



WEST WINCH

1914 - 1918

WAR MEMORIAL

Press reports, Commonwealth War Graves Commission information, and miscellaneous notes relating to the seven men whose names are inscribed on the memorial, and to others associated with West Winch parish who also died in the Great War.

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## INTRODUCTION

The principal reasons for this compilation are explained in the Norfolk Museums Service circular which is reproduced on the following page.

I have long had an interest in local and family history, and it was in connection with the latter that I visited the Norfolk Regimental Museum in Norwich during the summer of 1998. Whilst there I learned that (as far as the staff were aware) no organisation or individual had indicated that steps were being taken to ensure that the West Winch memorial was included in the project survey. As I already had information relating to the dedication of the war memorial, and to at least one of the soldiers listed on the memorial, I offered to make further enquiries. A questionnaire issued with the Museums Service letter was completed as far as practicable and returned with a note to the effect that I would forward further information in due course. I was given to understand that photographs of the memorial had already been taken by a third party - possibly a museums staff member - and spared this task. An appeal for information was published in the September 1998 issue of the Parish News, copies were posted in the West Winch Post Office, and also on the notice boards of the Social Club and the Village Hall. The appeal brought no response, and the main source of information has been copies of local newspapers held on microfilm in King's Lynn Library. These are "The Lynn Advertiser, Wisbech Constitutional Gazette, and Norfolk & Cambridgeshire Herald" - commonly known as the "Lynn Advertiser" and the "Lynn News & County Press" - commonly known as the "Lynn News". Further information has since been obtained from the recently-introduced Commonwealth War Graves Commission website.

Names of individuals who were in some way connected to the parish, other than those listed on the memorial, featured in various press reports and I considered it proper that they also receive mention.

Circumstances concerning the World War II casualties have not been investigated.

Thanks are extended to the staff of King's Lynn Library for their ever-cheerful assistance, to Chris and Derek Gibbs for downloading War Graves Commission material, to Harry Fuller for his interest, and to Paul for his help and patient toleration of a computer-illiterate parent.

West Winch  
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Norfolk War Memorials Project 1918-1998

1998 is the 80th anniversary of the end of the First World War which had affected; husbands, sons, uncles, friends; every family had lost somebody. Many of those who returned were physically or mentally scarred. In Norfolk, like the rest of the country, numerous memorials were erected over the county to commemorate the 12,000 Norfolk dead. Sometimes these took years to complete.

**The Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum is hosting a major community project through 1998 to collect photographs of all Norfolk First World War Memorials and list the names of the men they commemorate.**

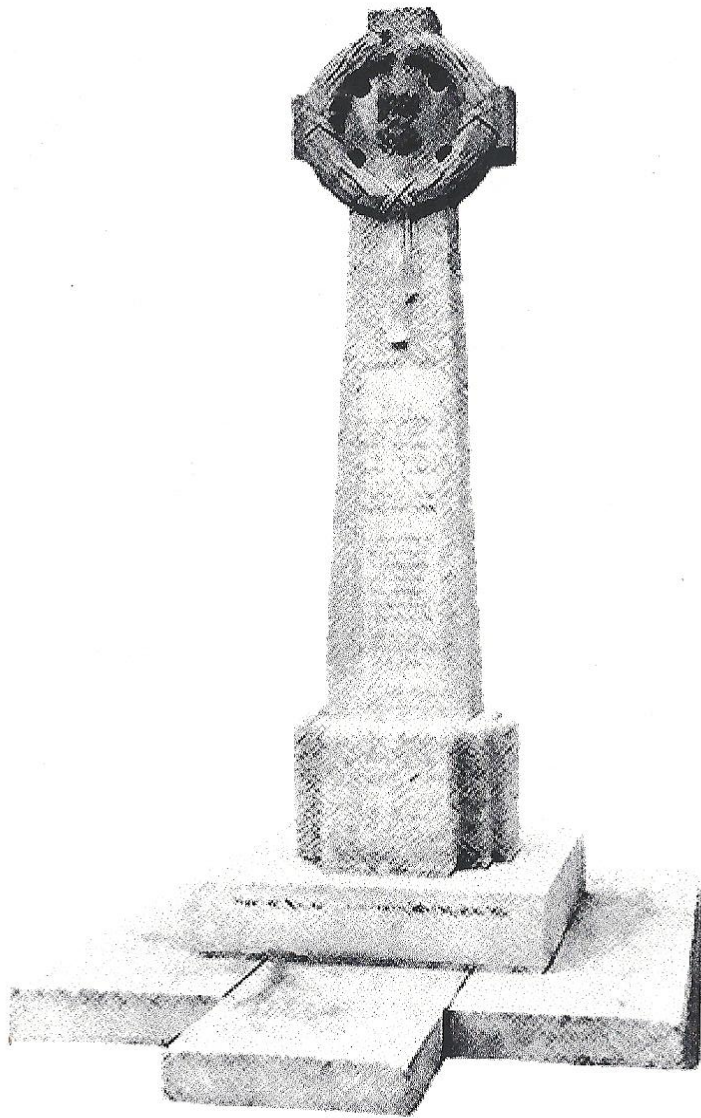
Why should we do this? The National Inventory of War Memorials is being compiled at the Imperial War Museum. Established in 1989 its aim is to list Britain's War Memorials for conservation and historical importance. The Norfolk project will feed into that survey information from this area. But in addition, it will focus on people, the names of the men on the memorial; the *raison d'être* for their existence. Of the thirty or so enquiries the Royal Norfolk Regimental Museum deals with every month, 95% are about individuals; grandfathers, uncles, even fathers. There is an increasing interest in family history and the First World War. The relatively stable population Norfolk means family names on village memorials are often still in use within the community. Where possible, we would welcome descendants of individuals listed on the memorial to be photographed with it and information about individuals recorded.

Memorials take many forms; memorial halls, windows, books, as well as the cross on a village green. Plaques were erected by companies and schools as well as local communities. It is important to record these memorials as gradually they come under threat. The school that closes, the business that gets taken over, the memorial hall no longer needed, a memorial in a building being refurbished, a plaque tucked away at the mercy of vandals. By raising awareness of local memorials and recording them, their future can be more secure.

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The memorial is situated to the west of the Parish Church of St. Mary. A stone Celtic Cross - the circular element is in the form of a laurel wreath with "1914-1918" at the centre. A panel on the west face of the tapered shaft is inscribed as follows:

TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD  
AND TO THE  
UNDYING HONOUR  
OF THE MEN  
WHO GAVE  
THEIR LIVES IN  
THE GREAT WAR  
—  
C. ARCHDALE  
W. BARRETT  
T. COWARD  
M. J. DREW  
W. E. FROST  
T. J. NEWELL  
J. T. SPAXMAN  
—  
1939-45  
H. V. MOUGHTON  
F. OAKES

**Captain Charles William Archdale**

5th Battalion attached to 7th Battalion Norfolk Regiment

Died Tuesday 20th November 1917

Memorial: Cambrai Memorial, Louveral, Nord, France. Panel 4.

