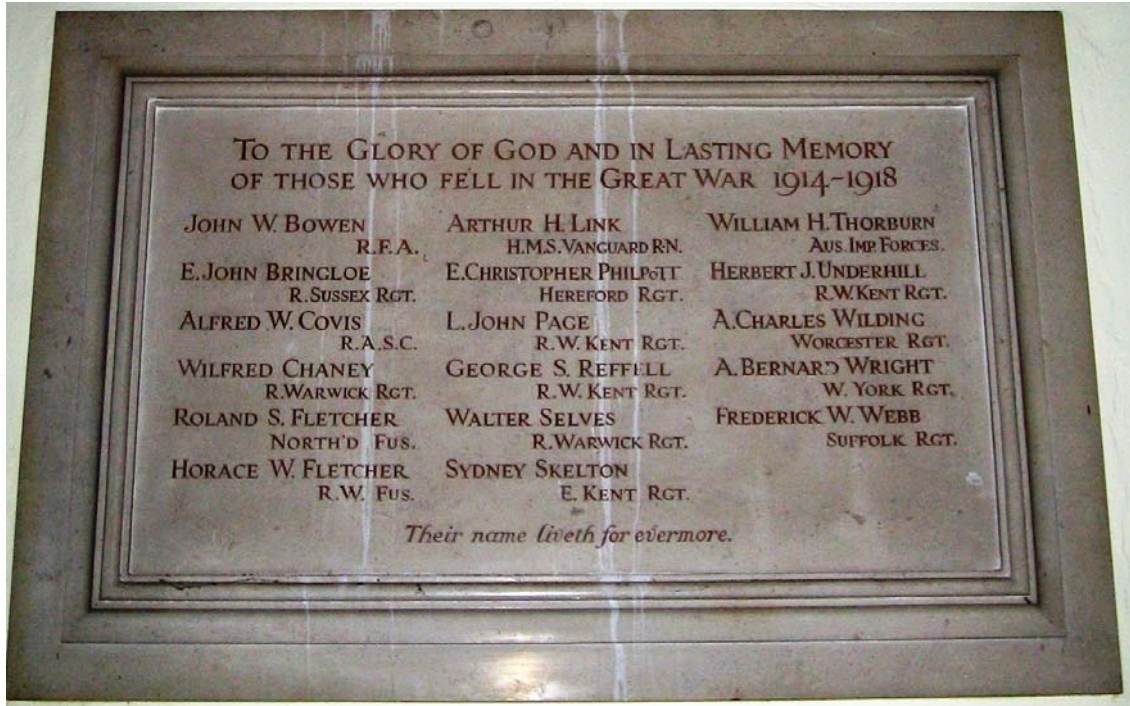


# West Farleigh

The commemorations to the fallen of both world wars at West Farleigh, Maidstone Kent, are in the form of two memorial plaques located in the parish church of All Saints.



## The Great War

1914 -1919

**BOWEN, JOHN WILLIAM.** Gunner, 68310.  
"A" Battery, 59th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery.  
Died 10 October 1917. Aged 28.  
Born Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent. Enlisted Bromley, Kent. Resided Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Son of W. Bowen of Wrotham Heath, Sevenoaks, Kent.  
Husband of Fanny Bromley (formerly Bowen) (nee Hyland) of The Green, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Bard Cottage Cemetery, Boesinghe, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: V. A. 16.  
John married Miss Fanny Hyland in 1912.

**BRINGLOE, EDWARD JOHN.** Private, G/15106.  
12th (Service) Battalion, (2nd South Downs) Royal Sussex Regiment.  
Died 28 February 1917. Aged 31.  
Born West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. (Please see below). Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of George and Eliza Bringloe.  
Husband of Rose Ellen Bringloe (nee Osborne) of 14, Melville Road, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: VII. H. 32.  
Formerly Private, 6054, Leicestershire Regiment.  
Additional CWGC commemoration details show Edward to have been a native of West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. SDGW shows Edward's place of birth as West Dereham, Norfolk which was the location of both his parents' births.

**COVIS, ALFRED W.** As commemorated on the memorial plaque in West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent (All Saints) parish church is the following local casualty.

**COVUS, ALFRED.** Driver, TR/038035.  
Royal Army Service Corps, attached to the 76th Infantry Brigade.  
Died 29 April 1916.  
Born and resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of James and Charlotte Covus.  
Husband of Harriett Covus (nee Apps).  
Buried Loker Churchyard, Heuvelland, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: I. E. 19.  
Alfred was aged 36 when he enlisted in the army at Maidstone, Kent on 21 December 1914, at which time he stated that his home address was 5, St. Helens Cottages, St. Helens Lane, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent, and said that he was employed as a Labourer. At the time of his enlistment Alfred and his wife had six children. Alfred was killed by shellfire and buried in Loker Churchyard later the same day.

