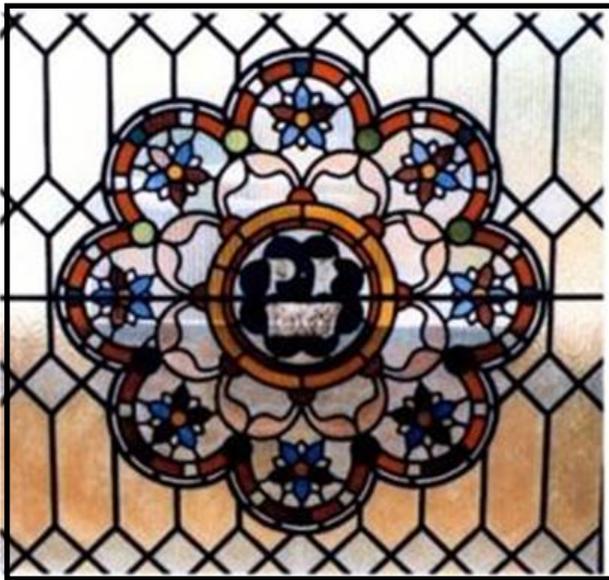


## War Memorial Window

The Memorial window from the old Wesleyan church of 1869 is now in place in the present church, built in 1967.

The Roll of Honour (1914 to 1918) is shown beneath the window.



The interior of the Wimborne Wesleyan Church, showing the two war memorial plaques in situ beneath the two galleries left and right (rather indistinct, and behind the pillars).



On Sunday 11 April 1920, at the evening service, the two memorial plaques were unveiled by the superintendent minister, Revd William Newby. These tablets had been prepared by Mr Robert Cribb, Works Manager of the Eclipse Works, with generous help from his employer, Mr J W Flower.

The Boy Scouts, Church Lads Brigade and the King's Royal Rifle Corps were invited to attend and the Last Post was sounded.

They shall not grow 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.



Information about the 12 men who gave their lives in the Great War can be found on the following pages.

With grateful thanks to Mrs Barbara Marriott for all her research into the lives and service to their country of those whose names appear on the Roll of Honour.

In Memory of  
Second Lieutenant

# Ernest George Clarke

7th Bn., Border Regiment who died on 23 April 1917

Remembered with Honour  
Arras Memorial



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## ERNEST GEORGE CLARKE

Ernest was born in Ditchat, Somerset on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1878, the eldest child of Colin and Anna Clarke, who retired to Wimborne from their butchers shop in Ditchat about 1911 and worshipped at this church. Ernest was educated at Sexey's School, Bruton, where he became head monitor, and married Jane Dearman Hawley in Tewkesbury Wesleyan Chapel on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1902 and the family moved to Bude, Cornwall where he worked as an assistant ironmonger.

Sadly, Jane died in 1910 and when Ernest was posted as missing presumed killed on St. George's Day 1917 this left his two teenage daughters as orphans, who then came to live with their grandparents in Wimborne.

Ernest had only recently received his commission, previously he had been serving as a sergeant with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battn. Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Ernest was last seen when he went over the top with his platoon in mist and a smoke barrage, on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. No trace of him was ever found.



In Memory of

Private

## Percy Cole

26407, "D" Coy. 11th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment who died on 20 August 1916 Age 29

Husband of Linda Mary Cole, of 518, Pamphill, Wimborne, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour

Puchevillers British Cemetery



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## PERCY COLE

**Percy Cole, the second of five sons of Sidney and Elizabeth Cole of Long Lane, Wimborne, was born in 1886 and baptised in Wimborne Minster on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1877. He followed his father into the building trade as a bricklayer.**

**In 1913 he married Linda Mary Ricketts and they made their home at Pamphill.**

**When war broke out Percy, along with three brothers, joined up, Cecil in the Dorset Regt., Ernest in the Royal Engineers, Reginald in the Coldstream Guards while Percy served with the Royal Berkshire Regt.**

**Cecil and Ernest returned home safely, but Reginald, the youngest son, and Percy both lost their lives and the names of both are inscribed on Colehill War Memorial**



In Memory of

Private

## William Charles Cutler

15734, 1st Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 21 May 1918 Age 29

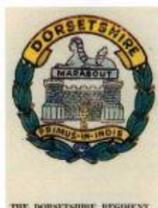
Son of William and Emma Cutler, of Wimborne; husband of Ethel Kate Cutler, of "Ventnor," Cheltenham Rd., Upper Parkstone, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour

Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt



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## WILLIAM CHARLES CUTLER

William was the third son of William and Emily Cutler of Leigh Road, Wimborne, where William senior was a postman. William Charles was born in 1889 and most likely received his education at St. John's School.