Location: The small village of Louveral is on the north side of the N30 Bapaume to Cambrai road (N30), 13 kilometres north-east of Bapaume and 16 kilometres south-west of Cambrai. The Memorial stands within the Louveral Military Cemetery and takes the form of a semi-circular wall on which the names of the dead are carved. At the entrance is the following inscription in English and French:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND TO THE ENDURING MEMORY OF  
7048 OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FORCES OF THE BRITISH  
EMPIRE WHO FELL AT THE BATTLE OF CAMBRAI BETWEEN  
THE 20TH NOVEMBER AND THE 3RD DECEMBER 1917,  
WHOSE NAMES ARE HERE RECORDED BUT TO WHOM THE  
FORTUNES OF WAR DENIED THE KNOWN AND HONOURED  
BURIAL GIVEN TO THEIR COMRADES IN DEATH.

Press Reports: 30 Nov 1917; 7 Dec 1917; 8 Dec 1917; 11 Jan 1918;  
18 Jan 1918; 1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.

**Gunner 159077 William Barrett**

"C" Battery, 106th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery

Died Monday 10th September 1917, aged 20 years

Memorial: Etaples Military Cemetery, Grave Reference XXV. P. 6.

Location: Pas de Calais, France. Etaples is about 27 kilometres south of Boulogne, the Cemetery is to the north of the town on the west side of the road to Boulogne. Covering an area of 59,049 square metres, nearly 11,000 1914-18 casualties are commemorated. The graves lie below three terraces, the midmost carries the War Stone and two pylons, the highest is dominated by a Cross.

During the war the neighbourhood saw a great concentration of British reinforcement camps and hospitals, being accessible by rail from both the northern and southern battlefields. In 1917, 100,000 troops were camped among the sand dunes, and the hospitals could deal with 22,000 wounded or sick. In September 1919, ten months after the Armistice, three hospitals and the Q.M.A.A.C. Convalescent Depot remained.

Press Reports: 22 Sept 1917; 29 Sept 1917; 19 Oct 1917; 18 Jan 1918;  
1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.



**Private PO/16570 Thomas Alban Coward**

H.M.S. "*Black Prince*" - Royal Marine Light Infantry

Died Wednesday 31st May 1916, aged 21 years

Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire. Panel 22.

Location: The Memorial is situated on Southsea Common overlooking the promenade, and is accessible at all times.

Historical information: Portsmouth Memorial Register. The first part (1914) records the loss of ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy. The second part records the losses of 1915. The third fourth and fifth parts (1916, divided alphabetically into three parts) record the loss of 4,485 ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy, 567 of whom fell in H.M.S. "*Black Prince*", "*Defence*", "*Indefatigable*", "*Invincible*", "*Queen Mary*", "*Tipperary*", and "*Hampshire*", and of eight civilians employed by the Admiralty. The sixth and subsequent parts relate to later losses.

H.M.S. "*Black Prince*", a Cruiser of 13,550 tons displacement, was but one of the many British naval vessels sunk in the Battle of Jutland.

Press Reports: 18 Jan 1918; 1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.

The listing of the service arm with that of the vessel in which he served, in an account of the memorial service held following the death of Captain Archdale, provided the only clue to Private Coward's identity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission information reveals that Thomas Coward was the adopted son of Mrs. H. Randall, of West Winch.

**Private 19761 Montague John Drew**

9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment

Died Sunday 1st October 1916, aged 23 years

Memorial: C.W.G.C. Headstone, West Winch, Norfolk

Location: Churchyard of St. Mary's, opposite entrance. The church is situated on the east side of the A10 trunk road approximately 4 kilometres south of King's Lynn. The headstone is inscribed:-

19761 Private  
M. Drew  
Norfolk Regiment  
1 Oct 1916

Press Reports: 13 Oct 1916; 18 Jan 1918; 1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.

**Private 240517 William Edward Frost**

9th Battalion Norfolk Regiment

Died Monday 15th April 1918

Memorial: Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 34 to 35 and 162A.

Location: The Tyne Cot Memorial to the Missing forms the north-eastern boundary of the Tyne Cot Cemetery, which is located nine kilometres north east of Ieper (Ypres) town centre, on the Tynecotstraat, a road leading from the Zonnebeekseweg (N332).

Press Reports: 21 June 1918; 1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.

Mr. Harry Fuller (August 1998) stated that he understood Pte. Frost had been batman to Captain Archdale - it was therefore assumed that he had served with the Norfolk Regiment, and this subsequently proved to be the case. At some period when home on leave Pte. Frost is alleged to have said he would not return to what he described as "the hell-hole" and was advised by a relative of Mr. Fuller's - who had at one time been detailed as member of a firing squad - to return of his own accord or he would certainly be sent for and almost as certainly shot.

Perhaps, having experienced the horrors of trench warfare, this soldier was convinced he stood but little chance of returning from the front. It is evident that whatever misgivings he may have had, Pte. Frost did return to his unit, and made the supreme sacrifice.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission information makes no mention of Pte. Frost's age, or of relatives. It is probable - not proved - that he was the son of Henry and Sarah Frost, born at West Winch in the last quarter of 1883, and he would, therefore, have been 34 years of age.

**Driver T4/059469 Thomas J. Newell**

29th Div. Train, Army Service Corps

Died Saturday 4th September 1915, aged 34 years

Memorial: East Mudros Military Cemetery, Lemnos, Greece.

Grave Ref. II. L. 207.

Location: Lemnos is an island in the Aegean Sea lying approximately 110 kilometres south west of the Gallipoli Peninsula. East Mudros Cemetery is situated on rising ground on the north east side of Mudros and is about 1 kilometre from the village, adjacent to the Greek Civil Cemetery. Mudros is on the east side of Mudros Bay.

Due to its position, Lemnos was intimately connected with the

campaigns against Turkey. It was occupied by a force of Marines on 23rd February, 1915, in preparation for the military attack on Gallipoli. Mudros became a considerable British and French camp, and "West Mudros" was installed on the other side of the Bay; the 1st and 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospitals, the 3rd Australian General Hospital and other medical units were established in the two towns; a considerable Egyptian Labour Corps detachment was employed. After the evacuation of Gallipoli (the last of the British force left Cape Helles in January 1916) a garrison remained on the island. On 30th October, 1918, the Armistice between the Entente Powers and Turkey was signed at Mudros.

Driver Newell was the son of John and Emma Newell, of Setchey, Norfolk. A single man, he is thought to have lived with relatives in West Winch prior to enlisting. His death is recorded on the headstone erected to the memory of his parents in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Setchey: *"In loving memory of John Newell died April 22 1908 aged 62 years. Also of Emma his beloved wife who died June 5th 1912 aged 68 years. And of Thomas J. Newell Driver A.S.C. only son of the above who died in Egypt Sept. 4th 1915 aged 34 years. Rest in peace."*

A small notebook belonging to Driver Newell is deposited with the Liddle Collection in the Brotherton Library, University of Leeds. The notebook reveals that he enlisted at Norwich on 17th March 1915, and following basic training at Woolwich, sailed from Plymouth in May - bound for Egypt. In July he responded to a call for volunteers "to go to the Dardenelles with pack mules to feed the firing line" and left Alexandria for Lemnos on 3rd August. It appears that plans to land on the Gallipoli Peninsula during the night of 12th August were aborted due to heavy gunfire, and his ship diverted to the island of Imbros. The last entry in the notebook indicates that he left Imbros on 24th August, returning to Lemnos.

