

Remembrance 2018

A group of volunteers have taken acorns from the Trafford tree, planted them and produced enough small saplings for each name on the Pembridge War Memorial (and a few others) to have their own tree.

Permission has been given (by Ed Collins) to plant them along 'The Straight mile' as a permanent Memorial to these men.

We would like to trace any members of any of the families of the names given overleaf who would like to be involved.

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The oak tree that stands in front of the Trafford Almshouses in East Street was grown from an acorn brought back from Verdun in France.

One story goes that troops brought acorns back from France after the battle of Verdun. There was a fete held in Lyonshall to raise money for the troops and Colonel Benn of Moor Court bought some of these acorns. He planted one on the Moor Court estate and also, it is thought, the one at Pembridge.

It seems that the planting of acorns from Verdun was not unique to Pembridge and Moor Court and that there are oaks grown from Verdun acorns at many places in the country including Kew Gardens, Lichfield, Coventry and Swansea.

A possible explanation of this suggests that a box of chestnuts and acorns were sent from the Deputy Mayor of Verdun to the London and North-West Railway Company so that they could be sold to raise funds for the War Seal

Foundation (London and North west Section). Sample boxes were sent to towns and cities along the route of the railway of which Lichfield would be one. Each of these sample boxes contained 1 chestnut and 3 acorns and instructions from the Curator of the Royal Botanical Gardens Kew on how they should be planted. Perhaps it was one of these sample boxes that Colonel Benn bought in Lyonshall.



WW1 Names on Pembridge War Memorial

JAMES A AUSTIN Private 33580 South Wales Borderers 13/04/16 Age 39
HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHYARD BROXWOOD

THOMAS H DAVIES Private 97580 31st Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 20/04/1918 Age 24
ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY
Son of Thomas and Eliza Davies; husband of Elsie Davies

ALBERT E DAVIES Corporal 78416
17th Armoured Car Battalion Tank Corps 22/02/1919
TOURNAI COMMUNAL CEMETERY

CHARLES DYKES Private 203600 1st/5th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment 15/06/1918 Age 28
MAGNABOSCHI BRITISH CEMETERY
Son of James and Martha Dykes, of Moseley House, Pembridge, Herefordshire

JOSEPH DYKES Driver 213399 No 2 Depot Royal Field Artillery 17/02/1917 Age 32
PEMBRIDGE CHURCHYARD

GEORGE T EVERSHAM Private 260382
8th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment 17/04/1916 Age 25 LOOS MEMORIAL
Son of George and Elizabeth Eversham

ALBERT G HAINES Private 27756 Border Regiment 22/11/1916 Age 29
WARLOY-BAILLON COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION
Son of George and Eliza Haines, of Marston, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

WALTER (REGINALD on war memorial)
HART Corporal 135415 186th Btn Royal Field Artillery 12/12/17 Age 26
OXFORD ROAD CEMETERY
Lived at Broxwood

CHARLES R JAMES Private 35758 5th Battalion Yorkshire Regiment 23/10/1918 Age 19 BERLIN SOUTH-WESTERN CEMETERY
Son of Charles and Fanny James, of Moor Court Lodge, Kington, Herefordshire.

GEORGE T JAMES Private 24842 7th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry 26/09/1917 Age 30 TYNE COT MEMORIAL
Son of Charles and Fanny James, of Moorcourt Lodge, Lyonshall, Leominster; husband of Ellen James, of 40, Bargates, Leominster

WILLIAM T JAY Lance Corporal 39419
South Wales Borderers 25/05/1918 Age 31
PEMBRIDGE (ST. MARY) CHURCHYARD
Son of Mr. T. Jay, of Noke Lane, Pembridge; husband of Mabel Jay

JAMES H JONES Lance Corporal 26527
6th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry 19/08/1917 Age 25
CANADA FARM CEMETERY
Son of Herbert and Ophelia Jones, of 26, Church St., Kington, Herefordshire.

HENRY J JONES Private 260392
Gloucester Regiment 01/11/1917 Age 23
TYNE COT MEMORIAL
Son of William and Mary Ann Jones of Weobley

GEORGE T LILWALL Private 236375
1st/1st Herefordshire Regiment 23/07/1918 Age 41
RAPERIE BRITISH CEMETERY, VILLEMONTAIRE
Son of Richard and Eliza Lilwall; husband of Alice Lilwall, of Townsend Cottage, East St., Pembridge, Leominster, Herefordshire.

JOSEPH MORGAN Private 8564 Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) 04/11/1918 Age 32
HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHYARD BROXWOOD
Son of Thomas and Mary Morgan, of The Mere, Almeley, Hereford.

ERNEST MORRIS Private 17283 5th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry 18/09/1915 Age 23
ETAPLES MILITARY CEMETERY
Son of Benjamin and Mary Morris

STANLEY W PINCHES Private 27870 11th Battalion Border Regiment 10/07/1917 25
NIEUPORT MEMORIAL
Son of William Henry and Emily Pinches, of Townsend Farm, Pembridge, Herefordshire.

JOHN PRATER Private 24703 2nd Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry 11/06/1917 Age 37
MIKRA BRITISH CEMETERY, KALAMARIA
Son of James John and Isabel Prater, of West St., Pembridge; husband of Isabella Frances Prater, of West St., Pembridge, Herefordshire.

H A SNEAD-COX Midshipman HMS Indefatigable Royal Navy 31/05/1916 Age 16 PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL
Son of John Snead-Cox, of Broxwood Court, Pembridge, Herefordshire

G P SNEAD-COX Second Lieutenant Royal Welsh Fusiliers 20/10/1914 Age 19
YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Son of John Snead-Cox, of Broxwood, Leominster, Herefordshire

R M SNEAD-COX Second Lieutenant Royal Scots 28/10/1914 Age 21
LE TOURET MEMORIAL
Son of John Snead-Cox, Lord of the Manor of Broxwood, Broxwood Court, Herefordshire.

HERBERT STOKES Sergeant King's Shropshire Light Infantry 28/12/15
Pembroke Dock Memorial

WILLIAM THOMAS Private 25727 King's Shropshire Light Infantry 04/05/1917 Age 29
PHILOSOPHE BRITISH CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE

ROBERT WEIR Lance Corporal 8188 1st Battalion Scots Guards 12/11/1914 Age 22
MENIN GATE YPRES
Son of Samuel and Elizabeth Williams

ALBERT WILLIAMS Private 265068
1st/2nd Battalion Monmouthshire Regiment 05/05/1917 Age 30
DUISANS BRITISH CEMETERY, ETRUN
Adopted son of John Hollins, of Lyonshall, Kington, Herefordshire.

Additional names not on memorial

W E JONES Private 49604 South Wales Borderers 30/05/18 Age 19
Lived at The Green, Upper Pembridge

SYDNEY THOMAS PUGH Private 236801
Hereford Regiment.
Lived at Milfield, Pembridge

SYDNEY A PUGH Lce-Corp 10/07/16
Age 26 Laundry Cottage, Pembridge

W H DAVIES Private Hereford Regiment
23/07/18 Nephew of Mr Simpson, West Street, Pembridge

S. C. HUGHES Private Royal Irish Fusiliers
SALONIKA. Only son of Mr & Mrs George Hughes, Little Broom, Pembridge

GEORGE HICKS Private 236399 Hereford Regiment 23/07/18 Age 42
Lived in Hereford, married Miss Goodwin of Pembridge.

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