

# Welton-by-Lincoln War Memorial

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*In commemoration of the Great War Centenary 2014*

**To the Honour of God  
and in grateful remembrance of those who gave their  
lives for us in the**

**Great War 1914 – 1918**

Hedley Baldwin  
John W. Baldwin  
John Bates  
Robert Goodwin  
Richard Harvey  
Arthur Hodson  
Fred Hodson  
Arthur Mason  
George C. Tinker  
Charles Toyne  
Percy Twell  
William Vasey  
George Grantham

**Second World War  
1939 – 1945**

Leslie Everton  
George Leonard Farmery  
Herman Read

The War Memorial is a Grade II Listed Building.

A copy of the project work for the War Memorial and the Air Force Window can be seen in Welton Library or, by appointment, at the Parish Council Office in Welton.

As there does not appear to be any formal documentation to indicate who is responsible for the maintenance of the War Memorial, the Parish Council (as it is empowered to do by the 1923 War Memorials (Local Authorities Powers) Act - s 1 & 3), formally accepted responsibility for the Memorial at a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1997. The Memorial is insured for public liability by the Parish Council.

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***“Greater love hath no man than this,  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.”***

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**They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.**





The Royal Air Force Memorial Window  
St Mary's Church



The lower panels in detail

## The History of the Memorial

The first meeting to establish a committee for the organisation of a memorial to the men killed in the Great War was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1919, followed by a second meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 1919. There was a large attendance of parishioners and James Lillie was appointed Chairman of the meeting.

It was initially decided to have a Memorial Hall, but the committee did not proceed with the idea.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> August 1922, a faculty was granted for the erection of the memorial that we all know today – a soldier of the Lincolnshire Regiment, in full battle dress, with reversed arms. The faculty also granted post permission for the Royal Air Force Memorial Window which is to be found in St Mary's Church, Welton.

The memorial was made by Messrs. Tuttell of Lincoln and carved from Italian marble. George Beeton, ex. 10<sup>th</sup> foot soldier, was photographed as a model for monumental masons to use in the making of War Memorials to commemorate soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1914-18 War, which have been erected in various villages in Lincolnshire and was also used for the new memorial that replaced the one destroyed by the IRA in Enniskillen in 1987.

## Welton St Mary's Church

The Prebendal Church of Saint Mary was originally Norman, but only a few fragments of this survive in the tower walls; the present building is in the Early English style from around 1250. The church is a large Gothic structure. It was rebuilt in 1823-4, except for the tower, which had been rebuilt in 1770.

The Anglican parish register dates from 1562 for baptisms, 1568 for marriages and 1575 for burials.

The six church bells were cast by Henry Harrison, nephew of John Harrison the carpenter, clockmaker and inventor of the marine chronometer. Henry was born in 1732 and cast the Welton bells in 1770. He was also commissioned to hang the bells at York Minster in 1733.

St Mary's is set in its own grounds in the heart of the village and has a number of interesting features including one of the earliest stained glass windows dedicated to the men and women of the RAF, the RFC and the RNFC (circa 1919).

Village benefactor and physician Dr Richard Smith, who was physician to Lord Burleigh at the court of Elizabeth I and founder of Christ's Hospital in Lincoln, is also commemorated by a stained glass window and brass plaque, as well as a memorial in the churchyard.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, a Black Mulberry tree was planted in the Churchyard by Mr Charles Hood, Deputy Lieutenant on behalf of HM The Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire in commemoration of those who served in the Great War of 1914-1918.

**A Roll of Honour from the Second World War was compiled of every person who was connected with Welton at that time serving with the Forces. The Roll was read out every Sunday by the Vicar. The members of the Forces are:**