The notebook contains no mention of the dysentery that took his life and there is no indication that he was given the opportunity of performing the arduous duties for which he volunteered.

The War Graves Commission information concerning Driver Newell's last resting place differs from that recorded on his parents memorial and in contemporary press reports. It is likely that his relatives assumed that as he had been based in Alexandria his death occurred there.

Press Reports: 24 Sept 1915; 25 Sept 1915; 18 Jan 1918; 1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.

**Sergeant 3362 James Henry Spaxman**

2nd Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers

Died Friday 7th May 1915, aged 19 years

Memorial: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 8 and 12.

Location: Ypres (now Ieper) in the Province of West Flanders. The Memorial is situated at the eastern side of the town on the road to Menin and Courtrai. It bears the names of men who were lost during the defence of the Ypres Salient and have no known grave.

Actions in the Ypres Salient from 22nd April to 25th May are generally classified as the Second Battle at Ypres.

The initials "J.T." against Sergeant Spaxman's name on the West Winch memorial appear to be due an error in execution of the mason's work. The full name of James Henry appears in various various press reports and in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission record. A headstone in the churchyard at West Winch records the death of his parents - Thomas William and Harriet Kezia Spaxman - "And *James Henry* their beloved son/Killed in action in France/7th May 1915 aged 18". The GRO birth indexes (September quarter of 1895) also confirm him as James Henry.

Press Reports: 22 Oct 1915; 23 Oct 1915; 22 Sept 1917; 18 Jan 1918; 1 April 1921; 2 April 1921.

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The preceding seven soldiers are those who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1918 and whose names appear on the West Winch Memorial.

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Coincidence. The writer's uncle, Pte. Alfred Langley, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, was killed in action on the same day as Sgt. Spaxman - it is thought near to Zillebeke, 4 to 5 kilometres south of St. Jean where the Sgt. is reported to have died - he too is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial.

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The following four soldiers also gave their lives in the war.

Their names are mentioned in various press reports discovered in course of research and each had some tie with West Winch.

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**Private G/28630 Sydney Barrett**

1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment - 107th Labour Corps

Died Monday 19th November 1917, aged 25 years

Memorial: Rocquigny-Equancourt Road British Cemetery. Ref. I.F 24.

Location: Manancourt, Somme, France. Rocquigny and Equancourt are two villages in the Department of Somme, some 13 kilometres north of Peronne and 12 kilometres south-east of Bapaume. The Cemetery lies halfway between the two villages on the north side of the road and just west of the the crossing road from Etricourt to Ytres.

Historical information: Etricourt was occupied by British troops at the beginning of April 1917 during the German retreat to the Hindenburg line, lost on 23rd March 1918, and regained in September. The Cemetery was begun in 1917, and used (mainly by the 21st and 48th Casualty Stations, posted at Ytres) until March 1918 and then to a small extent by the Germans, who knew it as "Etricourt Old English Cemetery" and resumed by the British in September 1918. There are nearly 2,000 1914-18 war casualties commemorated on this site. A small number are unidentified.

Press Reports: 18 Jan 1918; 23 Nov 1918

Private Barrett was the son of Fanny Elizabeth Barrett of 2 Ladysmith Cottages, West Winch, and the late Henry Barrett. Sydney Barrett is among the names inscribed on the Middleton War Memorial.

**Private 21913 Charles Davis**

Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Died Friday 30th March 1917, aged 37 years

Memorial: Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 3.

Location: The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg-d'Amiens Cemetery, Boulevard du General de Gaulle, in the western part of the town of Arras. The Memorial commemorates almost 35,000 casualties of the British, New Zealand and South African forces who died between Spring 1916 and 7th August 1918, with the exception of the casualties of the Battle of Cambrai in 1917, and who have no known grave. Designed by Lutyens, it consists of a cloister 380 ft. long, built up on Doric columns facing west. The names of the casualties are carved on stone panels fixed to the cloister walls.

Press Reports: 20 April 1917; 21 April 1917

Son of James and Prudence Davis, husband of Lilian M. Davis, of 27 Villiers Street, Leamington Spa.. Pte. Davis is among those commemorated on the war memorial in the Tower Gardens at King's Lynn.

**Private 28983 John (Jack) Robert Dunnett**

Bedfordshire Regiment

Died Tuesday 23rd October 1917, aged 35 years.

Memorial: Kernmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Grave Reference/Panel Number: F.9.

Location: The Cemetery is located 8 kilometres south of Ieper on a road leading from the Kemmelseweg (N331), connecting Ieper to Kimmel. The cemetery lies on the right hand side of the Nieuwstraat, 500 metres from its junction with the Reningelstraat, in Kimmel village.

Near to Kimmel is Mont Kimmel the eastern-most of a range of low hills between Bailleul and Poperinghe. The village and hill were the scene of fierce fighting in the latter half of 1918, both British and French forces being engaged. The cemetery was used from 1914 until March 1918 by Divisions fighting on the southern sectors of the Belgian front. It fell into enemy hands in April 1918 and recaptured later in the year; in the interval it was severely shelled, and the old Chateau destroyed. There are over 1000 1914-18 casualties commemorated.

Press Reports: 22 Dec 1917; 18 Jan 1918

This soldier's name is inscribed on the North Runcton war memorial which is situated in the churchyard there. A report of the unveiling and dedication of this memorial appeared in the Lynn Advertiser of 10 December 1920. He is erroneously listed as John *William* in the report. The son of John and Louisa Dunnett of Forncett St. Peter, Norwich, his name is also inscribed on the war memorial there.

**Private 223325 John Smith Sampher**

Middlesex Regiment

Died Thursday 23rd August 1917, aged 37 years

Memorial; St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen.

Grave Reference/Panel Number: P. II. H. IIB.

Location: St. Sever Cemetery and Extension is situated about 3 kilometres south of Rouen Cathedral, a short distance west of the road from Rouen to Elbeuf. on Rue Stanislas De Jardin. St. Sever is part of Le Petit Quevilly.

During the 1914-18 War, A Base Supply Depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were established at Rouen. British camps and hospitals were situated on the southern outskirts of the city. The hospitals included eight General, five Stationary, one British Red Cross

and one Native Labour Hospital, remained in almost all cases for the whole of the war. The great majority of the dead from these hospitals were buried at St. Sever, and in September 1916 it was found necessary to begin using the Extension. The last burial took place in April 1920, and there are over 8,500 1914-18 casualties commemorated on this site. The War Stone is on the boundary of the original Cemetery and Extension, facing the City of Rouen War Memorial. The Cross is raised on a terrace on the further side of the Extension. A cruciform Chapel surmounted by a dome is situated in the centre of the Extension.