**CHANEY, WILFRED GEORGE.** Lance Corporal, 33880.  
14th (Service) Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Died 8 July 1918. Aged 22.  
Born Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of G. and M. Chaney of Lenham, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Tannay British Cemetery, Thiennes, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: Plot 4. Row G. Grave 3.  
Formerly Private, M2/12057, Army Service Corps, and Private, 12057, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

**FLETCHER, ROWLAND SACKVILLE.** Captain.  
1st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers.  
Died 1 November 1914. Aged 32.  
Son of Mr. Lionel John William Fletcher, and Mrs. Eleanor Mary Agnes Fletcher of "Elmscroft," West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 8.  
Brother of the next casualty briefly commemorated.

**FLETCHER, HORACE WILLIAM.** Lieutenant.  
9th (Service) Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers attached to the 7th (Merioneth and Montgomery) Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Welsh Fusiliers.  
Died 26 March 1917. Aged 23.  
Son of Mr. Lionel John William Fletcher, and Mrs. Eleanor Mary Agnes Fletcher of "Elmscroft," West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial, Israel. Panel 20.  
Enlisted in Royal Naval Division, and was Gazetted in December 1914.

**LINK, ARTHUR HENRY.** Blacksmiths Mate, M/5786.  
Royal Navy, H.M.S. Vanguard.  
Died 9 July 1917. Aged 29.  
Born Faversham, Kent 16 April 1888.  
Husband of Mildred Emily Link of 3, Clarence Cottages, Lower Road, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial. Panel 24.

**PAGE, LEWIS JOHN.** Private, 747.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 3 October 1915. Aged 19.  
Born Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Frederick W. and Sarah Page of 4; Mill Cottages, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Mazingarbe Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: 73.  
Also commemorated on the Teston, Maidstone, Kent civic war memorial.

**PHILPOTT, CHRISTOPHER E.** Private, 28791.  
1st/1st Battalion, Hereford Regiment.  
Died 19 September 1918. Aged 18.  
Born and enlisted West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Herbert and Mary Philpott of 3, Clarence Cottages, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Croix-Rouge Military Cemetery, Quaedypre, Nord, France.  
Grave Ref: II. B. 16.  
Formerly Private, 38364, East Surrey Regiment.

**REFFELL, GEORGE STANLEY.** Lance Corporal, G/23879.  
6th (Service) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 30 March 1917. Aged 26.  
Born Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Enlisted Tonbridge, Kent. Resided West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Husband of Amy Reffell of Marshalls Cottages, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Bully-Grenay Communal Cemetery, British Extension, Pas de Calais, France. Grave Ref: I. D. 8.

**SELVES, WALTER.** Private, 33937.  
1st/ 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) Royal Warwickshire Regiment.  
Died 4 October 1917.  
Born Staplehurst, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Husband of Olive Selves of Warnhams Cottage, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Panel 23 to 28 and 163A.  
Formerly Private, 202755, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

**SKELTON, SYDNEY.** Captain.  
1st/ 5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).  
Died 20 March 1918. Aged 30.  
Son of Harry John and Ada Skelton of West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref: XII. M. 12.

**THORBURN, WILLIAM HUGH.** Private, 6178.  
21st Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F.  
Died 1 September 1918. Aged 30.  
Enlisted Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia 3 August 1918.  
Resided at his parents address as below.  
Son of Hugh and Eliza Thorburn of 121 Gowrie Street, Newtown, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.  
Husband of Esther Elcombe (formerly Thorburn) of 36, Alexandra Road, Denton, Gravesend, Kent.  
Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery, Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. L. 37.  
Also commemorated on the Australian National War Memorial. Panel 95.  
Prior to enlisting in the A.I.F. William was employed as a Mental Hospital Attendant. On 3 November 1916 he left Australia from the port of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia onboard the 11,999 ton troopship H.M.A.T. Afric (A19).

**UNDERHILL, HERBERT JAMES.** Private, G/12005.  
1st Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 29 August 1916. Aged 24.  
Born West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Yalding, Kent.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Underhill of Bow Meadow Cottages, Bow Hill, Yalding, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France. Pier and Face 11 C.

**WEBB, FREDERICK WILLIAM.** Corporal, 14859.  
2nd Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.  
Died 22 January 1916. Aged 28.  
Born Edenbridge, Kent. Enlisted Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Webb of East Farleigh Maidstone, Kent.  
Husband of Mary Edna Craig (formerly Webb) of Clyde House, Warwick Road, Ashford, Middlesex.  
Buried Oosttaerne Wood Cemetery, Wytschaete, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: V. C. 2.

**WILDING, ALFRED CHARLES.** Lance Corporal, 23333.  
3rd Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment.  
Died 1 June 1916. Aged 24.  
Born Biddenden, Ashford, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.  
Son of Harry and Ellen Wilding of West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont St Eloi, Pas de Calais, France.  
Grave Ref: III. A. 4.

