

BRIDGE



Bridge War Memorial

The village memorial is presently looking rather unloved and is need of urgent restoration. The Portland stone is covered with algae growth and the names inscribed on the memorial also need some attention. This reflects badly on the village – the men deserve better than this...

The Great War
1914 -1919

ANDERSON D.K

Lieutenant Colonel Donald Knox ANDERSON MC. Machine Gun Corps (MGC). Formerly (Captain) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 3rd December 1917.

ANDERSON C.K

Lieutenant Colin Knox ANDERSON. 1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly 3rd Battalion. Died 22nd August 1914.

BUTLER F

Corporal 72588 Frank BUTLER. Machine Gun Corps (Infantry) (M.G.C). Formerly (1831) Kent Cyclist Battalion. Died 5th May 1918. Born Newnham, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury.

The village memorial lists Frank as a Private but SDGW gives him as a Corporal.

DUTNALL H

Lance Corporal G/19274 Henry DUTNALL. 11th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Formerly (2480) Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (Yeomanry) (REKMR). Died 26th July 1917. Born Sittingbourne. Enlisted Canterbury.

FORD C.S

Private 13676 Cecil Stanley FORD. 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Died 20th October 1914. Born Bridge, Kent. Enlisted Canterbury.

FORD F.J

Sergeant F.J FORD. The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) – NO TRACE

The Medal Index Cards list a – Private G/5608 F FORD. The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). This man is not listed as a war casualty so presumably he survived the war. It is possible that after discharge he died of wounds or of some kind of disease. The trustees of the memorial may have allowed his name to go forward on this basis.

FOSTER A.H

Private 784937 Arthur Harold FOSTER. Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment). Died Tuesday 30th October 1917 aged 36 years. Born Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada 8th December 1881. Enlisted Dundas

11th March 1916. Son of William and Emma Foster of Ripple Vale, Ripple, Dover, Kent. Formerly residing at Filmer House, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent. Arthur has no known grave. His name appears on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ypres, Belgium. Panel reference 10 to 58.

Educated Ashford Grammar School, Ashford, Kent.

Arthur's name also appears on the Ripple War Memorial and on the Ashford Grammar School War Memorial.

HARVEY W.C

Private 21379 William Charles HARVEY. 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Died 25th September 1915. Born Royston, Hertfordshire. Enlisted Canterbury.

JONES F.C

Private G/1377 Frederick Charles JONES. 2nd Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 12th May 1915. Born Bridge. Enlisted Ramsgate. Resided Bridge.

MANN A.J

Lance Corporal 18384 Arthur John MANN. 13th Battalion, East Surrey Regiment. Died 23rd March 1918. Born Bridge. Enlisted Kingston-Upon-Thames.

MANN W.J

Private 1150 Walter James MANN. 1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers. Died 15th October 1914. Born Aldborough, Yorkshire. Enlisted Canterbury.

PERKINS C.E

Chief Petty Officer (CPO) SS.105825(C) Charles Edward PERKINS. HMS "Aboukir". Royal Navy (RN). Died 22nd September 1914.

PEIRCE C.H

Lance Corporal G/5502 Charles Henry PEIRCE. 8th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 12th February 1916. Born Bishopsbourne. Enlisted Canterbury. Resided Bridge.

The Second World War (1939 – 1945)

FRIEND J.E

Lieutenant 237002 John Ernest FRIEND. Royal Army Service Corps (RASC).
Died 17th December 1943.

WEST G.P

Second Lieutenant 117320 George Palmer WEST. Leicestershire Regiment.
Died 26th May 1941 aged 28 years.



