

Backtrack Masthead

Lest we forget.

During one of my trawls through the internet about anything to do with Brown Edge, I came across this question posed on a Great War forum. "If anyone has seen or has a copy of the WW1 Roll of Honour in St Anne's Church, Brown Edge, Staffordshire, could you please let me know if HHC Williamson, Coldstream Guards, is commemorated on it?"

I replied saying he wasn't and who was HHC Williamson exactly, the response was:-

First, welcome to the Forum and second, thank you very much for making the effort to respond to my query. Hugh Henshall Clifford Williamson was the only son of a very wealthy family, who owned coal mines and land in Staffordshire. He was killed on 15/9/1916, but his parents never accepted his death, to the extent that his name did not go onto the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing until 2001. Eton and Christ Church Oxford memorialised him, but I was looking to see if his parents did (I didn't expect them to). His grandfather has a memorial tablet in the church at Brown Edge, so I thought they would, if anywhere, memorialise their son there. I am very pleased that you were so kind as to confirm that they did not.

Perth Digger



More digging required for next months issue!

Coming closer to our time I thought it would be good to print the names of all those who served in the second war as recorded by Mr Burrows in the Roebuck Service Fund register. This led me to investigate the people who were recorded on the War Memorial for the Second War.

I noticed that Thomas Beardmore, John Evans, Len Rogers and John Willott were recorded on the memorial but were not in the Roebuck record book.

I know that the name gathering for the second war was mainly the work of my Uncle Alan Turner and Dennis Mosedale who were working from memory. So had they got some wrong?

Looking at the Commonwealth War Records (which is not infallable) **Thomas Beardmore** was from Norton, **John Evans** was the husband of **Elsie Evans**, of Brown Edge, Staffordshire, **Len Rogers** son of Leonard and Dorothy Sarah Rogers of Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, However as yet I cannot find anything about **John Willott**.

The most upsetting record is that of Arthur Brough. 16 years old! People of today just don't recognise the sacrifices families made until we stop to think and consider. Lest we forget indeed.

Name:	BROUGH, ARTHUR	Age:	16
Initials:	A	Date of Death:	19/12/1941
Nationality:	United Kingdom	Service No:	D/JX 188520
Rank:	Boy 1st Class	Casualty Type:	Commonwealth War Dead
Regiment/Service:	Royal Navy	Grave/Memorial Reference:	Panel 49. Column 3.
Unit Text:	H.M.S. Neptune	Memorial:	PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

Here follows a full record of men and women who served in the Second War as recorded by Mr C Burrows from the Roebuck Service Fund records owned by Mr Alan Hayes of Hill Top.