Ronald Albone	Cecil Drury	James Keating
Harry Appleby	Thomas Ealam	Margaret Kell
Edna Appleyard	William Ealam	Richard Loome
Henry Baldwin	Jack Ealsey	Aubrey Lewis
Reginald Baldwin	Sydney Evison	Jean Merryweather
Jack Bell	Kenneth Everton	Eileen Merryweather
Jack Boulton	Thomas Everton	Harry Oakden
Richard Brocklesby	William Fields	Sydney Richardson
Alfred Burnett	William Fisher	John Sellars
Walter Butler	George Garner	Fred Smith
George Cape	Robert Garner	Harold Smith
Dennis Capps	William Garner	Joan Stanley
Sidney Carter (senior)	Alphonso Gilbert	John Stanley
Sidney Carter (junior)	Nancy Glew	Leif Storr
Denzil Chapman	Enid Glew	Coney Stovin
Mary Clare	Jack Grayson	Desmond Thomas
Arthur Clarke	Joseph Haggitt	Wilfred Walker
Mary Carter	Ernest Heal	Albert Warriner
George Coulson	Herbert Herrick	Eric Warriner
Anthony Dale	Harold Hindley	William Warriner
Noel Dowman	George Houghton	Fred Williamson
Hubert Dowman	Harold Hydes	Alice Willoughby
Harold Drury	Ida Jacklin	Dennis Willoughby
Leslie Drury	Austin Jackson	George Willoughby
Reginald Drury	Cecil Johnson	John Wimbush

**The following were invalided out:**

Nora Bishop  
 John Foster  
 Ralph Jones  
 Vera May  
 Arthur Wharton

**Died on active service:**

Leslie Everton  
 George Leonard Farmery  
 Herman Reed



Four views of George Becton from the original set of photographs taken by J Spencer Baldry of Lincoln



Drawing for the War Memorial 1922  
 Property of the Museum of Lincolnshire Life  
 Lincolnshire County Council

***“Greater Love”  
Welton’s Striking Tribute to Fallen Heroes  
Memorial Unveiled***

The following are extracts from reports of the day, in the Lincolnshire Chronicle dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1923 and of the unveiling ceremony which took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 1923:

“Welton-by-Lincoln, a pretty little country village on Saturday completed its second undertaking in memory of those who died in the late war.

About twelve months ago a beautiful stained glass window was installed in the north side of St. Mary’s Church in commemoration of the RAF pilots who were killed while training in that parish.



St Mary’s Churchyard, Welton

The grave is cared for by the  
Commonwealth War Graves Commission



## Herman Reed

Spelt HERMANN REED on birth and military records.

Gunner 909581, 60<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

The Regiment left the Old Barracks on Burton Road, Lincoln in October 1939 and set off for Bordon in Hampshire. On the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1940 they left for France, moving into Belgium on the 10<sup>th</sup> May and were eventually evacuated from Dunkirk.

Died 12<sup>th</sup> October 1940. Aged 23. His death is recorded in the registry district of Worthing, Sussex.

Born 1917 in Gainsborough, son of Samuel William, born in Wingfield, Suffolk and Mary Agnes Reed, nee Airey, born in Edinburgh living in Dunholme.

Commemorated on the Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945 and is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Welton.



An 18-pounder gun with limber and quad

## The War Memorial

On Saturday a memorial more directly associated with the village in memory of the Weltonians who were killed was unveiled. This takes the form of a full size figure of a private in the Lincolnshire Regiment in service kit, with pack, water bottle and haversack, resting on the rifle reversed. It is made from fine Italian marble and stands in a prominent position at the west end of the churchyard facing the main street. In order that it might be easily accessible a portion of the wall around the churchyard has been removed and replaced by iron gates leading up to which are a series of stone steps. The scheme was carried into effect by a very able committee, with Mr W Lyon as their secretary.

The memorial, which is the work of Mr A J Tuttell, Monumental Mason, West Parade, Lincoln, bears the following inscription on the base:-

*"To the Honour of God and in grateful remembrance of those who gave their lives for us in the Great War 1914 – 1918. Hedley Baldwin, John W Baldwin, John Bates, Robert Goodwin, Richard Harvey, Arthur Hodson, Fred Hodson, Arthur Mason, George C Tinker, Charles Toyne, Percy Twell, William Vasey. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

Throughout the morning the sun shone with brilliance on the snow white stone of the impressive memorial as if trying to portray its magnificent splendour and conveying a more vivid form to the observer the even more magnificent deeds of the men in whose memory it had been erected.