After leaving school he took a job as a general labourer in a fruit growing business, probably the Vineries.

When the first World War started he had already reached his twenty fifth birthday so he would have soon been called up if he hadn't already volunteered. Like four others connected with our Methodist Church he enlisted in the Dorset Regiment and served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion.

In the summer of 1917 during a welcome spot of leave, he married his fiancée Ethel Kate Legg, but sadly after only a few months of marriage, William lost his life during a battle on the Somme.



In Memory of

Serjeant

**F C Forward**

10296, 23rd Heavy Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 02 July 1917

Son of Mr. A. H. Forward, of 35, Avenue Rd., Wimborne.

Remembered with Honour

**Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension**



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## FREDERICK CHARLES FORWARD

Born in Wimborne, in December 1884, Frederick was the son of Albert Henry and Edith Forward. He attended the National School and on Sundays was a scholar in the Wesleyan Church Sunday school.

After leaving school he worked as an ironmonger's errand boy, before joining the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1902. During his army service he served in England, Africa, Singapore and Canada, attaining the rank of serjeant. After the outbreak of the first World War, he was sent out to France in September 1915 and died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1917. He lies buried in Belgium, in the Dickebusch New Military Cemetery Extension.

Frederick's elder brother Arthur became the choirmaster at this church in 1920, also a Local Preacher and two sisters were long serving choir members.



In Memory of

Private

## Ethelbert Andrew James Guy

16436, 2nd Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 13 August 1916 Age 23

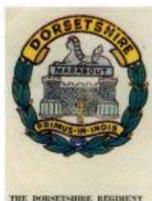
Son of Andrew John and Sarah Jane Guy, of 5, Eden Grove, Wimborne.

Remembered with Honour

Basra War Cemetery



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## **ETHELBERT ANDREW JAMES GUY**

Ethelbert was born in 1893 in Pilford, Wimborne, the youngest son of Andrew John and Sarah Jane Guy. At the time his father was working as a blacksmith. By the age of 8 years, Ethelbert and his family had moved into Wimborne and were living at 5 Eden Grove, so he probably attended St. John's Junior School. On the 1911 census, his father gave his occupation as a Life Assurance Agent, and Ethelbert was a grocery apprentice.

Both Ethelbert's parents were members of this church, Andrew was also a Sunday School teacher and their names are to be found on the Jubilee Historic Roll of 1919.



In Memory of

Private

## Reginald Campion Legg

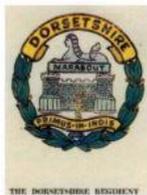
38560, 2nd Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment who died on 02 April 1918

Remembered with Honour

Pozieres Memorial



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## REGINALD CAMPION LEGG

Reginald Campion Legg was the third son and seventh child then living of John William (a grocer and baker) and Mary Legg of 57 Leigh Road, Wimborne. Reginald was born in Wimborne as were all his siblings. He was baptised in the Wesleyan Chapel and a scholar in the Sunday School. When he was older he played his violin in the Brotherhood and took his first communion and covenant service at the Chapel.

Reginald attended St. John's Day School before moving on to the Council School where he won a scholarship to the Grammar School, passing the same week the Oxford Preliminary, before he was 12 years old. Shortly afterwards he passed the Junior Oxford following this with the Senior Oxford with Honours in all subjects. He followed his own education by becoming a student teacher at the Boys' School.

