

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,
STRAIGHT OF LIMB, TRUE OF EYE,
STEADY AND AGLOW.**

WORLD WAR 1

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-Sergeant¹ 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,
France. Bay 2, F4.

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,
France. Grave I. C.31.

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.

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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.
Remembered: Arras Memorial, Pas de
Calais, France. Bay 5, G4.

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
Buried: Delville Wood Cemetery, Somme,
France, Plot 28. H.4.

PETTIFOR, THOMAS BAXTER

Private, G/13418 6th Battalion,
Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Reg^t)
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

WORLD WAR 1

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
Buried: Doullens Communal Cemetery
Ext. No.1, Somme, France. Grave III.G.7.

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
Buried: Messines Ridge British Cemetery,
Belgium. Plot VI. A.48.

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
Buried :Boulogne Eastern Cemetery,
France. Plot III. B.55.

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.
Buried: Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre,
France. Plot 3. P.12.

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

WORLD WAR 1

NEITHER IN STILTON CHURCH NOR ON THE PLAQUES

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.
Remembered: Brie British Cemetery, The Somme, France. Special memorial 4.

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: Folkswoth, 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^y, 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 Sqn 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
Buried: Mierlo War Cemetery,
Netherlands. Plot VIII. D.5.

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: Leopoldsbury 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 Co^y 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.
Remembered: Brookwood Military
Cemetery, Surrey. Panel 8, Column 1.

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

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