Left to right: Chris Suggars (choir boy), Harry Drury (man in flat cap), Col. Herbert Gordon, Reverend Alfred Hunt MA, the Venerable Archdeacon Blackie (The King's Chaplain), Tom Naylor (Methodist Minister), unknown person, Reporter, A H Applewhite

At 2.15pm a half muffled peal on the church bells was rung and by that time quite a large crowd had assembled in front of the memorial. Punctually at 2.40pm a procession, headed by the Lincoln British Legion Band, in their smart uniforms of Lincoln green, and followed by the choir, the Rev. Archdeacon Blackie (Precentor of Lincoln Cathedral), A Hunt (Vicar of Welton), S Wild (Dunholme), Foster, J B Goodhand (Lincoln) and Thos. Naylor (Lincoln), Colonel Gordon, CB.CMG, DSO, ex-Servicemen and parishioners left the Vicarage and proceeded to the memorial.

## George Leonard Farmery

Son of Leonard (engine driver of Welton) and Elizabeth, nee Green, married in 1923.

Born 8<sup>th</sup> August 1923, baptised 30<sup>th</sup> September 1923 in Welton.

He was sent by the War Office to Papworth Village Settlement in Cambridgeshire on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1944, a sanatorium and hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis and died on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1947, aged 23. His death is recorded in the registry district of Scunthorpe.

Gravestone at Hemswell reads "In loving memory of my dear husband Leonard Farmery who died 14<sup>th</sup> December 1936 aged 43 years. Also in memory of his beloved wife Elizabeth died 6<sup>th</sup> November 1940 and their son George Farmery in God's keeping died April 30<sup>th</sup> 1947".



All Saints Churchyard, Hemswell



# Second World War

1939 – 1945

## Leslie Harold Everton



Sargeant 1119284, posted to 12 Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve in March 1943.

Killed in action during a bombing raid over Cologne on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1943 aged 22. He was a Mid Upper Air Gunner on a Lancaster that took off from RAF Wickenby the previous evening. All the crew were killed except the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pilot, who was taken prisoner of war.

Son of Jim and Fanny Everton of Lincoln. Born in Gainsborough in 1921.

Commemorated on the RUNNYMEDE MEMORIAL, Surrey, Panel 149 and on the RAF WICKENBY ROLL OF HONOUR.



The Icarus Memorial at the entrance to Wickenby Aerodrome

They marched slowly along to the sympathetic strains of Chopin's Funeral March.

In striking contrast to the uniform of the band, their choir wore their cassocks and snowy white surplices, whilst the Colonel wore field dress.

The public occupied the roadway in front of the memorial, while the members of the procession formed up on either side of the memorial.

The ceremony which followed will long be remembered by those present. The kindly and encouraging words of Colonel Gordon were such as would bring pride into the saddened hearts of bereaved ones who were that day mourning the loss of those dearest to them, while in the prayers of the Rev. T Naylor was a strong note of comfort and assurance. Tears of gladness at the great message conveyed in the bugle calls at the close of the ceremony welled into the eyes of the many onlookers. Clearly the plaintive notes of "The Last Post" were sounded by a bugler at the Church door – a reminder of the heroic circumstances under which the men had died. But just as the echoes of the call had died away, from the distance, from a bugler at the far end of the Church came the strains of "Reveille", reminding them that although their brave sons were at rest with the world, they had awakened in the distant world to live for ever.



### Colonel Herbert Gordon

Mr A H Applewhite (Treasurer of the Memorial Committee) opened the proceedings. He said: "The first business of the afternoon is to introduce to you Colonel Herbert Gordon who has kindly come at considerable inconvenience to himself, to unveil our memorial. On behalf of the Memorial Committee, I desire to offer Colonel Gordon a

very hearty welcome to Welton, and to assure him how greatly we appreciate the honour he has conferred on us in coming amongst us for this important occasion. Colonel Gordon knows to the full depth, the meaning of war service, having served in the \*Soudan Campaign from 1900 to 1902, and again in 1906, as well as throughout the European War, in which he served from 1914 to 1918, and was mentioned in despatches. We feel that in Colonel Gordon we have with us an officer and a gentleman whom we can fitly ask to perform the task of unveiling the memorial to our dear boys, and I will at once call upon him to do so."