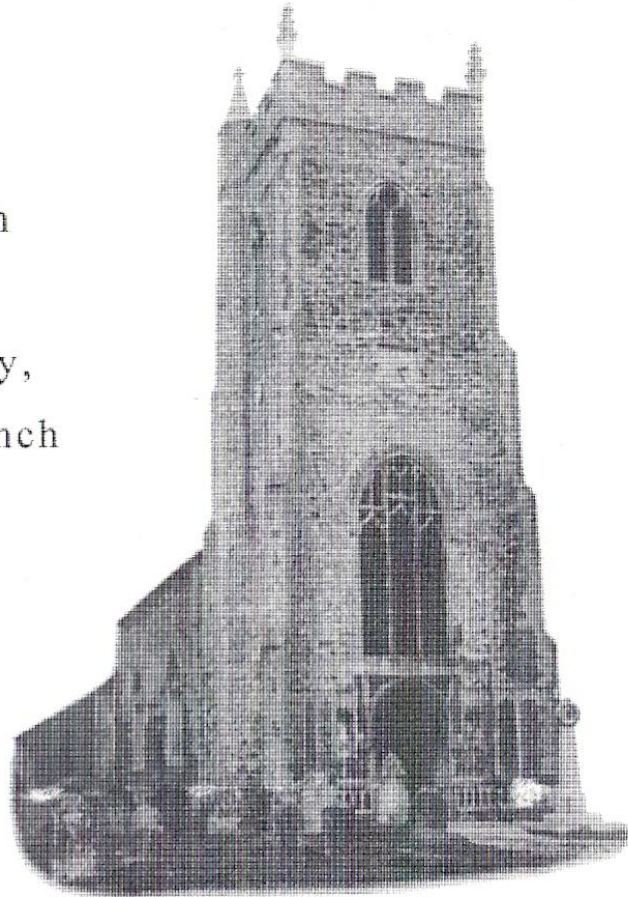
300 1939-45 War casualties are also commemorated on this site.

Press Reports: 17 Aug 1917; 31 Aug 1917; 1 Sept 1917

Pte. Sampher's name may be seen on the war memorial in the Tower Gardens, King's Lynn.

His name is also inscribed on the North Runcton war memorial - the reason for this has not been established.

Church  
of  
St. Mary,  
West Winch

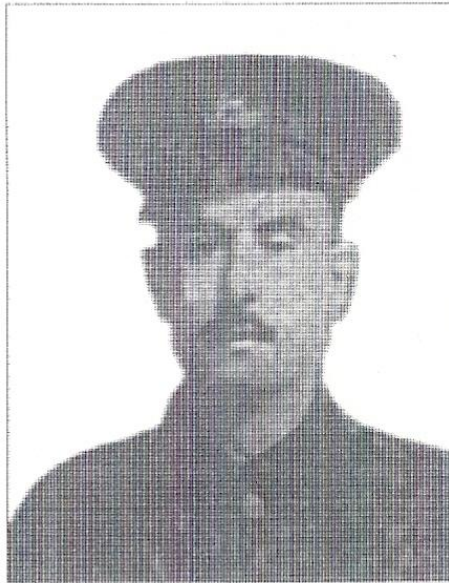


We are the Dead. Short days ago  
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow  
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
 To you from failing hand we throw  
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
 If ye break faith with us who die  
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields.

John Macrae



Pte. Charles Davis  
 Royal Warwickshire Regiment  
 Killed in Action 30 Mar 1917

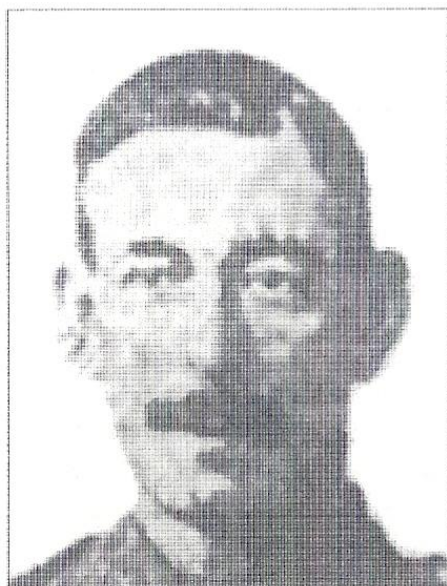


Sgt. James Henry Spaxman  
 Northumberland Fusiliers  
 Killed in Action 7 May 1915



Pte. John Sampher  
 Middlesex Regiment  
 Died of Wounds 23 Aug 1917





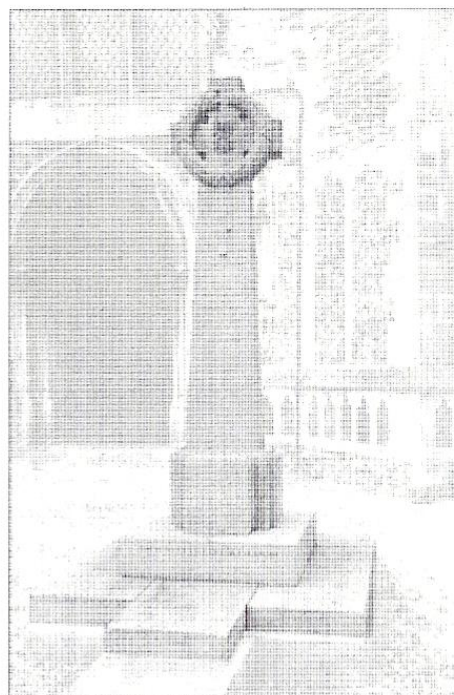
Pte. John Dunnett  
Bedfordshire Regiment  
Killed in Action 23 Oct 1917

The firefly haunts were lighted yet,  
As we scaled the top of the parapet,  
But the east grew pale to another fire,  
As our bayonets gleamed by the foemen's wire,  
And the sky was tinged with gold and grey,  
And under our feet the dead men lay,  
Stiff by the loop-holed barricade  
Food of the bomb and the hand grenade,  
Still in the slushy pool and mud -  
Ah, the path we came was a path of blood,  
When we went to Loos in the morning.

Patrick MacGill.



Gnr. William Barrett  
Royal Field Artillery  
Died of Wounds 10 Sept 1917



## PRESS REPORTS

**Deaths****Lynn Advertiser - 24 Sept 1915**

NEWELL, 4th September, Alexandria, of dysentery, Driver T.J. Newell, A.S.C., of Setch, aged 34 years.

**News of Local Soldiers****Lynn News - 25 Sept 1915**

Local Guardians Death. Mr. Thomas Newell, the guardian and rural councillor representing Setch in the Freebridge Union, has laid down his life for his country. While serving with the troops at Dardanelles he was taken ill and died. He joined the Army since the outbreak of war. At yesterdays meeting of the Freebridge Lynn Rural District Council the chairman (Mr. J. Duncan) expressed deep sorrow at the sad news, and the council placed on record their regrets at the loss of a gallant fellow member. The resolution, which included an expression of sympathy with the relatives, set forth that Mr. Newell was greatly respected by the guardians and councillors for his soundness and fairness in any matter which came before his notice at the meetings, combined with a quiet and pleasant manner, which intensified the members sorrow at his early and sad demise.

