

THE WAR SHRINE on the east wall

On 1 September 1918 the Bishop of St David's dedicated a memorial to those members of the parish and congregation who had been killed in the Great War. It was the gift of Lady Philipps of Picton Castle, and she had commissioned it to be made of teak wood and bronze from the old training ship, Britannia. In the centre was a copper Latin cross, and on two of the panels were written the names of 32 men who had made the supreme sacrifice. Two other panels were to hold printed lists of all those known to be serving from the parish.

At some time the memorial has been recreated, the old teak timbers enclosed in a hard wood casing, and the names of 42 victims of the war written on a blue metal sheet. While dismantling it for cleaning recently the original teak timbers and the impression of the copper cross were revealed.

In 2008, ninety years after the Armistice, we researched the names on the memorial using the Commonwealth Graves Commission and National Archives websites and local newspapers

ARTHUR LLEWELLYN THOMAS

Killed in action 3 July 1917 age 23
Sapper (43178) 75th Field Co., Royal Engineers
The only son of Mr & Mrs J Thomas, 26 Dew Street.
Remembered at YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL
Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School. A noted athlete
Involved in the Battle of Loos and Ypres. In July 1917 he took part in a raid to examine a creek about 130 yards beyond the German lines, failing to return.

ALFRED ARRAN

Killed in action 8 August 1915,(Battle of Sari Bair) aged 36
Welsh Regiment 8th Battalion. Private (2001)
Memorial HELLES, GALLIPOLI

His parents were John and Mary Arran, 41 Quay Street.
Wife Sarah Arran, 5 Maesyerngran Cottages, Priory Street, Carmarthen and three children.
Enlisted Haverfordwest into the 8th battalion. He had served during the South African war.

ALFRED HEYWOOD HOWARD J.P.

Killed in action at Suvla Bay 10 August 1915, age 45.

Welsh Regiment 4th Battalion. Captain

Memorial HELLES, SUVLA BAY

Alfred Howard was manager of the Haverfordwest branch of The London NS Midland City Bank as the outbreak of war, a Justice of the Peace and Captain of the local Territorial Army Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. By 2 September 1914, one month after the outbreak of the war, Capt. Howard and every man in the 4th Welsh battalion, stationed at Haverfordwest, had volunteered for the fighting line. On 2 December 1914 the Western Telegraph gave a long account of speeches made by the mayor and Capt. Howard as the 4th battalion made ready to leave Haverfordwest. The Council presented each soldier with a leather case containing a hair brush and comb.

The Telegraph of 1 September 1915 includes details received in letters from the local men of Capt. Howard's death...the "first in our battalion to get knocked over....shot the day after we landed." It seems that his body was interred on Chocolate hill, the scene of much desperate fighting.

The Telegraph wrote; *"Thus closes the career of a gallant officer, one who was idolised by his men and who has been repeatedly referred to by the Harfat boys of his company as "Poor Captain Howard," "Dear Captain Howard," and similar expressions of affectionate regard and esteem." Captain Howard's widow and little daughter have now removed to Cardiff, where, we understand, they will reside permanently.*

The 1901 census of Penarth listed 31 year old Lancashire-born Alfred Howard, a bank clerk, living with his parents, Joseph Howard, retired prison governor, and Fanny.

ARCHIE GRIFFITHS

Killed in action near Arras on 30th June, 1916 age 20.

Private (G5868) 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment.

Son of William and Maria Griffiths of 44 Dew Street, who also lost their son Walter, in the Dardanelles.

Prior to enlisting in September 1914 he served his apprenticeship at Commerce House, Market Street. He later transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment.

Remembered at ARRAS MEMORIAL

AUSTIN PUGH COOK

Killed in action near Gavrelle 26 July 1917, aged 23

Lieutenant, Royal Marine Light Infantry.
Son of Mr & Mrs C P Cook, greengrocer, of 21 Bridge Street.
Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School
Buried at NAVAL TRENCH CEMETERY, GRAVELL, FRANCE.

