

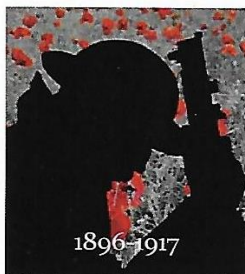


# WW1 & THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH PROJECT

CROSSING PATHS  
100 YEARS ON  
31st July - 10th  
November 2017



1898-1917  
Edward Male  
R.G. Artillery  
Stembridge



1896-1917  
Decimus Gummer  
Som. Light Inf.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1898-1917  
James Reed  
Som. Light Inf.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1891-1917  
Vincent Harvey  
Dur. Light Inf.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1891-1917  
Leonard Say  
Australian Inf.  
Middle Lambrook

## CROSSING PATHS A TRAGIC COINCIDENCE FOR THE PARISH? *PASSCHENDAELE 100 Years On*

The seven men whose names, photographs and information appear on this page are all linked by the following : they were all directly connected to the Parish of Kingsbury Episcopi - and they were all killed at the Battle of Passchendaele during the three months from the end of July to November of 1917. However, their military records show that they belonged to different regiments - and one of them had even enlisted in the Australian Infantry. That this should happen, even in the random turmoil of war, is quite remarkable.

In this tragic coincidence did any paths cross? Did Leonard Say, born in 1891, of the Manse, Mid Lambrook, and who emigrated to Australia in 1911, meet up with James Henry Lovell Reed of River-view born in 1898? Did Vincent Harvey from Crate Cottage next to the Wyndham, serving in the Durham Light Infantry, cross paths with either of the above? Or indeed with Albert Edward Male of Sunshine Cottage, Stembridge, serving in the Royal Garrison Artillery? They were born in the same year of 1898. Did they nod an acquaintance? Did they have a smoke and brew together? Did they reminisce about the Parish and its people, and their shared origins? their schooling? Did Vincent Harvey, born in the same year as Leonard Say, see him and recognise him? Did Howard Willy of Dudmoor House, meet up with Walter Talbot of Glencoe, their homes just some 200 metres apart in their village of Kingsbury Episcopi?

The Battle of Passchendaele, 31 July - 10 November 1917, as part of the Third Battle of Ypres, was infamous not only for the scale of casualties but also the atrocious battlefield conditions. A century later, the Battle of Passchendaele is remembered as a symbol of the worst horrors of the First World War, for the sheer futility of much of the fighting, and for the disregard by some of the war's senior leaders for the lives of the men under their command.

## THE PASSCHENDAELE MUSEUM: [www.passchendaele.be/en](http://www.passchendaele.be/en)

All research on the 7 Kingsbury Episcopi men who fell at Passchendaele is being shared with the museum.



1883-1917  
Howard Willy  
Devon Reg.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1880-1917  
Walter Talbot  
Som. Light Inf.  
Kingsbury Episcopi





*The dots indicate the location of the family homes from which men left never to return from WW1. Their locations will form the 'destinations' on the Parish Heritage Trails created from the existing footpath network.*



## OUR HERITAGE LOTTERY BID

A little while ago we submitted an outline proposal to the Heritage Lottery Fund – First World War – Then & Now. We are now submitting a full bid following their response. We might or might not be successful. Our bid contains a number of inter-related elements. Each of these elements could be considered to be good things to do in their own right. In total, we feel they would offer far greater potential for the Parish's community. Together with the Centenary Commemorative Plaques and the Heritage Trails outlined above, we will be bidding for ways and means of making the ideas and content of the Trails available and accessible for a wide range of users. Display and hard-copy materials along with a website will form part of our bid. The bid will include workshops with the Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School and an adult education programme introducing using and accessing military & family records.

*Our bid has been designed and developed with the participation of: direct descendants of those men killed : WW1 and Ancestry researchers with many years experience : other people from the Parish with a detailed knowledge and understanding of its people, geography, history and culture. The ideas contained in the bid have been presented to a community-wide audience, during the launch week for the opening of the new Kingsbury Episcopi Community Centre April 2017.*

