

SHINFIELD – WAR MEMORIAL




In grateful & lasting memory of the men from this parish who so nobly made the great sacrifice in the European war



1914 – 1918



They died so we might live




This memorial was erected by the inhabitants of Shinfield




1914-1918



ALDER	John	Private 6619, 1 st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 6 th January 1915, born East Harbourne, enlisted Reading, resident of Shinfield. Remembered on the Le Touret Memorial panel 30.
<p>ALEXANDER</p>  <p>The late Pte. F. ALEXANDER, transferred to 10th Bn. Royal Berkshire Regt., Ferndale, Brackley Hill, Shinfield.— Died of wounds.</p>	Francis Joseph	Private 219016, 7 th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, died of wounds on the 29 th August 1918 aged 23, enlisted Reading, son of Edward and Emma Alexander of Ferndale, Brookers Hill, Shinfield, Reading. Buried in the Karasouli Military Cemetery in Greece grave D.891. Formerly no 615 in the Army Service Corp.


<p>ALLEN</p>  <p>The late Pls. F. K. ALLEN, of Ryeish Green, Spencer's Wood.—Killed in action.</p>	<p>Frederick K</p>	<p>Private 13023, 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 5th March 1917 aged 21, born Swallowfield, enlisted Reading, son of Mrs Eliza Allen of Ryeish Green, Spencer Wood, Reading. Buried in the Fins New British Cemetery, Sorel-Le-Grand in France grave VII.E.26.</p>
<p>ALLEN</p>  <p>The late Lce-Corpl. M. H. ALLEN, Whitley Wood, Reading.—Died of wounds. Aged 29.</p>	<p>Mark Horace</p>	<p>Lance Corporal 7854, 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, died of wounds on the 21st November 1914 aged 29, born Shinfield, enlisted Reading, resident of Whitley Wood. Buried in the Boulogne Eastern Cemetery in France, grave III.A.64.</p>
<p>APPLETON</p>	<p>Arthur Richard John</p>	<p>Private 15187, Berkshire Yeomanry died on the 29th November 1917 aged 19, son of William and Caroline Appleton, 200 Whitley Wood Lane, Reading. Remembered on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel, panel 4.</p>
<p>BAILEY</p>	<p>Austin</p>	<p>Private 27367, 7th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, died of wounds on the 2nd October 1918 aged 21, born Shinfield, enlisted Reading, son of William and Mary Bailey, Whitley Wood, Three Mile Cross, Reading. Buried in the Plovdiv Central Cemetery in Bulgaria, grave B.5. Brother of Herbert below.</p>
<p>BAILEY</p>	<p>Herbert</p>	<p>Private 12/1532, 16th Coy Auckland Regiment, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, died on the 25th April 1915 aged 27, son of William and Mary Bailey, Whitley Wood, Three Mile Cross, Reading. Remembered on the Lone Pine Memorial in Turkey, panel 72. Brother of Austin above.</p>
<p>BEALES</p>	<p>Edward Ernest</p>	<p>Private 10259, 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 25th September 1915, born Aylesbury, enlisted Shinfield, resident of Shinfield. Remembered on Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium, panel 7 and 8. Also remembered on the Spencers Wood Memorial. The 2nd battalion attacked at Bois Grenier on the 25th September 1915 simultaneous to the battle of Loos, the attack was to prevent the enemy from moving reserves down and jeopardising any breakthrough at Loos. Diary entry for the Battalion, sustained the following casualties: Officers Killed: 7, Wounded: 5. Other Ranks: Killed 32, Missing 143, Wounded 216</p>

