

Arthur Walter Adams

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1891 in Lewes. PARENTS: Sidney & Eliza Adams

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: He joined the Canadian Army.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Canadian Infantry and served in the American Expeditionary Force. He returned to the UK to fight in March 1918 via the ship Carpathia which sailed from New York to Liverpool. By the end of the war he had been promoted to Lieutenant. He boarded the ship Carmania from Liverpool returning to Halifax, Canada on 3 December 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Adams Family, had 6 children. He was the oldest brother to Herbert F Adams. He emigrated to Montreal Quebec, Canada, sometime before he was 20. There is no available information after he returned to Canada in 1919.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Herbert F Adams

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: in 1893 in Lewes. PARENTS: Sidney & Eliza Adams

MARRIED: Mable Morley in 1916

DIED: it is believed he died near Brighton in 1939 aged 46

JOB: Railway Porter before the war and returned to Southern railway afterward the war, with the last known job of signal man.

SERVICE RECORD: He served in the Mercantile Marine Service. The Roll of Honour records his service was with the HMS Maid of Honour. The Maid of Honour was the first bell funnel barge with diesel power and was built in 1905/7 (picture above, from the Historic Naval Ships Association) and was used to ship goods in the UK and in the Mediterranean Sea. The ship was renamed Sylvanna after the war and it also served in WW2.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He is younger brother of AW Adams. He lived at 9 Timber Yard Cottages, Cliffe, Lewes before the war and it is believed he worked at Plumpton Station. After the war he moved to 23 Mount Harry Road, Lewes

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Albert Charles Allcorn

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1897 in Chailey. PARENTS: George and Zipporah Allcorn.
MARRIED: Jesse Annie Buckland in 1921.
DIED: in 1971 (believed to be in Reigate) aged 74

JOB: he was a gardener after the War.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Gunner under service number 374355.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In his early years he moved to Deanland Road in Balcombe. He is believed to have lived in King's Cottages in East Chiltington having moved there around the start of the war. After he married in 1921, he moved to 102 Croydon Road Reigate.
In a press article from the Sussex Agricultural Express on 13 October 1916, it was reported that he was wounded in the arm and face and brought to a hospital in Bristol on 7 October 1916. He had only been in France six weeks.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project enhanced by the press article/photo found in 2019 by Richard Wells



Montague John Avery

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Jesse and Florence Anne Avery.
MARRIED: Eva Grace Collins 9 January 1924 in Hobart Tasmania.
EMMIGRATED: to Australia in 1920 and onto Tasmania.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army Service Corps in 1916 as a driver under service number T259655. The Sussex Express 15th February 1918 under HOME ON LEAVE, reports that Driver M. Avery, Army Service Corps is enjoying his first leave from France and spending the time with his parents at Novington Farm. He says he has had several narrow escapes: in the last, both his horses were killed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was the brother of Sidney Charles Avery. Montague was a member of the Plumpton Miniature Rifle Club and a good shot. His uncle was Joseph Avery, who was the father of Joseph Roy Avery South Vale Plumpton Green, a Master Coal Merchant. He founded J. Avery & Son in 1930 based at Plumpton Station, where his son Roy Avery continued the coal delivery business until 1959 when the coal yard there was closed and the yard moved to Strawlands and it closed in 1975.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Sidney Charles Avery

BOTH PLUMPTON AND EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1898 in Newick. PARENTS: Jesse and Florence Anne Avery of Homewood Gate Farm, Novington Lane and the family moved to Novington Farm (on junction of Novington Lane and main Ditchling to Lewes Road) in 1916. He was younger brother of Montague John Avery.

MARRIED: Fanny Evelyn Payne in 1924

DIED: in Paignton Devon aged 75 in 1973

JOB: he was a farm assistant before the War and after the war he moved to (21 Prince Edwards Rd) Lewes where he was a nurseryman's clerk.