Austin Cook was commissioned into the Royal Marine Light Infantry and served with the 2nd Royal Marine Battalion, 63rd (Royal Navy) Division. In April 1917 the Division was at Arras, and fought at the Second Battle of the Scarpe, where they captured Gravelle. They then fought at the Battle of Arleux.

BENJAMIN JAMES CHARLES

Died of wounds sustained in the Battle of Estaires, on 29 April, 1918, age 18
Private (86460) 1st/5th Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Son of John and Elizabeth Charles of 9 Dew Street, Haverfordwest. John was a hammer maker in a ship yard.
Buried at PERNES BRITISH CEMETERY
He had enlisted into the South Wales Borderers at Haverfordwest, but later transferred to the 6th Battalion of the Liverpool Regiment

CHARLES ALLEN ROGERS

Killed in action in the Battle of Langemarck on 21 August 1917
Private (57225) Welsh Regiment 13th Battalion
Born in Haverfordwest. Enlisted in Swansea.
Remembered on TYNE COT MEMORIAL
The son of Henry and Elizabeth Rogers of Mariners Square. The 1901 census states that Charles was 13. His father Henry was a joiner. (The family lived next door to the Woolcock family which included Charles Woolcock who was killed in 1917 in Gaza, Palestine.)

CHARLES HENRY MORGAN

Died of wounds sustained in the Battle of Albert 24 August 1918
Private (126129) 38th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
Son of Mrs J Morgan, 34 Dew Street. His brother Fredrick was killed at Gallipoli in November 1915.
Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School
Originally enlisted in the Welsh Regiment and later transferred to MGC attached to the 38th (Welsh) Division. On 21st August 1918 the Division was engaged in the Battle of Albert where the British regained lost ground on the Somme
Buried at DAOURS COMMUNAL CEMETERY EXTENSION.

CHARLES JENKINS

Died 21 March 1918
2nd Lieut. Royal Flying Corps.

Son of John Lewis and Bessie Jenkins of Cleddau Lodge, Haverfordwest, he was born on 2nd January 1897.

He was educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School and then at the London Wireless College.

BURIED AT ST. MARY'S (FENTON) CEMETERY HAVERFORDWEST following a full military funeral.

Remembered in a small stained glass window in the church porch.

After serving some time in the Royal Engineers on the Western Front, in early 1917 Charles Jenkins joined the Royal Flying Corps and trained at Winchester and Oxford. In November 1917 he gained his commission and his wings were awarded in early 1918. He was killed at Uphaven whilst practising aerobatics in his Sopwith Camel. He dived steeply at about 880 feet, but never came out of the dive. His Squadron Leader wrote, "Had your son lived he would have made an extraordinary successful service pilot."

CHARLES JOHN RANDLE DAWKINS. BA LLB

Killed in action during the opening attack of the Battle of Loos on 25 September 1915 age 24

Welsh Regiment 9th Battalion...Temp 2nd Lieut

Buried in BROWNS ROAD MILITARY CEMETERY AT FESTUBERT

Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School, Clifton College and Peterhouse College, Cambridge.

2nd class History Tripos Part 1. 1st Class Law Tripos Part 2.

He was an articled clerk at Lincoln's Inn.

Commissioned into the Welsh Regiment at the outbreak of the war, and was killed in the first attack of the Battle of Loos. His C.O wrote, "He had a hero's death, and behaved magnificently."

The son of Thomas R Dawkins and his wife Clara. In 1901 they lived at Hillborough House, Hill Street, but the family later moved to Redhill.

He is commemorated in St Mary's Church by a brass plaque.

CHARLES RUPERT WOOLCOCK

Killed in action during the third Battle of Gaza, Palestine, on 4 November 1917 at 3rd battle of Gaza, age 21. He had been at the Front for about 18 months.

Welsh Regiment 1/4th Battalion. Private 200131

Buried at BEERSHEBA CEMETERY, EGYPT

The son of James and Elizabeth Woolcock of 2 Dark Street, Charlie had worked with his father as a painter and decorator before joining up.

