

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

The First World War was a turning point in world history. It claimed the lives of over 16 million people across the globe and had an impact on the lives of everyone. 2014 marks 100 years since the start of the First World War, which was precipitated by the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914. Known as the 'July Crisis', the assassination sparked a diplomatic frenzy and, ultimately, led to the outbreak of the First World War on 28 July 1914, with Great Britain joining on 4 August. Unfortunately, Tarrington is not what is called a 'Thankful Village' (a village from which all their then members of the armed forces survived) and several men died during the course of the 1914 -18 war. We may never have known them, been able to shake their hand or say thank you, but read on and you will at least discover something about the lives they led.

William Bowen

Private William Bowen was a member of the Monmouthshire Regiment and he died at the age of 30 on Monday 9 April 1917. Born in Presteign Radnor, he married Gertrude Mary Bowen and the couple had three sons; William, John and Albert. William Snr moved to Tarrington shortly before war broke out and worked as a carter. When in Tarrington, the family lived at 12 Church Road, which is now Columbine Cottage. His granddaughter still has the prayer book given to him when he was in the armed services. William was at the camp in Oswestry preparing to travel overseas when he caught pneumonia and died. His widow was left with three sons under the age of five years. The firing party which was to attend his funeral in Tarrington was delayed due to bad weather but he was, nevertheless, buried with full military honours. His grandson John Bowen made numerous trips to Tarrington in his youth and scattered the ashes of his father (William's son) Albert on Private Bowen's grave.

Arthur Jones

Private Arthur Jones was a member of the Herefordshire Regiment. He was born in Tarrington and was the son of Thomas Jones, who lived at 15 School Cottages (previously 8 Foley Cottages). Arthur was a bell ringer in Tarrington and his name appears on a plaque in the tower of All Saints Church in Hereford. Following active service in France and Flanders, Arthur died from his wounds on Wednesday 24 July 1918 at the age of 21. He was buried in Senlis French National Cemetery in Oise.

Charles Mason

Private Charles Mason was also a soldier with the Herefordshire Regiment. The son of George and Mary, he too was a bell ringer in Tarrington and his name also appears on a plaque in the tower of All Saints Church in Hereford. He lived in Little Tarrington and died on Friday 03 May 1918. He was buried in the Jerusalem War Cemetery in Israel.

Alois Guldentops

Alois was in the Belgian Army and it is thought that his family came to Tarrington shortly before the war and returned to Belgium shortly afterwards. While in the village, the family lived at Tanhouse Farm and some of his younger brothers and sisters attended Tarrington School. There is no more information available at this time but enquiries are being made.

Harold Joyner

Able Seaman Harold Joyner was the son of Charles and Alice Joyner, who came from Malvern. Harold was serving in a submarine Type E13 when a compass fault led to the vessel running aground. He died on Thursday 19 August 1915 at the age of 29 and was buried in the Cemetery of the Royal Naval Hospital in Portsmouth.



HE whom this scroll commemorates
was numbered among those who,
at the call of King and Country, left all
that was dear to them, endured hardness,
faced danger, and finally passed out of
the sight of men by the path of duty
and self-sacrifice, giving up their own
lives that others might live in freedom.
Let those who come after see to it
that his name be not forgotten.

236993, PRIVATE, Arthur JONES

1/1st Battalion.

Herefordshire Regiment

Died of wounds, France & Flanders, 24/07/18

Born: Tarrington, Herefords, Enlisted: Hereford, Residence: Tarrington



George Hankins Evesham 1884 - 1922

A member of the church choir and a bell ringer,
George was also a member of the Tarrington and
Stoke Edith Rifle Club and took a keen interest in

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