BLAND	Edgar	Private CH/1659(S), 1 st R.M Bn R.N Div Royal Marine Light Infantry, died on the 28 th April 1917. Remembered on the Arras Memorial in France, bay 1.
<p data-bbox="132 237 264 264">BOLTON</p>  <p data-bbox="148 678 440 725">The late Pte. F. J. BOLTON, 62, Whitby Wood Lane, Reading.—Killed in action.</p>	Frederick James	<p data-bbox="686 237 1458 1588">Private 25110, A Coy, 6th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 17th February 1917 aged 37, enlisted Reading, son of the late Mr and Mrs J Bolton, husband of Agnes Herridge West (formerly Bolton) 92 Whitley Wood Lane, Reading. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France, pier and face 11 D. Diary entry for the 6th Battalion on the 17th February 1917. Grandcourt Front Line, at about midnight the enemy opened a slow barrage on all our lines of approach. The line to the gunpitd was barraged all night. At 4AM a slow barrage was opened on our forming up line. AT 5AM this increased in intensity and caused some casualties. In Grandcourt Valley this barrage was mostly 4.2. And 5.9s and very little of this was shrapnel. At 5.40AM Bn HQ dug out was blown in and Bn HQ started to move to a dug out at the junction of Regina Tr and 16 Rd. 5.45 - Our barrage opened and attack launched in the dark. Owing to the darkness troops became somewhat disorganised. Casualties in the actual advance were not very serious. The final objective was reached but owing to the line taken up on the right of the Bn had to be withdrawn. The following is a description of events by A Coy - Reserve Coy. On the assaulting troops moving forward A Coy moved into the line Grandcourt Tr and when the assaulting troops moved to the final objective after the 37 minute halt of the barrage two platoons moved up and garrisoned COFFEE TR - two platoons to Grandcourt Tr & headquarters to FOLLY TR. At zero hour Bn HQ moved from the gun pits, which had been very heavily shelled, to a dug out at the junction of Regina TR and 16 Rd. 8AM - Situation reported to Brigade. Line visited and consolidation started. 1050 - Situation reported to all Coys. CO visited line - consolidation being completed. Remainder of day spent in improving line and burying dead. Day quiet. Casualties 6 Officers wounded - (1 died of wounds) 19 other ranks killed, 169 wounded & missing. Quiet night - very little shelling by enemy.</p>
<p data-bbox="132 1594 264 1621">CARTER</p> 	William Frederick	<p data-bbox="686 1594 1458 1700">Ordinary Seaman J/46419(PO), Royal Navy HMS Excellent, died on the 2nd February 1916, buried in the Shinfield (St Mary's) Church Cemetery.</p>

<p>COOK</p>	<p>William James</p>	<p>Private 5613, 2nd/4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, died of wounds on the 22nd November 1916, born Whitley Wood, enlisted Reading, buried at the Contay British Cemetery in France, grave VIII.F.28.</p>
<p>ELISHA</p>	<p>Errol Geoffrey</p>	<p>Private 28666, 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment, died on the 22nd April 1918 aged 18, son of George Elisha of Fern Cottage, Ryiesh Green, Spencer's Wood, Reading. Remembered on the Loos Memorial in France, panel 73.</p>
<p>FARMER</p>  <p>The late Pte. CHARLES FARMER, Three Mile Cross.—Killed in action. Aged 19.</p>	<p>Charles</p>	<p>Private PO/17048, Royal Marine Light Infantry, killed in action on the 15th June 1915 aged 19, resident of Three Mile Cross. Remembered on the Helles Memorial in Turkey, panel 2 to 7. Also remembered on the Spencers Wood Memorial.</p>
<p>HOLE</p>	<p>Michael</p>	<p>Second Lieutenant, 10th Battalion King's Royal Rifles Corps, died on the 19th September 1917 aged 39, son of the late Mr & Mrs Hole of Hunscott, Swindon, Husband of Mrs F Hole of the Barn, Northcourt Avenue, Reading. Remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium, Panel 115 to 119 or 162A to 163A.</p>
<p>HUSSEY</p> 	<p>Harold Joseph</p>	<p>Stoker 1st Class K/26474, Royal Navy HMS Hyacinth, died on the 12th January 1916 aged 27, son of Joseph and Ellen Hussey of the "Six Bells", Shinfield, Reading. Remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, reference 18.</p>
<p>LAILEY</p>  <p>The late Lt.-Col. T. LAILEY, Shinfield.—Killed in action. Aged 37.</p>	<p>Thomas Henry</p>	<p>Private 11818, 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 5th January 1915 aged 17, son of William H and Emma Lailey of Arborfield Road, Shinfield, Reading. Born Reading, enlisted Reading, resident of Shinfield. Remembered on the Le Touret Memorial in France, panel 30. Diary entry for the 1st Battalion on the 5th January 1915, Festubert, France. A fine day. Intermittent sniping and slight shelling about midday. One shell pitched clean into the shelter trench and Capt Birt was killed outright and his Sgt Maj badly wounded. Endeavours were made to improve parapets, etc with sandbags but the soil was too wet to make a successful job of it. We had no communications by day with left coy owing to lack of telephones.</p>