He joined up in the Dorset Regiment and afterwards transferred to the Gloucesters and then at the age of 19 was sent out to France where he transferred to the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

He was reported missing on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1918. The only information his parents heard was that a soldier was supposed to have seen him going to the rescue of another man whereby losing his own life.

His parent's tribute stated "He was indeed a dear and loving son and brother and this world will never be quite the same to us again".



In Memory of  
Lance Serjeant

## Albert Henry Maidment

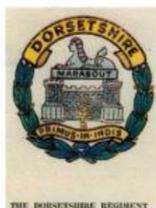
9750, 1st Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 14 April 1917 Age 21

Son of Harry and Elizabeth Mary Maidment, of 19, Leigh Park, Wimborne, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour  
Thiepval Memorial



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## ALBERT HENRY MAIDMENT

Albert, born in Wimborne in 1896, was the eldest son of Harry and Elizabeth Maidment, living in Julians Road in 1901 but by 1911 the family had moved to 30 King Street. Albert then probably attended the National School in King Street. On leaving school he worked in a market garden and in 1914 at the age of 17 years and 218 days he enlisted in the Dorset Regt., in the Special Reserve of which he was already serving.

He was promoted to Corporal on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1916 and on the 9<sup>th</sup> October that same year he became a Lance Sergeant.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1917 he was “reported wounded and missing, believed died of wounds”. Later his service record states “death presumed by the War Office on lapse of time as having occurred on or since 14<sup>th</sup> April 1917”.

The Wimborne Minster Parish magazine of May 1917 records that “Sgt. Albert Maidment is wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans” and in a later issue states that he had died of wounds.

Albert was a past member of the Church Lads Brigade attached to Wimborne Minster.



In Memory of  
Lance Corporal

## Thomas Frank Pavey

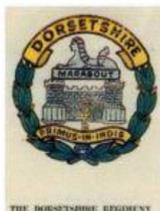
31763, 7th Bn., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry who died on 16 May 1918 Age 28

Son of Mary Ann Pavey, of Erin House, Chard St., Axminster, Devon, and the late John James Pavey.

Remembered with Honour  
St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen



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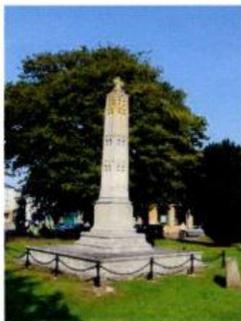
## THOMAS FRANK PAVEY

Thomas was the youngest of the six children of John James and Mary Ann Pavey. They were all born in Axminster, Devon, where John James was a rural postman and tailor. Sadly, Thomas probably never remembered his father who died when Thomas was barely two years old. Their mother continued to work at home as a dressmaker while the children were growing up.

By the time he was 21 years old Thomas was working in Yeovil as a grocer's assistant. How he came to be in Wimborne when war broke out is uncertain but it was here he enlisted in the Dorset Regiment, service no. 17061, later transferring to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. It was during this time in Wimborne that his connection with this church was made.

While serving in France in the Western European theatre of war he received wounds from which he died on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1918 and lies buried in Rouen.

As well as being mentioned on our war memorial, his name is included in Wimborne Minster and Axminster.



Axminster War Memorial

In Memory of

Private

## Frederick William Shephard

17705, 6th Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 11 May 1917 Age 28

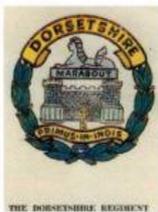
Husband of Cicely M. Shephard, of The Laurels, Canford Bottom, Wimborne, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour

Arras Memorial



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## FREDERICK WILLIAM SHEPHARD

Frederick was born in Lyme Regis in 1887, the son of Frederick William Shephard, a photographer in business at Lyme and his wife Elizabeth. Sadly Elizabeth died in 1897 and Frederick senior married again the following year.

Frederick junior's younger sister Winifred lived with her Great Aunt Emily Bell in Wimborne from an early age which is probably why Frederick was living in Wimborne in 1911 and working as a grocer's assistant at the County Stores. He lodged with Mrs. Isaac Tweed, whose son John (known as Johnny) was the organ blower in the Wesleyan church, hence the connection with our war memorial?

