

No further information known

Hutton, G.A.

No further information known
Allen, Herbert William

Private 45425
18th Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers
Born: Stilton, 1898
Died: 22nd October 1917, aged 18
Son of Henry and Sarah Allen, Middlesex
Remembered: Tyne Cot Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Panels 54 to 60.

Briggs, James

Private 52923 2nd Battalion,
West Yorkshire Regiment
(Prince of Wales's Own)
Born: Stilton, 1898
Died: 28th March 1918, aged 19
Son of James and Martha Briggs.

Cullip, David James

Private 200785 1st/4th Battalion
Northamptonshire Regiment
Born: Sawtry, 1882
Died: 26th January 1921, aged 39
Son of George and Mary Cullip.
Buried: Stilton Cemetery

Eyles, Bertram Alfred

Private PO/16333
Royal Marine Light Infantry
Born: Folksworth, 26th April 1894
Died: H.M.S. Black Prince, Battle of Jutland, 31st May 1916, aged 22
Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Eyles, Addlestone, Surrey
Remembered:
Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 22

Eyles, Thomas Frederick

Private 104352
123rd Co, Machine Gun Corps
Born: Washingley, 1898
Killed in action:
26th September 1917, aged 18
Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Eyles, Addlestone, Surrey. Buried: Hooge Crater Cemetery, Ypres, Belgium, VII.K.10

Willis, Frank

Private 82858 2nd Battalion,
London Regiment, Royal Fusiliers.
Born: Stilton, 1898
Assumed dead: 24th April 1918, aged 18
Son of George and Jane Willis, Ramsey
Remembered: Pozieres Memorial, Somme, France. Panels 19 to 21.
**World War 2**

**Brown, Maurice Walter Dennis**

C/JX 351202, H.M.S. Veteran, RN  
Born: Haddon, Hunts, 21st August 1923  
Died: 26th September 1942, sunk by U-boat U-404 south of Iceland, aged 19.  
Remembered: Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent. Panel 57.2.

**Evans-Evans, Anthony Caron, DFC**

Group Captain 19018 83 Sqdn R.A.F.  
Born: Cardiff, 24th January 1902  
Died: 21st February 1945, aged 43  
Son of Anthony Arthur and Margaret Ann Evans; husband of Joyce Mary Evans-Evans, of Peterborough  

**Evans-Evans, Roland Gwynne**

Flight Lieutenant 123750 2804 Sqn R.A.F.  
Killed in action:  
2nd October 1944, aged 30  
Son of Anthony Arthur and Margaret Ann Evans-Evans; husband of Hilda Evans-Evans, of Stilton, Huntingdonshire  
Buried: Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Limburg, Belgium. Plot VI.D.16

**Fisher, John Michael**

Pilot Officer, 102556. 122 Sqn Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve  
Died: 25th January 1942, aged 23  
Son of the Revd Thomas Frederic Fisher, B.A. and Edith Marion Fisher of Llangrove, Herefordshire  
Buried: Stilton Cemetery, Grave 87.

**Jinks, Leonard Robert**

Able Seaman C\SSX 24672  
H.M.S. Pembroke  
Killed in action: 8th February 1944  
Remembered: Chatham Memorial, Panel 85. Buried: Stilton Cemetery

**Knighton, George Henry**

Gunner 834360 135 (The Hertfordshire Yeomanry) Field Regt., Royal Artillery  
Died: between 11th and 14th February 1942, aged 28  
Remembered: Kranji War Cemetery, Singapore, Plot 31.A.8 Grave marked ‘buried near here’.

**Ray, Arthur**

Lance Corporal 5891279 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment  
Died: 5th April 1945, aged 22  
Son of Arthur and Maud Ray of Morborne, Huntingdonshire  
Remembered: Morborne Cemetery.  
Buried: Rheinberg War Cemetery, Plot 12. K.21

**Scotney, Charles**

Private 13005477 Pioneer Corps, 75 Coy Auxiliary Military  
Born: Denton, 8th November 1896  
Died: 17th June 1940 RMS Lancastria, aged 43  
Son of Walter and Sarah Lizzie Scotney; husband of Winifred Scotney of Stilton  
Remembered: Dunkirk Memorial, Dunkirk, France. Column 154.
**World War 2**

**Shaw, Henry Norman**

Lieutenant 124181 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps
Died: 4th March 1942, aged 21
Son of Harry and Kathleen Shaw of Caldecote
Remembered: Heliopolis War Cemetery, Cairo, Egypt. Plot 1.F.27.

**Spriggs, Bert**

Lance Sergeant 2351903 Royal Corps of Signals, 54 H.A.A. Regt, R.A., Sig. Sec.
Died: 30th March 1944, aged 30
Son of Charles and Maria Spriggs, Stilton, husband of Joan Spriggs, of Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire.

**At the going down of the sun**

**And in the morning**

**We will remember them.**

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