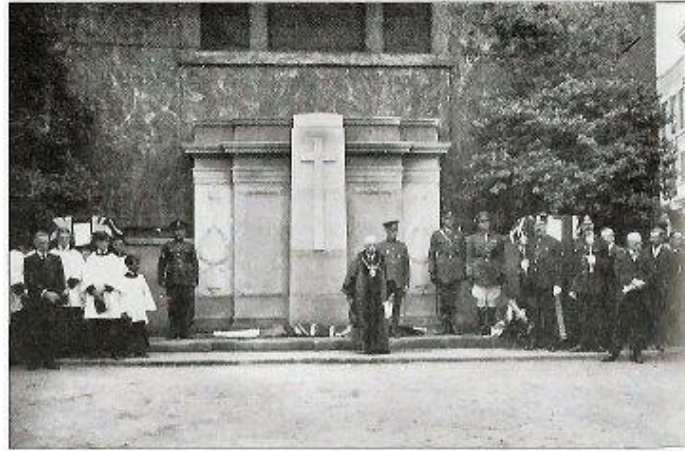


St Anne's war memorial

A listing of the men of the town of Bewdley, Worcestershire recorded on the memorial to the dead of the 1914-1918 war on the east face of Saint Anne's church.



Special thanks go to Simon Fielding for donating this listing. A number of these men are also listed on the Wribbenhall memorial: if you are interested in any of the men listed here, it would probably be worth looking at Simon's notes for that memorial.

Note that this listing only covers the men from WW I.

Rank	Name	Unit
Private	John ALBERTS	Worcestershire Regiment
Captain	Geo. William BAKER	Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) Lond. R
Major	Rd. STANLEY-BAKER	Burma MT
Corporal	Fred Delappe BARNFIELD	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Thomas BENTLEY	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	James BEVAN	Worcestershire Regiment
Driver (?)	Alfred Earnest BIRCH	Royal Field Artillery
(?)I/CL. Boy	John BISHOP	Royal Navy
Private	Thomas BISHOP	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	William BISHOP	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Walter BOW	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	William BOW	6th (Inniskilling) Dragoons (Innis DGS)
Lance Corporal	Walter Charles BOWKETT	Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
Trooper	Fred Harvey BROWN	Worcestershire Yeomanry
Private	Percy W. CARTER	Machine Gun Corps
Private	Herbert COLDRICK	Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Lieutenant	Thomas COLDRICK	Worcestershire Regiment
Sapper (?)	Earnest COLLEDGE	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	George DANBY	Worcestershire Regiment
Corporal	Harry DARKES	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Harry DARKES	Border Regiment
Private	Jos. Leonard DARKS	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Edwin Stanley ELLEMENT	North Lancashire Regiment
Private	Arthur John EWINS	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Joseph Charles FAWKES	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Valentine C. FINLOW	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	James GREEN	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Thomas Edward GRIFFIN	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	John Dan GRIFFITHS	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Jas. John HARRISON	Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers
Pioneer (?)	Frederick HART	Royal Engineers
Captain	Kennet S HEMINGWAY	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Cecil E HUMPHERSON	Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) Lond. R
Private	Jack INSULL	Prince Charlotte of Wales's Berkshire Regiment
Private	Leonard Jos. LANGLEY	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Arthur LLOYD	Prince Charlotte of Wales's Berkshire Regiment
Private	William James LLOYD	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	William Charles MACHAM	Worcestershire Regiment
Corporal	Herbert MANTLE	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Joseph MILLWARD	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Joseph MILLWARD	Worcestershire Regiment
Sapper	Thomas William MILLWARD	Royal Engineers
Lance Corporal	Charles E. MILTON	Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Private	Thomas A MOBBERLY	Gloucestershire Regiment
Lance Corporal	Ernest Henry MOLES	Worcestershire Regiment
Lieutenant	John Aubrey MOORE	South Staffordshire Regiment
Private	John PATTINSON	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	William Henry PAYNE	Worcestershire Regiment

Lance Corporal	George H PERKS	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Horace Cecil POTTER	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Thomas William POTTER	Machine Gun Corps
Private	William POUTNEY	Worcestershire Regiment
2/AM (?)	Walter J POWELL	Royal Flying Corps
Corporal	Albert George PRICE	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Chris. John ROGERS	Welsh Guards
Private	John ROLLINS	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	William SHENTON	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Frank Edgar SMITH	South Staffordshire Regiment
Sergeant	Jos. Banks SMITH	Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Private	SC STEPHENSON	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Joseph STOKES	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Walter STRANGE	Worcestershire Regiment
Lance Corporal	Geo. Reginald STYLES	Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Private	Andrew TAYLOR	Worcestershire Regiment
Lance Corporal	Frank TOLLEY	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	William Howard TOLLEY	Royal Naval Division
Lance Corporal	Edwin Albert TROW	Worcestershire Regiment
Lance Corporal	Sidney J WALFORD	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Joseph WATKINS	Lancashire Fusiliers
Lance Corporal	Thomas WATKINS	Worcestershire Regiment
Corporal	Arthur WHILE	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	Geo. H WILLIAMS	Worcestershire Regiment
Private	James H WINWOOD	Royal Fusiliers (?) (City of London Regiment)
Private	Orlando H I WOODWARD	Royal Army Service Corps

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Note:

1. There actually are two different **Joseph MILLWARD** s listed on this memorial
2. **Thomas William MILLWARD** was employed as a clerk for GWR in Bidford on Avon: he is also listed on the [Bidford on Avon memorial](#)

St Leonard's war graves

The First World War & Ribbesford Churchyard

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission identifies the churchyard at St, Leonard's, Ribbesford as an official War Graves cemetery. There are 7 War Graves at Ribbesford all of men who were wounded in action during the First World War and sent back to England for medical treatment.