CHARLES WILLIAM JOHN

Killed in action in attack on Mametz Wood (Somme) on 10 July 1916, age 23

Private (33248) Welsh Regiment 10th Battalion

Son of Thomas and Annie John of 21 Quay Street, Haverfordwest.

Buried at CARNOY MILITARY CEMETERY, FRANCE.

CHARLES WREN

Died of wounds 24 April 1915

Welsh Regiment.1st Battalion. Co. Sgt. Major (9242)

Memorial YPRES

Born Tottenham, London

Enlisted in London

THE Western Telegraph of 26 May 1915 reported that CSM Wren had died from wounds received in action. He had been stationed at Pembroke Dock, and was married to Miss Stephens of Quay Street at St Mary's Church about two years before. He had served in Egypt and India before going to France where he took part in 'severe fighting' at the front.

DAVID FRANCIS DAVIES

Killed in action 26 March 1917 in Syria when his division attacked Gaza.

Memorial JERUSALEM

Welsh Regiment 1/4th Battalion Co. Quarter Master Sgt. 200028. He had survived the Gallipoli campaign with the 4th Welsh.

David Davies was a clerk in Lloyds Bank. Born in 1891, the son of John and Margaret Anne Davies of James Terrace, St Dogmaels, but while in Haverfordwest he was a member of the choir at St Mary's Church. He was a member of the Territorials and so was called up when war broke out. A memorial service was held in the church.

He is also commemorated on the St Dogmaels War Memorial.

DOUGLAS JONATHAN ROGERS WILSON

Killed in action during the opening attack of the battle of Loos on the 25 September 1915

Welsh Regiment 9th Battalion...2nd Lieut.

Remembered on the LOOS MEMORIAL, France.

The son of Dr James and Mrs Constance Wilson of High Street, Haverfordwest. In the 1901 census the family is shown living at Broad Haven House, Broad Haven.

Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School.

Commissioned into the Welsh Regiment and posted to the 9th Battalion.

EDDIE ROBERTSON

Died of malaria in India 29 April 1918 age 23

Private 1/4th Border Regiment

The son of the late Mr William Robertson Inspector of Works in Haverfordwest.

Remembered at KIRKEE 1914-1918 MEMORIAL

He served his apprenticeship with Mr Saies of Market Street, and was a faithful choir boy at St Mary's Church. He had been in India for 3 years

FREDERICK MORGAN

Died 5 November 1915 age 20
Welsh Regiment 1/4th Battalion. Private 390
Born Haverfordwest. Son of Mr & Mrs T H Morgan of 34 Dew Street. His brother Charles died in France in 1918.
He died of sickness at Malta (where he had been evacuated from Gallipoli) and is buried at PIETA MILITARY CEMETERY.

GEORGE ALFRED BAILLIEUX

Died 29 September 1915 aged 18
Welsh Regiment 1/4th Battalion Private (389)
Buried at PORTIANOS MILITARY CEMETERY, GALLIPOLI
Parents Lambert and Eliza Baillieux, 3 St Mary's Street
Born Haverfordwest about 1897
Enlisted Haverfordwest
George Baillieux was taken ill on Gallipoli, and evacuated by hospital ship to the Military Hospital at Lemnos where he died on 29th September, 1915.
The 1901 census records Lambert Baillieux as a compositor print worker. He and his wife Eliza have children Lambert age 16, Ann Victoria age 14, Jane age 12, Frederick age 6, George age 4 and Hilda age 1. The Western Telegraph of 8 September 1915 includes a letter written by Private George Baillieux from the Dardanelles. On 15 September the newspaper reports the bravery of George who carried Private Willie Evans to safety. But on 6 October we learn from a letter received by his father that George was seriously ill with typhoid fever.