*\*As spelt at the time*

Colonel Gordon then released the Union Flag which veiled the memorial, and which was attached to the adjoining flag staff, up which it was immediately hoisted. He unveiled the memorial "To the Glory of God, and in memory of twelve men of Welton who gave their lives in the Great War."

During the war, an additional fourteen Battalions were raised, comprised of six service Battalions (Kitchener's Army), two Garrison Battalions, one Labour Battalion, one 28<sup>th</sup> Provisional (listed as 13<sup>th</sup> T.A.) and four 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> line Battalions.

These units served as follows:

6<sup>th</sup> – France, Flanders, Gallipoli and Egypt

7<sup>th</sup> – France and Flanders

8<sup>th</sup> – France and Flanders

9<sup>th</sup> – U.K.

10<sup>th</sup> – France and Flanders

11<sup>th</sup> – U.K.

1<sup>st</sup> Garrison Battalion – India

2<sup>nd</sup> Garrison Battalion – U.K.

Labour Battalion – France

28<sup>th</sup> Provisional (13 T.A.) – formed at Southend, June 1915 – most likely, U.K. training

References:

The History of the Lincolnshire Regiment 1914 – 1918 – Simpson

The 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment – Sandall

The History of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot (Vol.2) – Lee

The Mons Star – David Ascoli

First Day on the Somme – Martin Middlebrook

Confusion over identification of units caused by the habit of referring to battalion numbers without the prefix 1/ (i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshire Regiment instead of 1/8<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshire Regiment). 10<sup>th</sup> Lincolnshires could refer to 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of foot (1<sup>st</sup> Lincolns) or 1/10<sup>th</sup> Lincolns (10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment). This was further complicated by the creation of "Second line" and "Third line" battalions from volunteer units of the Territorial Army during the Great War (2/4, 2/5 from Luton, 3/4 from Lincoln and 3/5 from Grimsby).

At the start of the Great War, there were five Battalions. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Reserve (Formerly Militia, later U.K. based training Battalion and, from November 1917, on police duties in Cork, Northern Ireland) and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> T.A. Battalions.

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion – stationed at Portsmouth as part of 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion – stationed in Bermuda, returned to the U.K. in October 1914

3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion – stationed at Lincoln Depot but moved immediately to Grimsby for port defence

4<sup>th</sup> Battalion – stationed at Lincoln Drill Hall

5<sup>th</sup> Battalion – stationed at Grimsby Drill Hall



Colonel Herbert Gordon CB, CMG, DSO unveiling the memorial  
26<sup>th</sup> May 1923

Colonel Gordon (30.1.1869-11.6.1951) was gazetted to the Leicestershire Regiment in 1889. Promoted Lieutenant 1.4.1891, Captain 1898, Major in 1907, Lt. Colonel in 1914, Brev. Colonel 1.1.1918 and Colonel on 11.11.1918. He retired in 1923. His pre-war service included Sudan and India (the 2nd Bn). He commanded the 2nd Bn in France in the First World War. He died at his home in Leicester, 11.6.1951 aged 81. His medals, the DSO, Most Honourable Order of the Bath and Most Distinguished Order of St Michael & St George are in the collection of Leicester City Museums Service.

## Duty

In his address Colonel Gordon said that he felt it a privilege as well as an honour to have been asked by the vicar and committee to unveil the monument to those twelve men of the parish, who were killed in the Great War. He was also glad of the opportunity to tell them what he conceived to be the ideal of which the monument was an emblem. He understood those men were not regular soldiers, but men from various walks of life, who gave themselves for King and Country at the call of duty. That call, which was made to our soldiers in the late war, was seldom made in vain to an Englishman. A French general once told him they appealed to the “*amour propre*”, or self respect, of their soldiers, but he replied that the great appeal to the English Soldier was the appeal to duty. It was becoming a general opinion that military duty and discipline was harsh and cruel, but he would like to say that the ideals of duty taught to soldiers of today were very high. It meant love of King and Country, patriotism, self sacrifice, unselfishness. As love was the highest ideal taught by the Church, so duty the highest ideal taught by the Army. As they looked upon that beautiful and dignified memorial it ought to remind them of their duty because it was an emblem of duty well and nobly done.