## PLAQUES IN PUBLIC PLACES – A HERITAGE TRAIL

### Centenary Commemorative Plaques

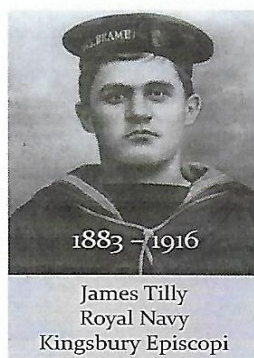
We have approached and sought the support of: The Parish Council, Kingsbury Episcopi Primary School, St Martin's Church, The Methodist Church, The Kingsbury Episcopi Community Centre, The Mid-Lambrook Meeting House and St. James' Church - to place a 100 years' commemorative plaque within the fabric of their buildings. The plaque would be in the form of a physical map/model of the Parish with its main geographical features. It would also include the names and locations of the dwellings of each man who was killed from the Parish during WW1. WW2 information will also be included. The plaque will echo those already placed in some of our buildings by previous generations

The plaque can become part of the visual landscape of some of the 'public' buildings within the Parish. It will measure some 84cms by 60 cms. It would be a resin-based, 'cold-cast bronze' created by a specialist artist from within the Parish.

The plaque is designed to act as a focal point for members of the Parish and the general public. It would be linked to a series of Heritage Trails making use of our well-used, existing and extensive footpath networks.

### SOME DIGITAL CONNECTIONS

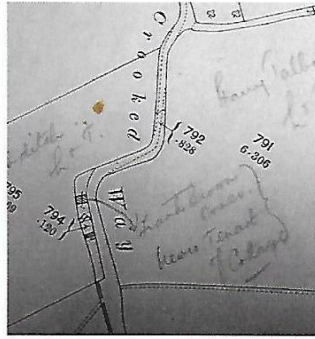
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[www.passchendaele.be](http://www.passchendaele.be) | [www.warmemorialsonline.com](http://www.warmemorialsonline.com)  
The Imperial War Museum initiative |  
[www.nmrn.org.uk](http://www.nmrn.org.uk) (Jutland Interactive Map)  
Long Distance Walking Association - [www.ldwa.org.uk](http://www.ldwa.org.uk)  
The Parrett Trail | The Leland Trail  
MacMillan Way [www.macmillanway.org](http://www.macmillanway.org)







Beatrice Down, right, married to Harry Down. Outside Duck Cottage, Thorney



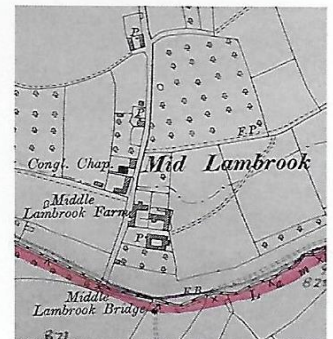
Harriet Walden mother of Joseph at Willow Cottage. East Lambrook



James Reed & two Sisters of Riverview



Kathleen Stuckey, middle, niece of William Elliott at Weylands, West Lambrook



1887 - 1916

Sidney Reed  
S.L.I.  
Kingsbury Episcopi

**MAKING SUPPORTING CONNECTIONS**

To-date, the WW1 & The People of The Parish Project has sought, gained support and made connections with : The Parish Council, the Footpath Liaison Officer, our Primary School, St. Martin's Church, The Methodist Church, the Middle Lambrook Meeting, the Community Hall, St. James' Church, ADPR Marketing of New Cross, Teapot Creative of Hambridge, Coates Willow, Fourth R Ltd, Storey Studios, The Yeovil Heritage Centre, the University of Hertfordshire Basketry Project, The Jutland Archive, The Passchendaele Museum, Somerset Remembers, The War Memorials Trust. A glance on the back cover will show we have sought and made many Connections with Living Relatives. More will evolve over time.



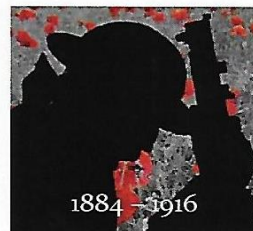
1877 - 1916

John Collins  
Devon Rgt.  
Lower Burrow



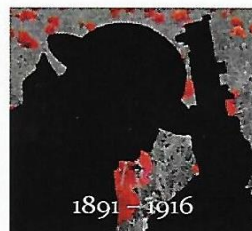
1877 - 1916

John T. Tilley  
S.L.I.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1884 - 1916

Ernest Reed  
S.L.I.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1891 - 1916