**Local Casualties****Lynn Advertiser - 22 Oct 1915**

Sergeant J.H. Spaxman. News has been received of the death of Sergeant James Henry Spaxman, 3362, C Company, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Spaxman, of Rosendell, West Winch. He was killed in action in France on 7th May. He was 19 years of age, and would have been 20 on 14th August. Soon after leaving school he joined the Royal Army Medical Corps at the age of 16. Six months later he transferred to the company of the 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers in which his elder brother was serving. He proceeded to India about two years ago, and returned to England last January. After spending three days at home on leave, he left for France with his regiment. On 7th May he was reported to be missing. Mrs. Spaxman made enquiries through the British Red Cross Society, and these tended to show that the missing soldier had been killed. Private J. Taylor, of C Company, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, wrote to Mrs. Fletcher, of Honing, sister to the late sergeant, stating, "I am very sorry indeed about

your poor brother Jim, who got killed not far from me in the trenches at St. Jean, near Ypres, on 7th May. It was while the Germans were attacking us just at day-break on the above date. Our lads saw them when they were about 40 yards off, so we at once got at them with a very heavy rifle fire. Our boys were that pleased knocking them over in heaps that they were laughing like anything, and I am very sorry to say your brother Jim, as I used to call him, got a bullet in the head, so I think he died as a British soldier should die, - with a smile on his face."

Last week an official intimation was received from the War Office saying that Sergeant Spaxman was killed in action on 7th May.

Sergeant Spaxman's eldest brother is Colour Sergt. Arthur Thomas Spaxman, of the 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, and a younger brother is Lance-Corporal Cyril E. Spaxman, of the 6th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.

On Sunday afternoon a memorial service to Sergt. Spaxman was conducted in West Winch church. A large congregation was present, and the vicar (Rev. W.T. Gifford), who officiated, made sympathetic reference to the dead soldier, who was well known to him. He also read the following letter which was written from Sergt. Spaxman to his mother before his death:

"We can thank God that England has been saved from invasion. No-one can imagine the horror, the wanton destruction of our merciless foe; nothing is too large, nothing too small or insignificant, but the invader of this one-time beautiful country is only too eager to lay in ruins; beautiful churches, splendid buildings, even the smallest meanest cottage, have all suffered the same fate. The scenes of destruction seem more pitiful by night than day. Peaceful little villages have been shelled to the ground; every single house shares the same fate. We are in the foremost of the fighting, and thereby see the greater destruction; it must wring the hardest heart. As much as I dearly love my home and yearn for happy days there, I offer my life willingly as my share in putting an end to such a merciless army. If only all the manhood in England could be made to witness this district, I think that all England would arm itself against the invader that might be in years to come. I am pleased to say I have escaped any injury up to the present, I have had my narrow escapes, of course, but I am not going to relate any hair-breadth escapes, which seem to be the delight of some fellows when writing. It makes one sad to see the ranks thinned of comrades with whom we have been living as brothers almost, but the next feelings are of avenging each one of them."

**Field of Honour****Lynn News - 23 Oct 1915****West Winch Soldiers Death**

Official news was received last week by Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Spaxman, of Rosendell, West Winch, that their fourth son, Sergt. James Henry Spaxman, C Coy, 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers, had been killed in action of May 7. The deceased soldier, who was 19 years of age, had previously been reported missing on May 8.

He was a promising soldier and had rapidly been promoted from lance-corporal to sergeant. He joined the R.A.M.C. about four years ago and then transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers, being in India when the war broke out. He went to France in January.

**District News - West Winch****Lynn Advertiser - 13 Oct 1916**

The Late Private Drew. The funeral took place on Thursday, 5th October, at the parish churchyard, of Private Montague John Drew, of West Winch Common. He was 23 years of age, and joined the forces on 19th July 1915. He went to France in the following December, and about a fortnight ago he was severely wounded, his leg being partly blown away. He was brought to the Racecourse Hospital, Cheltenham, where he died from his injuries on 1st October. The coffin, which was carried from his home by soldiers from a Welsh regiment, was covered with the union jack. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. Drew (father and mother), Driver Clifford Drew, A.S.C., Mr. Dick Drew (brothers), Mr. and Mrs. Howes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Drew, Mr. and Mrs. T. Drew, Mrs. F. Allflatt, Mr. W. Cross Bardell, Miss J. Drew, Mrs. L. Allflatt, Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Mr. Godfrey, Miss Godfrey, Mr. Bussen, Mr. and Mrs. Bussen, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, Mr. Claxton Smith, Mrs. and Miss Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Greaves. The floral tributes were inscribed: Loving sympathy from father and mother; Loving memory from grandfather and grandmother; With love from uncle Jack, aunt Nellie, uncle Tom aunt Georgie.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew wish to thank all friends for sympathy extended to them in their sad bereavement.

**District News - West Winch****Lynn Advertiser - 20 April 1917**

A Soldiers Death. News has been received that Charles Davis, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, youngest son of the late Mr. James Davis, of West Winch and 1 Regent Street, Lynn, market gardener, was killed on Friday 30th March. In a letter to Mrs. Davis, Sergt. T. Darling says:-

"I suppose you will be surprised to have this letter from me, but I think it my duty to write a few lines. I have much regret in telling you that Mr. Davis was killed on Friday, 30th March, about 11 o'clock in the morning. Perhaps it will give you a little satisfaction to know that with the help of some of the chaps from his platoon we managed to bury him decently. We always found him to be a good, steady and reliable man, and we feel his loss deeply. Regretting having to send you such painful news."

**Field of Honour**

**Lynn News - 21 April 1917**

**Lynn Man Killed**

Pte. 21913 Charles Davis, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, son of the late Mr. James Davis, of West Winch, and Mrs. Davis, of 1 Regent Street, is reported to have been instantaneously killed in action on March 30. The information came to his wife in Leamington and his brother at West Harling from two sergeants in the regiment, who added information as to the military funeral that followed. The deceased, who was 37 years of age, was a clerk at Setch Brewery in his early days. Later he was a waiter at the "Red Lion" hotel, Hunstanton, and for the past nine or ten years he had been head waiter at a Leamington hotel. He entered the army in October last and went to the front in January.

**Deaths**

**Roll of Honour**

Killed in action, March 30, Pte. Charles Davis, Royal Warwicks (of Lynn), 37.

**District News - West Winch**

**Lynn Advertiser - 10 Aug 1917**

Missing. Pte. Cyril Wm. Spaxman, of Rosendale, West Winch, has been officially notified as missing since 10th July last.

**District News - West Winch**

**Lynn Advertiser - 17 Aug 1917**

Wounded. Pte. John Sampher, whose wife lives at Ivy House, Rectory Lane, has been wounded in France, where he is now in hospital. He received a rifle bullet in the shoulder, and is also suffering from pneumonia and chest trouble, being seriously ill.

**Local Casualties****Lynn Advertiser - 31 - Aug 1917**

News has been received that Pte. John Sampher, son of the late Mr. T.T. and Mrs. Sampher, of Lynn, died of wounds in France on 23rd August. Before enlisting he was a farmer at West Winch. He leaves a wife and three children. A sister of the hospital to which Sampher was admitted wrote home stating that in spite of great suffering he was very bright, and was on the way to recovery when, he took a turn for the worse.