After a short introductory prayer by the Rev. T Naylor, Archdeacon Blackie dedicated the memorial “In the faith of Jesus Christ in thankfulness of His mercies to us, and in undying memory of twelve Welton men who gave their lives for their King and Country.”



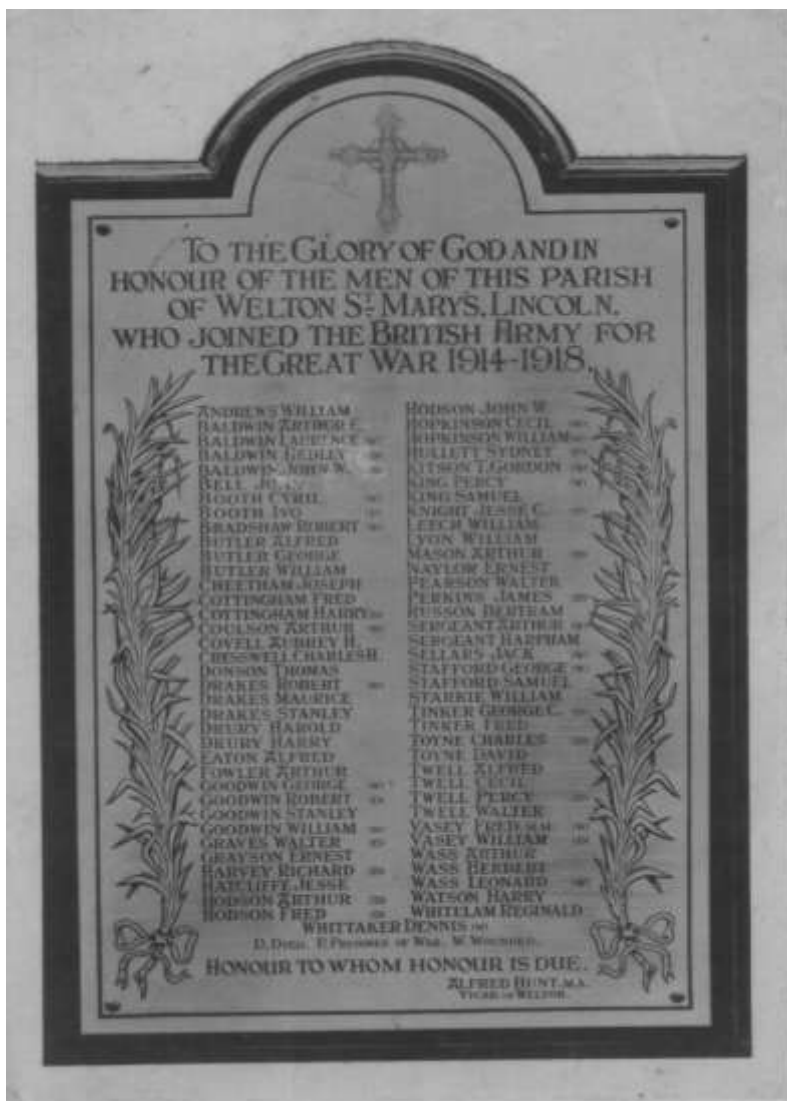
## THE LINCOLNSHIRE REGIMENT

*Some historical facts compiled by David Hooper*

The 1<sup>st</sup> (North) Lincolnshire Regiment, also known as 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment of foot – nicknames Poachers or Springers. At one time the yellow uniform facings were thought to be responsible for the Lincoln nickname of “Yellow bellies”.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> (South) Lincolnshire Regiment were also known as the 69<sup>th</sup> Regiment of foot which gave them the nickname of the Ups and Downs. Other nicknames were the Poachers, Old Agamenions and Wardour’s Horse. This Regiment ceased to exist after the amalgamation with the 41<sup>st</sup> Welsh in 1881 to form the Welsh Regiment (listed as “The Royal Invalids”). The title changed to “Welch” in 1920. Motto “Gwell angan na chywilydd”, translates as “Death rather than dishonour”.