<p>LAILEY</p>  <p>The late Pte. WILLIAM H. LAILEY, 10th Australian Light Horse, School Green, Shinfield. — Killed in action. Aged 25.</p>	<p>William Henry</p>	<p>Trooper 33, 10th Australian Light Horse, killed in action on the 7th August 1915 aged 25, resident of School Green, Shinfield. Buried at Shrapnel Valley Cemetery Turkey, grave SP Mem B, 1.</p>
<p>LAWRENCE</p>  <p>The late Pte. A. LAWRENCE, R.M.L.I., 23, Donnington Road, Reading, late of Shinfield. — Died of wounds.</p>	<p>A</p>	<p>Private PO/16196, 1st Royal Marine Light Infantry, died of wounds on the 9th September 1917 aged 24, resident of 23 Donnington Road, Reading, son of Alfred and Ellen Lawrence of Shinfield, Berks. Buried at the Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, France, grave VI.A.9.</p>
<p>LEAVER</p>  <p>The late Pte. LEONARD VICTOR LEAVER, Shinfield. — Killed in action.</p>	<p>Leonard V</p>	<p>Private 22469, A Company, 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 10th March 1917 aged 23, Son of Alfred and Caroline Leaver of School Green, Shinfield, Reading. Born Reading, enlisted Reading, resident of Shinfield. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France, pier and face 11 D. Diary entry for the 6th Battalion on the 10th March 1917, front line, Irlles, France. At 5.15 am the Bn attacked Grevillers Trench in conjunction with the 1st KRRC on the left. The trench was captured at once and a line of posts established in front to facilitate the digging of a new assembly trench for a future attack. A Company were on the right, 100 prisoners, 3 Machine Guns and 2 light trench mortars were captured. Casualties Officers 1 killed, 2 wounded, other Ranks 10 Killed, 75 wounded and 9 missing. The enemy commenced shelling the captured line at about 12 noon and continued throughout the day, but made no effort to recapture the position.</p>
<p>MAYBANKS</p>	<p>Albert G</p>	<p>Private 27004, 2nd Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, died 5th September 1917. Buried at the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension (Nord) in France, grave III, E, 209.</p>
<p>MEARING</p>	<p>William</p>	<p>Gunner 199036, 13th Reserve Battery Royal Field Artillery transferred to the 171st Company of the Labour Corp as number 102268, died on the 15th April 1918 aged 24, son of Mr and Mrs E Mearing of Cutbush Road, Shinfield. Buried at the St Pierre Cemetery, Amiens in France, grave XVI.E.5.</p>




<p>PARKER</p>	<p>Henry John</p>	<p>Private 8326, 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 25th September 1915 age 30, born Farnborough, enlisted Reading, son of Mr and Mrs H J Parker of Basingstoke Road, Reading, Husband of Rose Ethel Chappell (formally Parker) of 70 Linden Road, Shinfield. Remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium panel 7 & 8. The 2nd battalion attacked at Bois Grenier on the 25th September 1915 simultaneous to the battle of Loos, the attack was to prevent the enemy from moving reserves down and jeopardising any breakthrough at Loos. Diary entry for the Battalion, sustained the following casualties: Officers Killed: 7, Wounded: 5. Other Ranks: Killed 32, Missing 143, Wounded 216.</p>
<p>PETTY</p>	<p>John E</p>	<p>Sergeant 36812, 23rd Brigade Head Quarters of the Royal Field Artillery, died on the 12th September 1915 aged 23, husband of Annie Alice Petty of Black Hull Road, Folkestone. Was Mentioned in Despatches. Buried at the Perth Cemetery (China Wall) in Belgium, grave IV.E.19</p>
<p>PIGGOTT</p>  <p>The late Cpl. WM. PIGGOTT, Church Lane, Three Mile Cross.—Killed in action. Aged 24.</p>	<p>William</p>	<p>Corporal 2575, 1st/4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 18th August 1916 aged 24, born Shinfield, resident of Church Lane, Three Mile Cross, enlisted Reading. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France, pier and face 11 D. Diary entry for the 1st/4th Battalion on Friday the 18th August 1916, Ovillers France. Dispositions: C Company in the front line, D Company in Support and A & D Companies in reserve in the village. Orders were received at 1.37p.m. to co-operate with the 143rd Brigade in their attack, "B" Coy found the attacking party with A in Support to them and two Companies of the GLOSTERS were placed under the Commanding Officers orders in addition. Weather: a very hot day.</p>
<p>POTTINGER</p>	<p>Charles E R</p>	<p>Lieutenant, 17th Field Company Royal Engineers, died on the 11th May 1915. Buried at St Sever Cemetery, Rouen in France, grave A.1.II</p>
<p>TAPPING</p>  <p>Rfn. WM. GEORGE TAPPING, 5th Queen Victoria Rifles, School Green, Shinfield.—Missing since July 1916. Aged 28.</p>	<p>William George</p>	<p>Rifleman 4379, 1st/9th Battalion London Regiment (Queen Victoria's Rifles), died on the 1st July 1916 aged 26, son of William Thomas and Sarah Emily Agnes Tapping of School Green, Shinfield. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France, pier and face 9 C. Movement for the 1st July 1916, The Queen Victoria's Rifles attacked Gommecourt on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.</p>