**Field of Honour****Lynn News - 1 Sept 1917****Pte. John Sampher A Victim**

Pte. 223325 John Sampher, Middlesex Regt., died in Rouen hospital on Thursday last from wounds received about three weeks ago. The first intimation stated that he had been wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel. Later, news came from himself hoping for the best. Two operations had to be resorted to and all seemed to be going well, but pneumonia super-vened and death occurred as stated. Doctors and nurses all thought he might have pulled through, for not only had he a strong constitution but he was determined for the sake of his wife and three children to live if at all possible. A letter from a chaplain, received by the wife on Monday announcing that death had taken place, and official notification came a day later. The deceased was the son of the late Mr. T.T. Sampher, of Lynn, fish merchant and farmer, and of Mrs. Sampher. He himself for a time had a small farm at Middleton. Later he removed his family to Ivy House, Rectory Lane, West Winch, intending, had he lived through these arduous times, to take another farm. Letters from the Sister-in-charge of the hospital and from the chaplain express sympathy with those that are left, coupled with regrets that all efforts made to save him, and his own plucky struggle for life, should have been in vain. Pte. Sampher had been in the Army since February last and in France but six weeks. He died the day before his 38th birthday.

**The Field of Honour****Lynn News - 22 Sept 1917****West Winch Soldiers Death**

Official intimation has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Barrett, of Mill Lane, West Winch, that their only son, Gnr. 159077 Wm. Barrett, R.F.A., who was wounded on September 1, died on the 10th while

undergoing an operation. The Rev. H.E.K. Fry, C.F., writing on September 1, told of the gunner being ordered to a dressing station, badly wounded near the hip, and added that the wound would take a long time to heal, but that the patient being strong and healthy, should pull through all right. Then came a letter from the soldier himself, stating that he was getting on well and hoped soon to be about again. Subsequently, however, a communication was received from the Rev. H.E.K. Fry and one from Sister L. Griffith, No. 4 General Hospital, telling of the death of the gunner in that institution at 8.30 p.m. on September 10. "You must be proud of him," wrote the chaplain; "he has died nobly and faithfully in the service of his country." The Sister wrote that although the wound was severe no immediate danger had been apprehended, and that it had been thought that though his illness might be a long one he might have been sent to England later on. A day or so before his death he had had a good day, she added, and had talked to her of King's Lynn. She offered to write for him, but he preferred to send a letter himself. The deceased, who was 20 years of age, joined the Army on September 9, 1916, and went to France on May 30 last. When he joined up he was working as a labourer for Mr. J.R. Roofe, Hardwick, and before that was an assistant to Mr. E. Large, then a hairdresser, in Norfolk Street, Lynn, and for the past fourteen months in France with M.T., A.S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Spaxman, of "Rosendell", West Winch, have received a card from their son, Pte. Cyril Spaxman, Norfolks, att. Northants Regt. (posted as missing on July 10), stating he is a prisoner in Germany and is perfectly well. The card is dated July 15, but it took nearly seven weeks to reach the anxious parents. Mr. and Mrs. Spaxman have lost one son during the war and have another, Lieut. O.T. Spaxman, serving in East Africa.

**Deaths: - Roll of Honour**

**Lynn News - 29 Sept 1917**

BARRETT. Died of wounds, in France, on September 10, 1917, Gnr. William Barrett, R.F.A., the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Barrett, of West Winch, aged 20.

**Local Casualties - Official**

**Lynn Advertiser - 19 Oct 1917**

Died of Wounds: Royal Field Artillery; 159077 Gnr. W. Barrett.

**Local Casualties****Lynn Advertiser - 30 Nov 1917**

Capt. C.W. Archdale

We regret to learn that Captain C.W. Archdale, Norfolk Regiment, has been killed in action in France. An intimation from the officer commanding his battalion states that he was shot while leading his men, and died instantly.

He was the second son of Major Charles Archdale, of Coltishall, and younger brother of the late Captain G.P. Archdale, of Lynn. He was a partner in the firm of Hogge and Seppings, of the Setch Brewery, and resided at West Winch. Much sympathy will be felt with his wife and children and other relatives.

**Local Casualties****Lynn Advertiser - 7 Dec 1917**

Captain C.W. Archdale

Captain Charles William Archdale, Norfolk Regiment (killed in action Nov. 20-21, as recorded last week), was the youngest and only surviving son of Major Charles Archdale, late 85th L.I., of Coltishall, Norfolk. He was 31 years of age and was educated at Hailybury. In 1899 he enlisted in the 44th Company Imperial Yeomanry, and saw service in South Africa. On the outbreak of the present war he enlisted in the Public Schools Corps, passed through the Inns of Court O.T.C., and received his commission in the Norfolk Regiment in 1915. His Colonel writes: "He was doing splendid work at the time, and his company, owing largely to the excellent training he had given them, were doing even more than was expected of them.... Everyone in the battalion speaks most warmly of him." Captain Archdale leaves a widow and five sons.

**Deaths: - Roll of Honour****Lynn News - 8 Dec 1917**

Killed in action, Nov 20-21, Capt. Charles William Archdale, Norfolk Regiment (of West Winch).

**The Field of Honour****Lynn News - 22 Dec 1917**

North Runcton Man Killed

Miss Dunnett, of North Runcton, has received the sad news that her brother, Pte. 28983 Jack Dunnett, Bedfordshire Regt., was killed instantaneously by a shell-burst on October 23. Captain Holbrook in a sympathetic letter states that at 7.30 at night the soldier was working in front of his trench when the shell burst near him. "We are all sorry to lose him," the captain adds, "Everybody in the company liked him, and



I have always found him a good soldier while he has been under my command." A letter from the chaplain of the regiment, Capt. R.B. Parslew, says: "He died as a true soldier, doing his duty bravely to the last, and we, his comrades and friends, wish to express to you and yours our sincere sympathy. I took the service at his burial (in the British cemetery at Kernmel, 12 miles from Ypres), at which the whole company and others of his comrades voluntarily attended, showing what respect and honour he was held by his comrades..." The late private had been a gardener for Mr. H.A. Leake at West Winch for 13 or 14 years. He joined the Army on March 21, 1916, and went to France on July 24 the same year. After leave he returned to France on October 10, just less than a fortnight before his death.

**District News - West Winch**

**Lynn Advertiser - 11 Jan 1918**

A memorial service for Capt. Charles W. Archdale, Norfolk Regiment, and for others belonging to the parish who have fallen during the war, will be held on Monday 14th January, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at St. Mary's church, West Winch.