Lee’s History of the 10<sup>th</sup> Foot (Vol.2) puts the 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion at Portsmouth in 1908. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion was in India (Poona) at the time and was posted to Aden in 1911. The London Illustrated News reports that the Lincolnshire Regiment provided the guard of honour for the King and Queen when they called in at Aden, on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1911, on their way to the Delhi Durba in India.



Brass Roll of Honour Plaque in St Mary's Church

## Outstanding Debt

As Treasurer of the War Memorial Committee, Mr A H Applewhite formally handed over the memorial to the care of the Vicar and Churchwardens of Welton, on behalf of the parishioners and other subscribers. He said the Committee were able to witness that day the completion of a work that had been attended by many difficult problems, but they had regarded it as a work of love and a work of duty to those who gave their lives in order that the freedom of our country might be preserved.

The twelve men whose names appeared on the memorial represented eleven highly respected Welton families, and while they sympathised with them they also shared the pride that must be theirs in the heroism and brave deeds of the men recorded not only in the history of our Empire, but in the greater records which never erred, but are always just and appreciative, and which were not written by mortal hands.

Those men were all Welton born and they knew their last thoughts were on that little far off village they loved so well, and in which had now been raised an entirely inadequate, but they hoped symbolic and indicative, monument that would keep green their memory in the hearts of Welton people for all time. The cost of that token was £200, of which £65 had still to be raised.

### Token of Freedom

The Rev. A Hunt, acknowledging the task which had been handed over to him said it would be a token of freedom for generations to come. The younger generation would have to pay the price in money for the freedom they would enjoy and which had been won and paid for by men who, like those twelve lads from that village, had laid down their lives.

Mr A Curtis, one of the church wardens said as trustees of the memorial, they would do all they could to keep it in good order.

The Rev. J B Goodhand said that those who joined up in the early days of the war did so in the spirit of adventure, but realising the gravity of the situation, those who went later did not have physical hate, but went in love, righteousness and truth, in order that the world might be spared a recurrence of such a horrible war. It was now the duty of those left behind to make the world safe, and the home of freedom, right and justice.



### The Victory Medal 1914-19



### The 1914-15 Star



## Right against Might

### The British Campaign Medals of WW1

These three medals were sometimes irreverently referred to as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, with *Pip* representing either the 1914-15 Star or the 1914 Star, only one of which could be awarded to a soldier; *Squeak* was represented by the British War Medal; and *Wilfred* represented the Victory Medal.

### The British War Medal 1914-1920



The Rev. J Foster gave a short address in which he said our soldiers fought for a safer England, safer Europe, and a peaceful world. Whatever might be said of England she was innocent, the war was forced upon her by the pride of power. Germany tried to trample down right by might.

The Rev. Thomas Naylor referred to his connection with Welton where he was born. His family, he said, had been associated with it for many years. He hoped they would enter into the spirit of sacrifice made by the fallen heroes of that village, and try to carry on the great and glorious task of life, which they, by sacrifice, had.

Archdeacon Blackie said he did not know of a better and truer way of sacrifice that their brothers made by laying down their lives. They had political differences and differences in station, but the great call to the world was to get above all their differences and draw closer together so that they would have unity in life.

They were working to one great end – the Glory of the Father. The Christian faith spoke to them not of Death, but of Life. Although the memorial was dedicated to those who in one sense had gone, yet because of their Christian faith they could think of them as living and fulfilling service at the hand of God. They could look in confidence and hope praying that they could become more and more worthy of life and unbroken communion with one another.

After the singing of the hymn “O God our help in ages past”, bugles sounded the “Last Post” and “Reveille” and the service concluded with the Benediction, pronounced by the Rev. A Hunt.



### Floral Tributes

On behalf of Welton Tennis Club, Mr A W Gilbert (Chairman) and Mr F N Lewis (Secretary), who walked in the procession, placed a wreath on the Memorial. Other floral tributes included those bearing the following inscriptions: "In loving remembrance of Willie Baldwin"; "From the Chairman and members of the Memorial Committee"; "In grateful remembrance of the boys who gave their lives so nobly for our freedom."

