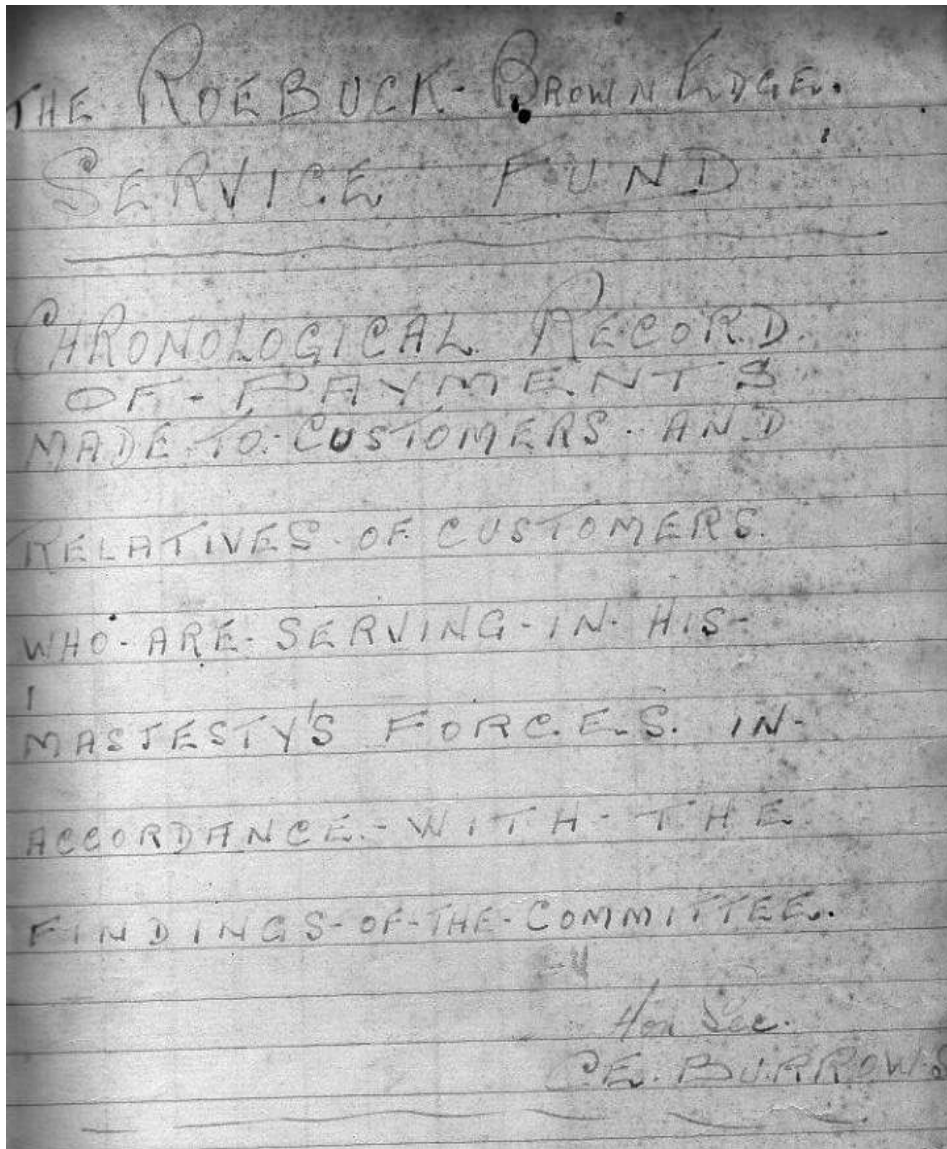


# Back Tracks

Local historian Peter Turner journeys back to our people and places of yesteryear



It's a scruffy hard back book but probably one of the most poignant and important historical record of our village.

The pages are fading but contain the records of Brown Edger's who went to war during the Second World War.

Owned and loved by Mr Alan Hayes, Son of Lottie and Horace Hayes, Landlords for many years of the Roebuck pub known locally as "The Corner" because of its position adjoining Sandy Lane and High Lane.

Arguably, it was the hub of our community with many social activities taking place here.

So it was no surprise that the clientele wanted to "get a drink in" for the lads away fighting. From this record we can see that some didn't come back.

A quick count shows that 249 men went off to serve in the war which

for a mining village (when mining was a reserved occupation) was an incredible total. The village's entire population was about 800 at that time.

I am hoping to compile a list of those people who served in the second war along with any memories and stories of this book itself or the actions of people mentioned in this book for publication in this magazine and also for the Brownedge.com history archive.

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