**District News - West Winch**

**Lynn Advertiser - 18 Jan 1918**

Memorial Service. A very impressive service was held in the parish church on Monday afternoon in memory of the late Captain C.W. Archdale, of the Norfolk Regiment, and a number of local soldiers who have also given their lives for their country, viz: Sergt. J.H. Spaxman, Northumberland Fusiliers; Pte. S. Barrett, Labour Battalion; Gunner W. Barrett, R.F.A.; Pte. T.A. Coward, R.M.L.I. (H.M.S. Black Prince); Pte. M.J. Drew, Norfolks; Pte. J. Dunnett, Bedfordshire Regiment; and Driver T.J. Newell, A.S.C. The members of Capt. Archdale's family who attended were his three sons, Miss H. Archdale and Mrs. Bett (sisters), Miss Edith Bagge (aunt) and Mr. G.F. Archdale. Relatives of the men mentioned were also present, and the congregation included the Mayor and Mayoress of Lynn (Mr. and Mrs. P.T. Chatterton), Col. and Miss Seppings, Col. G.F.A. Cresswell and Major Coxon (representing the Norfolk Regiment), Mr. A.E.H. Birch, Mrs. H.A. Digby, Mrs. and Miss Leake, Mr. F.H. Partridge, Mr. H.L. Little, Mr. G. Godfrey, Mr. H.G. Winearls, Mr. T. Maule and the staff and employees of the Setch Brewery. The Rev. E.M. Plumtre, rector of North Runcton, conducted the service, Mrs. Plumtre led the choir, and Miss Grove was at the organ. Portions of the Burial Service and intercessory prayers were used,

and the 39th Psalm was chanted. The hymns sung were "The strife is o'er the battle won", and "For all the saints who from their labours rest". At the conclusion of the service the organist played the "Dead March," accompanied by a drummer of the Welsh Regiment, after which buglers of the same regiment, stationed in the porch, sounded the "Last Post". Following the Blessing, the "Reveille" was sounded.

**Local Casualties - Official Lists      Lynn Advertiser - 21 June 1918**

Missing:    Norfolk Regiment. 240517 [Pte.] W.E. Frost (Lynn)

**District News - West Winch                      Lynn Advertiser 1 Aug 1919**

The Peace Day Celebrations consisted of a free tea and sports for all children, local soldiers and sailors, and aged folks of the parish. About 285 persons sat down to a tea in the barn lent by Mr. George Godfrey, who also lent his pastures for the sports, etc. During the afternoon and evening an excellent programme of sports was carried out, the committee working hard in order to make the programme a success. Each child between the ages of 4 and 14 years received a beaker, with each of which, Mr. P.T. Hodgson, chairman of the Sports Committee, gave a 1919 sixpenny piece. Over £53 pounds was raised for the Peace Day celebrations, Mr. James Candlish acting as treasurer. A vote of thanks to Miss Leake for distributing the prizes was proposed by the secretary (Mr. J.H. Shinkfield), and carried unanimously. Cheers were given for Mr. Godfrey for lending his barn and fields, and for all who had helped. On Monday 21st July, a further tea and also sports were provided. Mr. P.T. Hodgson presented the prize and a sum of £4 9s 3d was raised by the sale of provisions left over. A parish meeting was held on Monday to go through the accounts. These were presented by the secretary and showed a balance of £5 2s 1d in hand. Mr. H.A. Leake, who presided, thanked the committee for all their work. It was decided that the balance in hand should supplement the Memorial Fund about to be raised in the parish. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting.

**In Memoriam    Lynn News - 23 Nov 1918**

In loving memory of Pte. S. Barrett, 107th Labour Corps, who was accidentally killed in France, November 19th, 1917.

**District News - West Winch                      Lynn Advertiser 19 Dec 1919**

Memorial To The Fallen. At a meeting of the collectors and others, held

in the Schoolroom, on Monday evening, Mr. H. A. Leake was asked to act as treasurer, and the sum of £48 6s 11d was handed over to him, being the result of the parish collection, as far as yet received. Mrs. Archdale, Mrs. Drew and Miss Leake were appointed a committee to obtain particulars of suitable memorials for consideration of a meeting of all subscribers, to be held early in the new year.

#### **Death**

**Lynn News - 12 Feb 1921**

THOMPSON. At West Winch, February 5th, Corpl. Harry Thompson, aged 22.

#### **Ex-Service Man's Death**

**Lynn Advertiser - 18 Feb 1921**

The funeral took place on Wednesday, 9th inst., of Ex-Cpl. H. Thompson, aged 28, who died on Saturday, 5th inst., after a lingering illness, caused by being gassed during the war. The Rev. T.W. Gifford officiated and the funeral was arranged by the N.F.D. & D.S. & S., King's Lynn Branch<sup>1</sup>. Ex-Sergt. C.D. Moore, secretary, was in charge, and the undermentioned, all ex-service men, were the pall-bearers: A. Couperthwaite, E. Suter, A. Hearn, F. Rockett, F. West and W. Whiley. The funeral was largely attended by relatives, friends, and ex-service men. The "Last Post" was sounded by Buglers Collison and English. The floral tributes were numerous.

#### **West Winch War Memorial**

**Lynn Advertiser - 1 April 1921**

##### **The Unveiling Ceremony**

In the churchyard at West Winch, and occupying a prominent position near the west door of the church, stands a rustic Celtic cross of Hopton Wood stone. This is the memorial which the parishioners have erected to the seven men who lost their lives in the Great War. The cross, which is 9ft high and stands on two steps (the lower of which is 5ft. 3in. square), has been executed and erected to a design by Lieut. C.G. Ambler, son-in-law of the rector (Rev. W.T. Gifford) by Mr. E.J. Case of Lynn. The names of the fallen soldiers appear on the tapering shaft of the cross as follows: Charles Archdale, William Barrett, Thomas Coward, Montague J. Drew, William E. Frost, Thomas J. Newell, James T. Spaxman.; on the second step are the words "Their name liveth for evermore."

The memorial was unveiled on Monday afternoon. The ceremony was to have been performed by Master Charles Archdale, son of Capt. Archdale, who was killed in the war; but owing to indisposition he was

unable to do so; his place was therefore taken by the rector of South Lynn (Rev. Canon A.H. Hayes), who also dedicated the cross. A service was held in the parish church, which was filled to its utmost capacity, seats being reserved for the relatives of the dead men and for a number of discharged soldiers. Whilst the congregation was assembling the organist (Mr. C.H. Plowright) played Mendelsohn's "O rest in the Lord" and variations on the same composition. The service, conducted by the Rector, consisted of special prayers and hymns; the latter included "O valiant hearts who to your glory came," Psalm 130 ("Out of the deep") and a lesson read from Wisdom 3, "But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God," by Rev. H.F. Chaplin, of Lynn. The congregation included Messrs. H.A. Leake and H.L. Little (churchwardens), Lieut. C.G. and Mrs. Ambler, Miss Leake, Miss M. Leake, Mrs. Archdale, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. E.J. Case and others.