On the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1913 Fred married Cicely Maria Hall at Ringwood Register Office living with her parents at Canford Bottom, Wimborne. Just a few months after Fred's death, Cicely married his brother Percy.

The Wimborne Minster Parish Magazine of July 1917 records the following:-

"Private Fred Shepherd who, although he was not properly speaking a Wimborne man, will be remembered by many when employed at the Dorset Stores. He was killed whilst giving to another a drink of water from his water bottle".



In Memory of

Private

## William Arthur Small

201647, 1st/4th Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 28 September 1917 Age 22

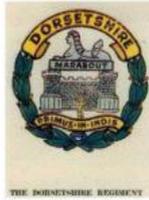
Son of Charles and Harriet Ella Small, of 15, West St., Wimborne, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour

Basra Memorial



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## WILLIAM ARTHUR SMALL

The oldest family firm in Wimborne until 2010, Charles Small and Son, Funeral Directors and House Furnishers, was established by Charles Small in the 1880s. Charles and his wife Harriet Ella had a family of five sons and two daughters, another son died in infancy.

Four of their sons served in the first world war, three of them coming home at the end, but William Arthur was not so fortunate.

William was born in Wimborne in 1895 and on leaving school became a printer's apprentice. He enlisted in the Dorset Regt. serving with the 1/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion which was the Territorial Force of the regiment. Whilst in action during the Battle of Baghdad he was badly wounded but carried on until a shell killed him instantly.

William's parents wrote this tribute to their son. "We his parents were deeply grateful that he lived and died in the fear of God and hope that the generations to come will enjoy those liberties and privileges which these brave lads gave up homes and comforts, and even willing to give their lives to the benefit of their country and their God".



In Memory of

Private

**H Tee**

L/8715, The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) who died on 09 November 1914 Age 27

Son of William Tee, of 3, Ethelbert Rd., Wimborne, Dorset; husband of Alice Harriet Tee, of 9, Hermitage Park, Ringwood Rd., Parkstone, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour

**Netley Military Cemetery**



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## HARRY TEE

Harry Tee was born in Battersea, London, in 1887, the son of William Tee a Railway Guard and his wife Emma Agnes. On leaving school he worked as a stable boy with the Metropolitan Police when the family lived in Stoke next Guildford, Surrey.

In 1905 Harry enlisted in The Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment) where he gave his civilian occupation as a carriage cleaner.

During his service he had several bouts of illness, bronchitis, influenza and rheumatic fever, but had been promoted to Lance Corporal in 1907 although this was reverted to Private seven months later.

His 7 years and 61 days with the colours took him to Gibraltar and Bermuda before he transferred to the Reserve on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1913.

By this time his family had moved to Wimborne where his father continued his employment as a railway guard on the London and South West Railway. The family were members of Wimborne Wesleyan Church, William being a Local Preacher.

On 28<sup>th</sup> July 1913 Harry married Alice Harriet Blake at Tooting Parish Church, giving his profession as a prison warden.

The day after war was declared on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1914, Harry rejoined his regiment. Just three months later having received a gun shot wound to the shoulder, he was transferred to the Military hospital in Netley on 4<sup>th</sup> November but died of his wounds on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 1914 aged 27 and lies buried in Netley Military Cemetery.



In Memory of

Private

# William George Torevell

17551, 5th Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 26 September 1916 Age 19

Son of Henry and Mary Ann Torevell, of 581, Tadden, Wimborne, Dorset.

Remembered with Honour

Thiepval Memorial



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## WILLIAM GEORGE TOREVELL

William Torevell was born in West Morden, Dorset, in 1897. His parents, Henry William and Mary Ann (nee Kerley) had moved to Wimborne by 1911 and were living at Tadden, Pamphill, where Henry was working as a farm labourer.

William joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Dorsets on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916 and had been at the Front about three weeks when his parents heard of the death of their only child in action in France on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

However, the Wimborne Minster Parish Magazine of November 1916 records the death as the 13<sup>th</sup> September.

William's name is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, where every year on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, a major ceremony is held.



**THEIR NAME LIVETH  
FOR EVERMORE**