GEORGE FREDERICK GIBBON

Died as a result of wounds on 5 May 1918
Queen's own (Royal West Kent Regiment, 7th Battalion). Formerly PS/9328, Royal Fusiliers. Private 18198
He had enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers and then transferred to the 7th Battalion Queens Own Royal West Kent Regiment.
BURIED IN BRITISH CEMETERY AT GRAND-SERAUCOURT (FRANCE & FLANDERS)
Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School
The *Guardian* of 16 March 1917 includes a letter from Fred Gibbon at the front.
His parents were William (Willie) and Mary Gibbon of 2 Horns Lane. William was the son of Joseph Gibbon, Manager of the town's gas works, and was a plumber and heating engineer. He installed the "heating apparatus" in St Mary's Church in 1914, was a sidesman of the church.

GEORGE FREDERICK JONES

Killed in action 19 April 1916. (Ypres) Aged 23 (BORN 1883)
Private Welsh Guards, 1st Battalion (1140). Had survived the charge of the Welsh Guards at Loos
Buried POTIJZE CEMETERY (France and Flanders)
Born Haverfordwest . Enlisted at Llanelly
Eldest son of Henry and Mary Jane Jones, 14 Milford Road, Haverfordwest.

GERALD ALEXANDER DUTTON

Killed in training in Jersey 5 May 1916

2nd Lieut. South Staffordshire Regiment, 4th battalion

His unit was stationed at Jersey where a bomb explosion occurred during training.

BURIED IN ST PETER CHURCHYARD, JERSEY.

Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School.

The son of Samuel and Alice Dutton, Merlins Hill. Samuel was a Relay clerk in the Engineering department of the GPO.

HAROLD CHARLES PHILLIPS

Killed in action in France on 9th July 1918, age 37

Private 4791, 27th Battalion, Australian Infantry, AIF

Son of Frederick and the late Mary Ann Phillips. Frederick was a tailor who lived in High Street in 1891 and Hill Street in 1901. Harold's brother was Revd Arthur Gilbert Phillips of Bedford, England

Remembered at ADELAIDE CEMETERY, VILLERS-BRETONNEUX

and on the AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Harold emigrated to Australia on the ship *Persic* in January 1903. He settled in Tasmania and was employed a clerk, living at 75 Halifax Street, Adelaide.

He and his Battalion left Australia for Europe in March 1916.

IVOR GRIFFITHS

Died 4 September 1915

Welsh Regiment 1/4th battalion. Private (445)

Buried at GIBRALTAR (NORTH FRONT) CEMETERY

He was wounded in the Battle of Sari Bair, was evacuated from Gallipoli and brought to Gibraltar but died on the ship from dysentery.

Born St David's in about 1894, the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Griffiths of North Gate, St David's.

Thomas Griffiths was a tinsmith. By 1918 the family lived at 22 North Crescent, Haverfordwest

IVOR NORMAN JONES-PARRY

Died of wounds 12 May 1917 sustained in the battle of Arras.

Lieutenant Royal Garrison Artillery (171st Seige Battery)

The son of Thomas and Selina Jones-Parry of 5 Hillcrest Road, Acton, London. They had lived at the National and Provincial Bank, Haverfordwest.

Buried at MORY ABBEY MILITARY CEMETERY, MORY

Educated at Llandovery College

At the outbreak of war he was a 2nd Lieut. In No.2 Company of Pembrokeshire Territorials. He was commissioned into the RGA in August 1915.

JAMES DOUGLAS TOMBS

Died 18 February 1916 from sickness contracted in the trenches, age 27.
2nd Lieut. 7th Battalion Border Regiment.
Educated Haverfordwest Grammar School and Oxford University.

Remembered at LONGUENESSE (ST.OMER) SOUVENIR CEMETERY
The son of the Headmaster of Haverfordwest Grammar School, Mr J.S.O.Tombs who also lost his son Joseph in the First World War.