George Newis  
Canadian Inf.  
Stembridge



1887 - 1917

George Bonning  
Royal Navy  
Thorney



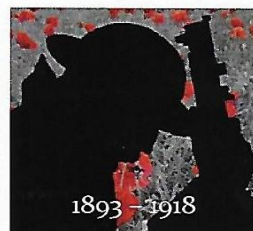
1887 - 1917

William Kellett  
Royal Flying Corp.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1890 - 1917

Tom Mounter  
Royal Navy  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1893 - 1918

Henry Stuckey  
S.L.I.  
New Town



1899 - 1918

William Elliott  
Royal Warwicks.  
West Lambrook



1893 - 1918

Ben Russ  
Royal Field Artillery  
East Lambrook



1876 - 1918

Fred Grinter  
Royal Field Artillery  
Kingsbury Episcopi

**We are searching for photos from the WW1 era. Please contact us:**

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WW1 British Soldier silhouette from [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com)



# LIVING RELATIVES

*To-date, we have been able to establish connections between these men of the Parish and...*



1893 - 1916

Harry Down  
Glos. Rgt.  
Thorney

Carol Sills, Mary White, Colin Bunston, Bryan Harris, Val Hingley, Adrian Male, Paul Elliott, Susan Vining & Constance Doney, Daniel Elliott, Raymond French, Dave French, Sylvia Margetts, Belinda Margetts, Bill Elliott, Michael Harvey, Susan Gillard, Paula Florey, Bob Warren, Betty White, Brian Lock, Martin White, Shaun White, Debbie Keeble, Lesley Male, Hugh Male, Trevor Wilcox, Jeanette Wilkie, Rodney Male, Ronald Male, Phillip Male, Heather French, Ron Heathman, Don Darby, Samantha Perrin, Sandra Male, Gillian Whitworth, Rosemary Pickup, Susan Davies, Jocelyn White, Wendy White, Grahame Reed, Andrew Reed, Jonathan Allen, Jean Monkton, Janet Elliott, Doreen Marks, Gordon Howard, Julian Talbot, Jonathan Talbot, Robert Stuckey, Rachel Meare, David Stuckey, Ursula Male, Brian Stuckey, Kevin Cox, Elaine Heathman, Heather Lock, Jeanette Talbot, Jenny Tucker, Julia Cartwright, John Tilley, Ray Oaten, Angela Male, Alan Heskins, Frank Willy...

**Over time more living relatives and connections will appear... please help us make these connections.**



1879 - 1918

Eli Gillett  
Norfolk Rgt.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1889 - 1915

Douglas Say  
Australian Inf  
Mid. Lambrook



1894 - 1918

John Down (L)  
Som. Light Inf.  
East Lambrook



1885 - 1918

Herbert Fanning  
R. N. Vol. Res.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1891 - 1916

John French  
N.Z.E.F.  
Lower Burrow



1890 - 1915

Joseph Walden  
Can. Light Inf.  
East Lambrook



1897 - 1915

William Lock  
Royal Field Artillery  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1884 - 1916

Wesley Stuckey  
Som. Light Inf.  
Stembridge



1889 - 1916

Gilbert Talbot (C)  
Australian Inf.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1899 - 1918

Henry Tilley  
Wilts. Rgt.  
Kingsbury Episcopi



1889 - 1915

Thomas Pocock (C)  
Kings Liv'pool Rgt.  
Kingsbury Episcopi

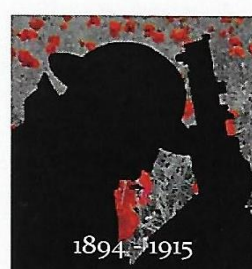


1891 - 1915

Francis Perrin  
W. Som. Yeomanry  
Lower Burrow Farm

**Contributions & Fundraising :- The First World War - Then & Now Heritage Lottery Fund** expects organisations to meet some of the costs of their projects. Kingsbury Time Travellers will need to raise monies and we have set a target of about £3000. As a small volunteer organisation this is a lot of money. We will arrange events to support this aim.

We are also seeking contributions from anyone connected to the Parish who feels they might like to help in this way. Our proposals are dynamic, helping to promote the Parish and offer opportunity to a wide number of people of all ages. The proposals also represent a way in which the Parish might like to pay their respects 100 years on to those who left it never to return. Thank you in anticipation for your financial support. **Please contact us to find out how you might contribute.**



1894 - 1915

Norman Pipe  
Som. Light Inf.  
East Lambrook

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