<p>WESTALL</p>  <p>The late Pte. JESSE JAMES WESTALL, Cut Bush Lane, Shinfield.—Killed in action.</p>	<p>Jesse James</p>	<p>Private 30008, 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 17th October 1917, resident of Cutbush Lane, Shinfield. Buried at the Prowse Point Military Cemetery in Belgium, grave III.C.17. Diary entry for the 1st/4th Battalion on Friday the 17th October 1917, in the field, France "A" Company relieved "C" Company in LEFT FRONT. "C" Coy in RESERVE. Casualty 2Lt S.M. CUBBAGE Hospital. O.R. Killed 4. Died of wounds 2. Wounded 7.</p>
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Also in honoured memory of the men of Shinfield who died for us in the World War 1939-1945 We will remember them

1939-1945

<p>AUST</p>	<p>Henry Charles</p>	<p>Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Navy HMS Drake, died 21st April 1941 aged 20, son of Arthur Daniel and Winifred Mary Jane Aust of Reading. Berkshire. Buried at the Plymouth (Weston Mill) Cemetery, grave 17935A. During the war Royal Naval Barracks at Devonport was being heavily bombed sailors from HMS Drake were involved in much of the rescue work. On April 21/22, 1941, when Devonport itself was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs, several buildings caught alight but were brought under control, the only structure to be lost being the Boscawen Block which was hit by high explosives and fell victim to an uncontrollable fire. The walls collapsed just before midnight on April 21; that night 113 lives were lost from HMS Drake.</p>
<p>JEROME</p> 	<p>Albert Edward</p>	<p>Able Seaman P/SSX18355, Royal Navy HMS Petard, died 16th September 1943, Remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 75 Column 1. On the 15th of September HMS Petard was part of the screen for the Battleships Warspite and Valiant during the bombardment of targets at Salerno. During an air attack on bombarding ships she was hit by a shell fired during the defensive barrage by assembled ships. Casualties included two personnel killed.</p>
<p>PETTIT</p>	<p>Douglas Darrah</p>	<p>Sergeant (Flight Engineer) 1895178, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve 462 Squadron, died on the 23rd October 1944 aged 19, son of Frederick Charles and Ada Sophie Petit, husband of Amy Maybn Pettit of Shinfield, Berkshire. Buried at the Hotton War Cemetery in Belgium, grave I.E.9</p>

<p>PHILLIPS</p> 	<p>Reginald Horace</p>	<p>Second Radio Officer, MV Arthur F. Corwin (London) Merchant Navy, died on the 13th February 1941 aged 35, husband of Hilda C Phillips of Shinfield Green, Berkshire. Remembered at the Tower Hill Memorial, panel 10. The MV Arthur F. Corwin was in convoy HX-106, she was sunk by submarine U96 while loaded with 14,500 tons of aviation spirit. She went down on 13 February taking all 59 crew with her.</p>
<p>SHEPHERD</p> 	<p>Peter William</p>	<p>Signalman 2577790, Royal Corps of Signals, died on the 22nd September 1942 aged 22, son of William and Dora Shepherd, husband of Peggy Shepherd of Caversham Heights, Reading. Buried at the Reading (Henley Road) Cemetery, Block 2 grave 1877.</p>
<p>WIX</p> 	<p>Douglas Louis</p>	<p>Flight Lieutenant 102582, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, died on the 6th April 1945 aged 29, son of Alfred and Edith Wix, husband of Doris Muriel Wix of Whitley Wood, Reading. Awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Buried at the Shinfield (St Mary's) Church Cemetery.</p>