In course of his address, Rev. Canon Hayes said they were met together that day in God's house to do honour to the brave sons of West Winch who gallantly laid down their lives for love of their home and their country. They remembered - for they could not forget - the terrible years of the great war, when time after time they said good-bye to the men and lads of their towns and villages who were nearest and dearest. And to the men of this village who never came back they were, that day, dedicating a cross as a lasting memorial. It was well that they should do so, because it was an outward symbol of their gratitude. It was through the self-sacrifice of the dead that no invading army landed on these shores; it was through those men that we were spared the sufferings, the sorrows and horrors of war in our midst. A Belgian poet had written: "Though our voices break, though our eyes may burn, though our brains may turn, yet we can go on; we gladly and thankfully raise a memorial in gratitude for what they have achieved for us. We can speak out of grateful hearts for the lives laid down and for sufferings cheerfully borne. In our sight they climbed the great peaks of honour which we had too much forgotten, - duty, patriotism, sacrifice. We thank them, we thank God for them." It was a happy thought that had led them to hold this service at Eastertide, when the church was decorated with flowers, the emblems of which would help them, as they saw the names on the memorial, to think of the blessed message of comfort and peace which Easter brought to all true and faithful Christian hearts. There were those amongst them who said we did not want these memorials, and that we did not want to remember anything about the war. Who were the people saying this?

Those who probably never raised a finger in the war, those who never went themselves, and those who never gave one who was near and dear; they could not sympathise with others who had suffered loss. It was well that those who could never forget, those who lost their nearest and dearest, should erect these lasting memorials to tell of men's devotion and sacrifice for justice and freedom, for the weak and defenceless. Then there was a duty laid on every-one of them; they must strive to copy the example of those men, and they must pray for God's help to sacrifice self and to live for their fellow men. Whilst they may not know where their dead lay, they left their souls in the care of the loving and merciful Father, who would cleanse them from their sins and would accept their sacrifice.

After the Dead March from "Saul" had been played, the congregation moved to the churchyard; the ex-service men led, and were followed by relatives of the fallen and others with floral tributes. Rev. Canon Hayes then removed the Union Jack which enveloped the shaft of the cross and uttered the dedicatory prayer. Following the Grace, Pte. S.R. English, of the 5th Royal Norfolk Territorial Regt., sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille."

Beautiful floral tributes were placed on the steps of the cross as follows:

Mrs. Archdale; Rev. W.T. and Mrs. Gifford and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford-Ambler, "In honoured memory," from Mr. and Mrs. Leake and family; "To Pte. Willie Frost, with kind remembrance from Percy and May"; "In loving memory of our dear son, John, 1976, 9th Norfolk Regiment, who died at Cheltenham, Red Cross Hospital, from wounds received in France, 1916"; "In affectionate remembrance, to dear Billie, with love from mother, father, sisters, Stan, Clem and Eric. 'Rest well, dear heart. He is not dead, but sleepeth'"; Mr. and Mrs. Shinkfield and Doreen; "In ever loving memory of dear Jamie, from all at home"; "In grateful memory of our fallen heroes, from the Manor House"; Miss Archdale; "In loving memory of dear Tom, a tribute of love and remembrance, from his cousins Leonard and Laura. 'Until the day breaks'"; and "In remembrance of the fallen, from the ex-service men of this parish."

The committee responsible for the erection of the memorial were Miss Leake, Mrs. Archdale, Mrs. Drew, Lieut. Amble and Messrs. T. Cooper and Spaxman, The subscriptions were collected by Miss Leake, Mrs. Tann and Mrs. Groom.

**District News - West Winch**

**Lynn News 2 April 1921**

**War Memorial Unveiled**

Easter Monday was the day chosen for the dedication and unveiling of the Cross erected in memory of the West Winch men who fell during the war. In spite of the unfavourable weather and biting wind, a considerable crowd gave up a portion of the holiday and assembled in the church and outside to do honour to the men of the village whose lives were laid down in the great struggle.

The memorial which has been placed outside the west door of the church consists of a white cross of Hopton Wood stone on a square base, the top of the cross being encircled with a laurel wreath of the same stone. In the circle thus formed is the inscription "1914-1918." Beneath this, on the upright of the cross, are the words "To the glory of God, and to the undying honour of the men of West Winch, who gave their lives in the Great War."

Charles Archdale.

William Barrett.

Thomas Coward.

Montague J. Drew.

William E. Frost.

Thomas J. Newell.

James T. Spaxman.

Carved on the base is the text, "Their name liveth for evermore."

The cross was designed by Mr. C. Gifford Ambler, son-in-law of the rector, and was erected by Mr. E. Case (Lynn).

The unveiling was preceded by a service in the church, conducted by Rev. W.T. Gifford and Rev. H.F. Chaplin.

The church, which was tastefully decorated with flowers for the Easter services, was filled, largely by ex-Service men and relatives of men who had fallen during the war. Mr. C.H. Plowright played "O rest in the Lord" (Mendessohn) at the commencement of the service, and as the congregation left the church for the unveiling ceremony he rendered Handel's "Dead March." The hymns chosen for the service were "Stand up for Jesus," "For all the Saints" and "O valiant hearts."

Owing to illness, Master Archdale, who had been requested to perform the unveiling, was unable to be present, and the Union Jack which covered the names was released by Canon Hayes, who also pronounced the dedicatory sentences.

In the course of an impressive address Canon Hayes said it was well

that they should erect such a monument to the brave sons of West Winch who laid down their lives for home and country. It was an out-ward symbol of the gratitude for that self-sacrifice to which was due the fact that we were spared the sufferings, the sorrows and horrors of wars in our midst.

"They climbed the great peaks of honour which we had too much forgotten - duty, patriotism, sacrifice - and we thank them. It was a happy thought that led you to hold this service at this Eastertide, when your church is decorated with flowers - the symbol of a new life."

Canon Hayes continued that it was necessary that these monuments should be of a lasting nature, in order that our children, to the third and fourth generation, should learn what these men did for their homes and their country. "There are those amongst who say 'We don't want memorials, we don't want to remember anything about the war. We want to forget about it.' And who are they who say this? Those who probably never raised a finger themselves, and they have no sympathy for those who suffered."

After the Benediction was pronounced, the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" were sounded by Pte. S.R. English, of the 5th Norfolks.

Among the floral tributes placed at the foot of the memorial was one from the D.D.S.S.<sup>1</sup>

### SETCH

Although united ecclesiastically with North Runcton, neighbouring Setchey (Setch) is often regarded as an extension of West Winch. The 1914-18 War Memorial for Setch took the form of a pulpit erected in the chapel-of-ease (St. Mary). The pulpit was made by Winlove of Lynn, and is described in a report of the dedication service, published in the Lynn Advertiser of 19 November 1920, which records that a brass plate was fixed to the east wall of the chapel bearing the inscription:-

*"To the glory of God, and in grateful remembrance of Pte. A. Britton, Norfolk Regt., Spr. Leonard Howling, R.E., Pte. John W. Taylor, Lancs. Fusiliers; who gave their lives in the War 1914-1918, this pulpit is erected by the parishioners."*

Not having been used for a number of years the chapel is now in a state of disrepair. In 1989 the writer recorded the memorial inscriptions at Setch, and had access to the chapel, it was already in dilapidated condition and being used for storage of redundant church furniture. The memorial plate referred to in the press report was not located at that time - this may have been because it was not readily visible or accessible, rather than its removal.

<sup>1</sup>Discharged and Disabled Soldiers and Sailors.