**WRIGHT, ARTHUR BERNARD.** Private, 267847.  
"B" Company, 1st/5th Battalion, (Territorial Force) West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own).  
Died 26 July 1917. Aged 29.  
Born and resided West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Edmund Arthur and Mary Wright of White House, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Coxyde Military Cemetery, Koksijde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.  
Grave Ref: II. L. 26.  
Formerly Private, G/12896, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

# The Great War

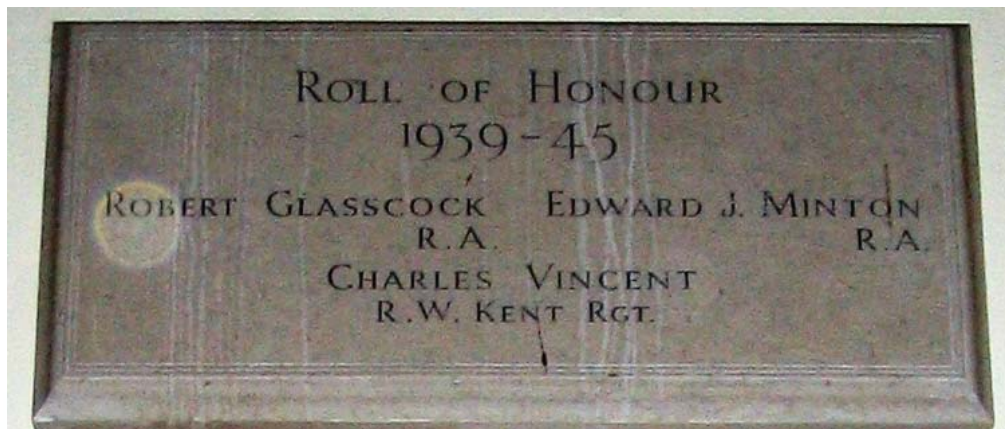
1914 -1919  
Lost Men

**KENWARD**, JAMES ARTHUR. Driver, T4/092693.  
535th Heavy Transport Company, Royal Army Service Corps.  
Died 22 October 1918.  
Born Wittersham, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Northiam Cemetery, Sussex. Grave Ref: 385.

**PEARSON**, CHARLES EDWARD. Rifleman, 3265.  
9th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.  
Died 25 August 1916. Aged 32.  
Born West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided Ditton, Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Wilfred Pearson of 2, Annington Terrace, Bell Lane, Ditton, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Corbie Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: Plot 2. Row B. Grave 76.

**SHILLING**, HARRY WILSON. Rifleman, 608617.  
18th (County of London) Battalion, London Regiment (London Irish Rifles).  
Died 6 September 1918.  
Born West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Chatham, Kent. Resided Luton.  
Buried Péronne Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France.  
Grave Ref: III. O. 11.  
Harry's place of residency was probably in the Luton area of Chatham, Kent, as opposed to the town in Bedfordshire.  
Formerly Private, 295286, 4th (City of London) Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusilier). Harry had also served as Private, 291216, Huntingdonshire Cyclist Battalion.

**WOOD**, ERNEST EDGAR. Lance Corporal, L/9949.  
2nd Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).  
Died 27 July 1915. Aged 23.  
Born West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent. Enlisted Maidstone, Kent. Resided East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Son of Ernest Edward and Edith Wood of Bennetts Cottages, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq. Panel 29.  
Ernest's brother Frank Lewis Wood (Royal Navy) who was born on 4 July 1901. also died in service 22 January 1920, and is buried locally in East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent (St. Mary) Churchyard.



## The Second World War

1939 – 1945

**GLASSCOCK, ROBERT.** Gunner, 1083372.  
172 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.  
Died 7 April 1943. Aged 27.  
Born East London. Resided Kent.  
Son of James and Bridget M. A. Glasscock.  
Husband of Ivy Glasscock of Hunton, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried Medjez-el-Bab War Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref: 12. H. 18.

**MINTON, EDWARD JOHN.** Gunner, 6289056.  
1 Maritime Regiment, Royal Artillery.  
Died at sea 2 July 1943. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Husband of Joyce Minton of Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial. Panel 80, Column 3.  
Originally enlisted in The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment).

**VINCENT, CHARLES.** Private, 6012259.  
2nd Battalion, Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.  
Died 14 November 1943. Aged 22.  
Born East London. Resided Essex.  
Commemorated on the Athens Memorial, Greece. Face 6.  
Pre war member of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, having originally enlisted in The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey).