JOSEPH SIMPSON MCKENZIE TOMBS

Died of wounds on 11 September 1915
Lieut. Royal Field Artillery, 48th Bde.
Buried in LIJSSENTHOEK MILITARY CEMETERY
The son of J.S.O.Tombs. M.A., Headmaster of Haverfordwest Grammar School. Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School and Loretto School, Edinburgh. Following school he entered the firm of Messrs Hall and Paterson, Liverpool.
Initially he enlisted in the Liverpool Scottish and spent most of early 1915 in the trenches. In April 1915 he obtained a commission in the Royal Field Artillery and went to Belgium. Here he received a fatal wound from a shell.
Joseph was one of two brothers lost in the war.

LEWIS WILSON

Died 27 November 1916
Captain & Adjutant 12th Battalion Essex Regiment (London Gazette 27 November 1915)
Buried at KENSAL GREEN (ALL SOULS') CEMETERY
Educated Haverfordwest Grammar School

HARRY HICKMAN BROMFIELD DSO

Killed in action 10 September, 1916, aged 47
Welsh Guards.Prince of Wales Co., 1st Battalion. Major.
Memorial THIEPVAL

Parents The late Henry & Mary Elizabeth Bromfield
Wife Ethel Philippa Bromfield, the eldest daughter of Sir Charles and Lady Philipps of Picton Castle.
Born 1869, son of H Bromfield of Newnham Hall, Northants. Educated Malvern College 1885-1888, playing cricket and football. Also educated at Hertford College, Oxford.
He also served in the South African War from 1900-2 with 3rd South Wales Borderers from 1900-1901 (QSA with 3 clasps, KSA with 2 clasps, DSO, mentioned in dispatches on September 10th, 1901).
He took part in the operations in the Orange Free State, including action near Johannesburg, West of Pretoria, and in Cape Colony, south of Orange River.

Retired 1910

Chief Constable of Radnorshire in 1909

Rejoined in 1914 as Major, Welsh Guards.

The 1871 census of Snitterfield, Warwickshire, includes Harry H Bromfield, age 2. His father was Henry Bromfield, a farmer of 265 acres, employing 7 men, 3 boys and 4 women, and there were 2 house servants and a governess.

PERCY HERBERT MORGAN

Died 21 March 1918

Lancashire Fusiliers 2nd/7th battalion. Private (281096)

Memorial POZIERS

ROBERT FREDERICK BISHOP

Killed in action during the battle for Morval and Lesboeufs on 29 September 1916 age 26

Private (17141) 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards

Youngest son of John Henry and Emma Bishop of Dew Street, Haverfordwest

LESBOEUFS GUARDS CEMETERY

Educated at Haverfordwest Grammar School. He worked in his family's fish business in Milford Haven.

He joined the army in November 1915 and underwent military training at Caterham.

Robert's brother Jack (John Henry), a Sergeant in the Royal Fusiliers, was awarded the Military Medal in 1918.

STUART LESLIE KEPPEL-PALMER. M.C.

Killed in action 3 November 1918 age 24

Captain 3rd battalion Tank Corps

The fourth son of Llewelin Keppel-Palmer of Haverfordwest and Geneva.

He survived the Somme and Passchendale and was wounded at Cambrai. He was awarded the MC for gallantry and was awarded the Honorary Freedom of Haverfordwest at the beginning of 1918.

He was killed when his tank was hit twice by German shells only a week or so before the Armistice.

He is buried at PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY, GOUY.(Aisne, France)

THOMAS EVAN JONES

Killed in action in First battle of Gaza 26 March 1917. He had been in the Balkans since August 1915.

Welsh Regiment 1 /4th Battalion. A. SGT (200005)

Memorial JERUSALEM

Born Haverfordwest

Enlisted Haverfordwest

Probably born 1886, the son of James and Ellen Jones of Dew Street. James Jones was a Post Office letter carrier and his son Thomas was a carpenter's apprentice.

VALLEY JOHN

Died of wounds in France 31 March 1918
Private (91138) Machine Gun Corps. 30th battalion
Born at Haverfordwest. Enlisted at Llanelli into the Machine Gun Corps.
Buried at Chambieres French National Cemetery, Metz.
At the beginning of 1918 the Division was stationed near St Quentin. The Germans launched their offensive there on 21st March and the Division took part in the battle of St Quentin where Valley John was wounded.