"From Wilfred Walker, Schoolhouse"; "From Lincoln Cycle Week Committee."; "As a token of our deepest sympathy with the parents, from the Chairman of the Parish Council."; "In loving memory of Fred and Arthur."; "In loving memory of Arthur Mason."; "In loving memory of J W Baldwin."

Over 400 sat down to tea in the schoolroom after the ceremony and during the evening the Old Comrades Band gave a concert on the Village Green.

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## George Grantham

Private 31799, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, enlisted in Lincoln.

Died of wounds on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918. Aged 24.

Son of John and Betsy Grantham of Reepham, husband of Mary J Grantham of Ryland, Welton, Lincoln. Born in Thornton, Horncastle circa 1894.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19

An additional white marble panel was added to the memorial in April 2005 at the request of George Grantham's grandson, Michael Cave of Nettleham, the cost of which was borne by Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council.



Buried In Bagneux British Cemetery  
Gezaincourt, Somme, France. Plot VI, Row E, Grave 11



## William Vasey

(John) William Vasey Private 2835, 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, enlisted in Lincoln.

Killed in action on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1915. Aged 29.

Born Hackthorn in 1888, resident of Welton. Son of John and Elizabeth Vasey of Saxilby, Lincoln.

Commemorated on the LOOS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 31 to 34.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19  
The 1914-15 Star



Loos Memorial, Pas De Calais, France

## Welton War Dead

### First World War



Cap Badge

## Hedley Baldwin

Private 50591, 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Regiment)

Killed in action 18<sup>th</sup> May 1917. Aged 20. Born in Ryland, enlisted in Lincoln, resident of Welton.

Son of Emma Simpson Baldwin of Ryland Cottage, Welton and the late Stephen Baldwin who was a market gardener.

On the 1911 Census it shows at the age of 15 he was working on a farm.

Commemorated on the ARRAS MEMORIAL, Pas de Calais, France. Bay 7. The Arras Memorial is in the Faubourg d'Amiens Cemetery, which is on the Boulevard du Général de Gaulle in the western part of the town of Arras.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19



Arras Memorial

## John William Baldwin



Cap Badge

Private 241383, 2/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment

Died of wounds 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1917. Aged 24. Born and resident in Welton, enlisted in Lincoln.

Son of William and Emily Baldwin of Slated Row, Welton, Lincoln.

On the 1911 Census it shows at the age of 17 he was a shop assistant boarding in Lincoln.

Buried in BRAY MILITARY CEMETERY, Somme, France. Plot II, Row E, Grave 48.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19



Cap Badge

## Percy Twell

(Richard) Percy Twell. Private PO/427(S), Royal Marine Light Infantry, Portsmouth Battalion, date of enlistment 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1914.

Missing, later reported killed in action on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1915. Aged 19.

Born 30<sup>th</sup> November 1895 in Dunholme. Son of John and Mary Ann Twell of Ryland, Lincs.

It was reported in a Lincolnshire Chronicle article dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 1915 that his brothers (John) Alfred, (Arthur) Walter and (William) Cecil were also in the Royal Marines.

Commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL, Panel 2 to 7.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19  
The 1914-15 Star

## Charles Christopher Toyne

Spelt Toyn on birth and military records. Private 13492, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment

Killed in action during the Dardanelles/Gallipoli Campaign on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 1915. Aged 21.

Son of Luke and Elizabeth Toyne of Snarford, Lincoln. Born Snarford in 1895, enlisted in Lincoln, resident of Snarford. At the age of 16, he was working as a horseman for Barker Neave, a farmer in Hackthorn.

Commemorated on the HELLES MEMORIAL, TURKEY, Panel reference 44 to 46.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19  
The 1914-15 Star



Helles Memorial, Turkey

## John Bates

We are unable to identify him except that the Welton Parish Council publication "Diary of a Century" states "21<sup>st</sup> January 1920 – John Bates a single man and returned soldier passed away. He was buried today".

He is buried in WELTON (ST MARY'S) CHURCHYARD, Section D, grave number 128, unfortunately the headstone is no longer there; it read "In loving memory of John, the younger son of Mary Ann and the late William Parker Bates. Died 18<sup>th</sup> January 1920 aged 39 years".