+ TO THE GLORY OF GOD +  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
REGINALD SALMOND CURTIS, LATE R.E.,  
K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.,  
BORN 1863, DIED 1922.  
SERVED IN CAMPAIGN EASTERN SOUDAN, 1891,  
ASHANTI EXPEDITION, 1895-1896,  
SOUTH AFRICAN WAR, 1899-1902,  
INSPECTOR GENERAL S.A. CONSTABULARY, 1905-1908,  
MAJOR GENERAL AND K.C.M.G.  
FOR VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE EUROPEAN WAR, 1914-1918.

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*"Soldiers! what I have to offer you is fatigue, danger, struggle  
& death; the chill of the cold night in the free air; the heat  
under the burning sun; no lodgings, no munitions; no pro-  
visions, but forced marches, dangerous watch posts, and the  
continual struggle with a bayonet against batteries.  
Those who love freedom, their King & Country, may follow me."*

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# WELCOME

## To the Parish Church of ALL SAINTS WEST FARLEIGH

### CONTACTS

**The Rector: Revd. Peter Walker**

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**Pastoral Assistant:-**

Helen Swan Appledore, Charlton Lane, West Farleigh Phone: 01622 814445

**Churchwardens:-**

Dr John Evans Cae Alun, Church Lane, West Farleigh Phone: 01622 817420

Mrs Valeria Grainger Hilltop, Shinglebarn Lane, Hunton Phone: 01622 820305

Please get in touch with any of the above about weddings, funerals, baptisms or visits.

The church is some 900 years old and is still the centre for regular worship in the village but regrettably for security reasons is normally locked. However, a key is usually available nearby. Turn sharp left (east) out of the gate, follow the churchyard wall, turn left down into the old farmyard and Churchwarden John Evans' house, Cae Alun, is on the right hand side. Alternatively, access can be arranged through any of those listed.

## SERVICES

All are welcome at Sunday services. The usual pattern is:-

First Sunday	8.00am	Prayer Book (1662) Holy Communion
Second Sunday	11.00am	All Age Worship
Third Sunday	9.15am	Sung Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday	11.00am	Traditional Common Worship
Fifth Sunday	10.30am	Benefice Service – see Lifeline for details

## CAMPAIGNERS

This popular club for 6 to 13 year-olds meets every Thursday evening in term time  
Details from Tony or Sue Walsh on 728252, Helen Swan on 814445 or a Churchwarden

## LOGOS

A Youth Group for 13+. Meets East Farleigh Church Hall 7.30 - 9.30pm Thursdays  
Details from Ruth Bierbaum on 743866

## West Farleigh Parish Information

Full details of all village events including church services are published monthly in the village newsletter, "Lifeline" which is delivered free to all households.

The West Farleigh website is at [www.westfarleigh.org.uk](http://www.westfarleigh.org.uk)

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Council meets two-monthly and all parishioners are welcome.

Details are published in Lifeline and the agenda is displayed on notice boards.

Chairman	Mr Bruce Scott	Tutsham Mill Pond	ME15 ONF	814476
Councillors	Cllr Don Goodwin MBE	Court Lodge Farm, Church Lane	ME15 OPD	812035
	Cllr Geoff Martin	Tutsham Farm Cottages	ME15 ONE	812189
	Cllr Bryan Merritt	3 Rookery Row, Charlton Lane	ME15 ONW	813990
	Cllr Jill Morgan	Hillcroft, Charlton Lane	ME15 OPA	726251
	Cllr Roy Plommer	Holly Lodge, Lower Road	ME15 OQT	726478
	Cllr Frank Underdown	1 St Stephens Cotts., Charlton Lane	ME15 ONU	813000
Clerk	David Swan	Appledore, Charlton Lane	ME15 ONL	814445

Please make Parish Council enquiries or fax on 817812 or email [dswan@beeb.net](mailto:dswan@beeb.net)

#### KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Paulina Stockell Farthing Green Barn, New Barn Road, Hawkenbury 842508

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Cllr Adrian Brindle 10 Adam Close, Coxheath 745704

Cllr Brian Mortimer Crispin, 161 Heath Road, Coxheath 746046

Cllr John Williams 6 Amhurst Villas, Gallants Lane, East Farleigh 745765

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Paul Boulton Pear Tree Cottage, St Helens Lane 721283

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

*The church will be closed for refurbishment for several weeks from 14<sup>th</sup> August 2006. For details of services in the interim and progress on the work itself please telephone one of the Churchwardens - numbers below.*

Please ask any one of the following about home visits, Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals:-

Rector	Revd Peter Walker	The Rectory, Heath Road, Coxheath	747570
Assistant Rector	Revd Ruth Bierbaum	19 Westerhill Road, Coxheath	743866
Non-stipendiary Minister	Revd David Jones	13 Woodlands, Coxheath	741474
Pastoral Assistant	Helen Swan	Appledore, Charlton Lane	814445
Churchwardens	Dr John Evans	Cae Alun, Church Lane	817420
	Mrs Valeria Grainger	The Barn, Hilltop, Hunton	820305

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