WALTER GORDON DOUGLAS-WILLAN

Killed in action in France 24 March 1918
Major Durham Light Infantry, 4th Battalion attached to 22nd Battalion
The son of John Gordon Douglas- Willan, and grandson of Col. Douglas-Willan of Haverfordwest
Remembered at POZIERES MEMORIAL

The Douglas- Willan family was closely linked to St Mary's Church. One of the Kempe stained glass windows on the south side of the nave has the inscription;
To the glory of God and in loving memory of William Moffat Douglas- Willan (Royal Horse Artillery) of Twyford Abbey, Middlesex, his daughter dedicates this window. A.D. MCMXII
The Warren book on St. Mary's informs that the Colonel was buried in St Mary's cemetery.
The small window in the porch depicting St Matthew has the inscription;
In loving memory of Frederick James Douglas Willan his sister dedicates this window AD 1916.

WALTER JAMES GRIFFITHS

Killed in action at the battle of Sari Bair, Gallipoli on 10 August 1915 aged 21
Welsh Regiment 1st/ 4th Battalion. Lance Corporal (302)
Memorial HELLES, GALLIPOLI
Parents William and Maria Griffiths 44 Dew Street
Enlisted at Bridgend
His brother Archie was killed in 1916

WALTER SELWYN ORPEN

Killed in action north of Fricourt, (part of the Battle of the Somme) France on 6 July 1916, age 21.
2nd Lieut. 2nd Battalion, attached to 10th Battalion, of the Lancashire Fusiliers.
He was the youngest son of Rev. T H Orpen and Mrs Amy Orpen of 5 Herschel Road, Cambridge. Mrs Orpen was the sister of Lady Philipps of Picton Castle, and so Walter was the grandson of Revd J H A Philipps, Vicar of St Mary's Church until 1875. He was educated at Malvern College and Cambridge (Selwyn College)
Remembered at THIEPVAL MEMORIAL

WILLIAM CLEMENT WILSON

Died 25 September 1915

Lieut. 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment

Remembered PLOEGSTEERT MEMORIAL

Educated Haverfordwest Grammar School

It is probable that W C Wilson was born in 1888, the son of William Phillips Wilson, farmer of Langdon Farm, Begelly.

WILLIAM HENRY PHELPS

Killed in action 10 July 1916

Welsh Regiment 14th Battalion. Corporal (17219)

Memorial THIEPVAL (France and Flanders)

Birthplace Swansea

Enlisted Swansea

Lived in Quay Street, Haverfordwest

WILLIAM PICTON

Killed in action 25 September 1915, (first day of the Battle of Loos) aged 17

Welsh Regiment (2nd Battalion) Private 34135

Memorial LOOS (France and Flanders)

Born Cartlett

Parents Charles and Elizabeth Picton. 7 Cartlett

Enlisted Briton Ferry. Went to France 13 July 1915

William's father, Charles Picton was a bill poster. The Western Telegraph reported on 6 October 1915 that Charles had received a letter from his son's comrade saying that Willie was killed in action. His obituary in the Telegraph states that he was killed in the British advance of September 25th, the battle in which Lieutenants Dawkins and Wilson also fell. Previous to enlisting he worked as a tool boy on the GWR. "He was a sober, well behaved lad."

The 1891 census for Cartlett describes Charles, age 38, as a Bill poster and super porter. His wife Elizabeth was also a porter. They lived just around the corner from Cambrian Place. Their children were Edith, age 14, Sarah Ann, age 11, Thomas, age 9, Alice age 7, Ada age 2 and Emma age 1 month.

The following names have not, as yet, been correctly identified.

Pte W Davies. RFA

Pte A D Hughes RWF

Pte P Lewis RWF

Pte A E H Palmer. Bucks LI

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