Details of the seven men follow and we would be most interested to learn of any other details readers can contribute to these personal histories.

Frederick Harvey Brown

Frederick was a private in the Worcester Yeomanry unit of the Queen's Own Worcestershire Hussars. His service number was 2703 and he was 26 when he died on 26/11/1915. Frederick was buried on December 1st 1915 and his name is also recorded on St. Anne's War memorial.

The grave reference is 344, map reference: 786740.

Thomas William Chadbourne

Thomas was a private in the 5th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment. His service number was 47760 and he was 21 when he died on 7/4/1921.

Thomas was the son of Harry and Mary Chadbourne of 23, Welch Gate. He was buried on April 11th 1921, some 2.5 years after the end of the war.

Sadly his name does not appear on either of the Bewdley War memorials.

The grave reference is 50, map reference: 785740

H.Davies

H. Davies was a corporal in the 117th battery of the Royal Field Artillery. He died on the 1/12/1918. His service number was 239001, we do not know his age, he is not listed on either Bewdley War Memorial.

The map reference of his grave is 786740 to the north west of the church.

JACK INSULL

Jack was the son of John and Rose Insull of 32, The Hollow, Welch gate, Bewdley. He was baptised at St. Leonard's on July 2nd 1899. His father is described as a tinner in the parish records. Jack was a private in the 8th battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment. Jack's service number was 44951 and he was only 19 when he died on 11/11/1918, the last day of World War 1. Jack's brother George was also 19 years of age when he was killed in the First World War. George was a member of the 144th Company of the Machine Gun Corps and is listed on the Thiepval Memorial. Both Jack and George are listed on St. Anne's war memorial.

Jack's grave is to the south west of the church at map reference: 786739

ERNEST HENRY MOLES

Ernest was the son of Thomas and Sara Moles. Ernest was married to Fanny Elizabeth Moles and lived at 25, Severn Side South, Bewdley. The couple had three children Alfred Ernest, Thomas Francis and Arthur Leonard. All three boys were baptised at St. Leonard's between 1908 and 1911. Ernest was a Lance corporal in the Worcestershire Regiment during the First World War having also served in the Boer War between 1899-1902. Ernest worked as a brass turner between these two wars.

Ernest's service number was 971 and he was 39 when he died on 3/1/1917

His grave is located to the east of the church at map reference: 789740.

His name is listed on St. Anne's war Memorial.

GILBERT PENNINGTON

Gilbert was a private in the 1st/5th Battalion of the Gloucestershire regiment. He was born in Tottington, Lancashire and enlisted at Worcester. He may also have served in the Suffolk regiment. Gilbert was the son of Thomas and Alice Pennington of 16 Wyre Hill, Bewdley. Thomas Pennington was a surgeon practising in Wribbenhall.

He was shot in the chest during the battle of Ypres and transferred to Netley hospital, Hampshire where he died of his wounds on Friday 28th September 1917. He was buried in St. Leonard's graveyard on October 3rd 1917.

Gilbert's service number was 260105 and he was 30 when he died.

His grave reference is 564 at map reference: 7862 7406.

Gilbert Pennington is listed on the Wribbenhall War Memorial as Gilbert Penningham.

HENRY CHARLES POSTINS

Henry was a Corporal in the 8th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment.

He died on 19/9/1920 at the age of 35 and was buried in St. Leonard's on September 21st 1920.

His service number was 30937 and his grave can be found at ref: 480 or map reference: 7860 7406.

Henry is not listed on either of the Bewdley war memorials.

There is a third external War Memorial within the Bewdley area. This memorial at St. Leonard's on the north side of the church does not have any names inscribed on it.

The War Memorial at Ribbesford was unveiled on April 11th 1920.

The parish magazine carried the following article.

War Memorial - Ribbesford

The Venerable the Archdeacon of Hereford (Canon Winnington-Ingram) will unveil the Churchyard Cross on Sunday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. ; and will preach at Ribbesford in the evening at 6.30.

It is particularly requested, as a matter of courtesy that for the Unveiling Ceremony only those who have served in the War and the relatives and near friends of those whom the Memorial commemorates enter the Churchyard. The rest of the congregation are asked to remain outside, where they will see and hear perfectly. We feel sure this request will be understood. It is in no sense an exclusion, but only to prevent from being "crowded out" those most deeply concerned in the memorial.

Rev. Herbert A. Moore. M.A.. (Rector)

TO THE
GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF THE SEVENTY SIX MEN
OF BEWDLEY WHO GAVE THEIR
LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY
IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

Further information concerning war graves can be found at www.cwgc.org the cemetery number for St. Leonard's is 39444.