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G. Adams SMGR	F. Chadwick (Dis1942)	S. Hancock	G. W. Knowles	J. Sheldon
H. Adams	S. Clunn	Steve Hancock	A. W. Knowles	Bert Sigley
E. Adams ATS	G. Condliffe	A. Hargreaves	L. Lomas	L. Simcock
Reg Baddeley	J. Clunn	H. Hayes	I. Lovatt WAAF	S. Simcock
W Bagguley	A. Cooper	W. Harris	H. Lovatt	T. Simcock RWF
G. H. Ball	T. Cooper	George Heath	E. Lovatt	J. W. Slater
C. E. Bachley	C. Cooper RAOC	E. D. Hodkinson	A. Lowe	N. Slater
H. Ball	E. A. Chadwick	G. Holdcroft ATS	G. Lawton SGT	F. Smith BDR
J. W. Bartlem AC	A. Condliffe	H. N. Hargreaves	J. Leigh	F. Smith GDS
E. Beff	C. B. Davenport	L. Haywood	G. F. Lamond	G. Smith
H. Berrisford	D. Durber ATS	T. Hodgkiss	W. A. Matthews	F. Smith FLT SGT
A. Berrisford	J. Davenport	J. C. Holdcroft	? Mayrer	W. Speed
T. R. Berrisford	G. R. Dawson	N. Hollins	L. Meredith	F. Scragg
J. Bettany	S. Dawson CPL	A. Hodkinson SGT	G. Mountford	E. Steele
W. Bettany	C. Dean GDS	D. L. Heath	T. A. Millington	A. F. Snape
C. W. Bibbey	R. Dulson	J. E. Heath	H. Mottram	Eric Slack
W. Biddulph	N. W. Durber	R. Hill	W. Morris	H. Shaw
G. Blount	Reg Dawson	A. Hodkinson DVR	A. Millington	D. Scott
A. Bourne	E. Dawson	E. Holdcroft (Jnr)	C. L. Mitcheson	W. Scott
K. Bourne	A. Dawson	E. Holdcroft (Snr)	B. G. Mitchell	O. Sheldon ATS
E. Bowyer SGT	G. Davenport	D. Holdcroft	A. Mayer	J. W. Sheldon
J. H. Brailsford	B. Durber	A. Horne SGT	C. Nixon	H. Snape
A. Brough (Drowned).	C. I Davenport	M. Horne WAAF	H. Nixon	P. Sto~~~
W. Bourne	C. Durber	J. Horne WAAF	Robert Nixon	E. Turner
G. A. Bourne	R. Delves	A. W. Hancock	J. Oakely	Tom Turner RAF
W. Booth	J. Davis	S. Hodkinson	G. O'Brien	E. Tomkinson
T. Beardmore	F. Fearn RAC	G. Heath (Norton)	J. Oakes	E. Thomas
Harold Ball (Driver)	F. Frost RASC	J. Hancock SGT	H. V. Parr	H. Taylor
H. Ball	J. Frost	F. Hodkinson	W. E. Paddock SIG	Allen Turner
W. Baggeley	Jess Frost	Jim Heath	J. Pickford	F. M. Tomkinson
Jack Beardmore	A. Frost GNR	? Hymas CPL	N. Plant	Wilf Turner
J. Bailey (St. Anne's Vale)	D. Frost GNR	R. E. Holland	C. Plant	R. Tyler
J. R. Bailey (Clay Lake)	S. A. Frost	T. Holdcroft	E. Pointon	F. W. Turner
R. Brookes	R. Fox	? Hudson LAC	C. E. Pointon SAPPER	W. Walker
D. Beardmore	A. Foster	K. Hollins	C. W. Powell	J. S. Washington
B. G. Birch	W. Goldstraw WAAF	J. B. Hall	G. Proctor	G. Wetton CPR
D. Bettany	A. Graham	A. Hulland	D. Phillips	Tom Willott
Harold Bourne	A. Gerrard	A. Hodkinson	J. Phillips	B. Wilshaw
F. H. Berrisford	J. Gething	E. Hilditch	J. Rostance	J. O Wilson
B. Chadwick	J. Gratton GNR	F. Hargreaves	E. H. Scragg	J. L. Wood
T. Chadwick	F. Goodwin	W. Holdcroft	M. Scragg WAAF	Jack Wood
S. Chadwick	F. W. Grindley	A. Holloway	C. Scragg	A. Worthy
D. Chadwick	C. W. Goldstraw	? Jones 634008 LAC	I. Shelson WAAF	F. Worthy
A. Chadwick	P. J. Goodwin LT	R. H. Jones CPL	Albert Sherratt	M. Westholme
F. G. Casewell	D. Goldstraw	Bert James	C. Sherratt KLSI	P. Williams
E. Cooper	H. Grange	H. Jackson	G. B. Sherratt	A. Weeldon
R. Cope	W. Hancock GDS	M. Johnson ATS	K. F. Sherratt GNR	A. Willis
R. Cox (Gunner)	J. Hancock GDS (2612039)	R. Jackson	R. Sherratt	G. Wilson
E. Craddock ATS	J. Hancock (5047074)	F. Kettle DVR	S. A. Sherratt	A. Williams SGT

If you can add any information regarding these people so that we can record it forever I would be most grateful. Please contact me pete@browndge.com or 01782 504239.