Listed on the 1911 Census aged 30 as a boarder of William Henry Skinner living at 1 West Bight, Lincoln, born 1881 in Welton and employed as a labourer in a cake mill. William Skinner was married to Elizabeth, who is also shown as born in Welton, therefore possibly John's sister.

From the probate list we learn that he had an older brother James, a farmer, who inherited the three hundred and nineteen pounds, eleven shillings and fourpence that he left.



St Mary's Churchyard, Welton

## Robert Goodwin

Private 19230, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment

Died of wounds on 1<sup>st</sup> November 1918. Aged 23.

Son of Thomas and Lucy Goodwin (nee Foster). Born in Timberland, enlisted in Nottingham and a resident of Welton.

Buried in POZNAN OLD GARRISON CEMETERY, Poland. Plot V1, Row A, Grave 1.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19



Cap Badge

## George Clarence Tinker

Acting Corporal (Private) PLY/17126, Royal Marine Light Infantry (2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Marine Bn. attached 'Y' 63<sup>rd</sup> Medium Trench Mortar Battery)

Died 25<sup>th</sup> May 1917. Aged 22. Killed in action by enemy shell fire whilst in charge of a fatigue party.

Son of George and Sarah E Tinker (Mrs S E Curtis of Laneham Villa, Welton on CWGC). Born 11<sup>th</sup> July 1896 in Ragnall, Nottinghamshire.

Buried in ATHIES COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION, ARRAS, FRANCE. Row K, Grave 22.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19  
The 1914-15 Star



Athies Communal Cemetery Extension, Arras, France



Cap Badge

## Arthur Mason

Private 6754, VIII Corps Cyclist Battalion, Army Cyclist Corps, formerly 11525 Lincolnshire Regiment.

Killed in action 24<sup>th</sup> October 1918. Aged 23.

Son of Walter and Elizabeth Mason of Welton. Born in Spridlington circa 1896, enlisted Lincoln, resident Welton.

Buried in VALENCIENNES (ST ROCH) COMMUNAL CEMETERY, Nord, France. Plot II, Row D, Grave 15.

Medals awarded: The British War Medal, 1914-1920  
The Victory Medal, 1914-19  
The 1914-15 Star



Men of the Army Cyclist Corps resting in Courcelles, March 1917

## Richard Harvey

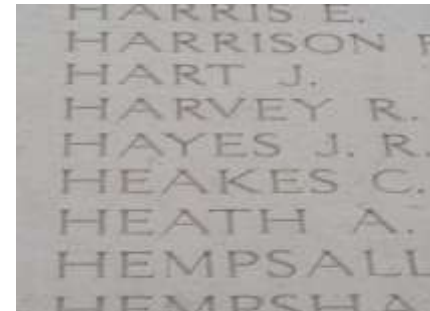
We have not been able to verify the following as definitely relating to the name on our memorial, as no links with Welton can be identified, but the information that can be found in the available records for this name is as follows:

Private 17984, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Born 1899 in Bassingham, enlisted in Lincoln May 1915.

Killed in action 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1916 aged 17.

Son of Henry and Harriet Harvey of Bassingham.

Commemorated on the YPRES (Menin Gate) MEMORIAL, Province of West Flanders, Belgium. Panel 21.



Inscription on the YPRES MEMORIAL



Menin Gate Memorial



Cap Badge

## Arthur Hodson

Rifleman 60931, 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales' Own)

Died of wounds 30<sup>th</sup> July 1918.

Son of William, born 1861 in Goulceby and the late Mary Hodson, brother of Fred Hodson. Born 1899 in Greetwell, enlisted in Grantham.

Commemorated SEZANNE COMMUNAL CEMETERY. Grave A 32.



Sezanne Communal Cemetery

## Fred Hodson

Private 6/11513, C Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment

Killed in action 26<sup>th</sup> July 1916. Aged 20.

Son of William and the late Mary Hodson and brother of Arthur. Born in Greetwell, enlisted in Lincoln, resident of Welton.

Buried in CABARET-ROUGE BRITISH CEMETERY, SOUCHEZ, France. Plot XVII, Row L, Grave 14.



Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery

Fred and Arthur's nephew is Jesse Green who still lives locally.