SERVICE RECORD: He initially signed up in 1916 (probably to Royal Sussex Regiment) and in 1917 transferred to the Royal Flying Corps as a 3rd Class Air Mechanic under service number 78713 and was promoted to 2nd Class Air Mechanic of Unit 15 Squadron Wireless in 1918. Records show he was a Wireless Operator (possibly ground based wireless operator attached to a heavy artillery unit) in France between July 1917 and February 1919.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Hugh Charles W Baker

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1888 in Brighton. PARENTS: Charles Henry and Topsy Louisa Baker

MARRIED: Adelaide Edith N Moppett

DIED: locally in 1971 aged 83

JOB: he was a domestic coachman and boarded with the Norrell family in Station Road Plumpton before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: joined the Royal Field Artillery in 1916.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Alfred Henry Baldock

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Newick or Wivelsfield (see below) PARENTS: John Henry and Mary Louisa Baldock.
MARRIED: Sarah Ockenden in 1921
DIED: locally in 1967 aged 72

JOB: he was an apprentice Wheelwright before the War.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Engineers, Tank Corps, and by 1917 we know he was in the Railway Operating Division of the Royal Engineers. His service records were 203851 and 322945. Sussex Express 24 August 1917 says home on leave, private Baldock from the Machine Gun Corps is home on leave from France. He was previously in the Royal Medical Corps.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was a Blacksmith and moved around this area, there is a difference of opinion if he was born in Newick or Wivelsfield. Either way, he moved to Plumpton Green (no specific address) in his early years. From the 1917 press article we know that his parents lived at the Bowling Green in East Chiltington.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project and enhanced with press article from Richard Wells in 2026



Rt Hon Francis Warwick Augusta Seymourina Marcia Bampfylde

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1885 in Eaton Square, St George, Hanover Square, London. PARENTS: Rt Hon Augustus and Florence Poltimore (family name Bampfylde).

MARRIED: Margaret Harriet Martin in 1911

DIED: in 1940 aged 55. It is assumed he died in Tanganyika as there is no recorded death in the UK

JOB: He joined the Army in 1905. He joined the Civil Service after the war and moved to Kenya in 1920, Mozambique in 1923 and Tanganyika in 1929. He held the office of District Officer of Tanganyika (which became Tanzania) until 1940.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Devonshire Regiment in 1905 and was a Havildar (Sergeant in India) and 2nd Lieutenant. It is believed he served in India before the war. At the start of the war he stayed in the Devonshire Regiment in the 5th Royal Air Force Cadets and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1915 and later became Major Bampfylde. He was wounded in the right shoulder by shrapnel and spent some time in hospital in Oxfordshire. His son John Frederick Augustus Warwick Bampfylde followed him in to the Devonshire Regiment and became Major Bampfylde. He died in the Second World War in 1944, aged 32.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father was the Rt Hon Lord Poltimore (2nd Baron Poltimore) who was Treasurer to the Royal Household of Queen Victoria under William Gladstone. His brother Rt Hon CRGW Bampfylde took the title of 3rd Baron of Poltimore. Sadly he died in 1918 following which the family estate of Poltimore House near Exeter was sold as surplus to needs and the family made Hanover Square their main residence.

After he married Margaret in 1911, they lived at North Hall in East Chiltington. Mrs Bampfylde was a Nurse and later a Matron. She served in various hospitals around East Chiltington. In April 1915, she turned North Hall into the Red Cross Hospital as the existing Hospital at Highfield was too small to look after the increasing number of soldiers returning from the war for care. North Hall was able to accommodate up to 30 soldiers at one time. Mrs Bampfylde is pictured at North Hall (2nd from right with dog). Both pictures are from the Richard Wells Collection.



Researched by Lee Stevens and Richard Wells 2018 Project



A Banks

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

Unable to find A Banks in the local or military records and no apparent connection to GS Banks.

Only lead is that he may be Alfred Banks who was a local roadman.

JOB: unknown

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the 17th Lancers in 1915.



George Samuel Banks

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1898 in Streat PARENTS: Samuel and Annie Banks.

MARRIED: Mary Peckham in 1920

DIED: locally in 1973 aged 75

JOB: he was a carter boy before the war and a bricklayer in Chailey after the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1915. He was a private in the Medical Corps (service number 65489), catching German Measles after a year, then returned to duty.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: whilst born in Streat, the family moved to Plumpton Green before the war.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Amos G Bassett

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

Possibly Amos Bassett

BORN: in 1880 in Mayfield . PARENTS: Frederick and Frances Bassett

MARRIED: Catherine Mary Muddle in Eastbourne in 1904

DIED: near Uckfield in 1959 aged 78

JOB: He was an Agricultural Labourer and Engine Driver Portable before the war

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Flying Corp (Air Mechanic) in 1916. Possible service number 6096 with a trade of Carpenter (aged 36 in 1916)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No apparent connection to Plumpton can be found. The family moved around the Uckfield area before the war (Mayfield, Rotherfield and Hadlow Down). It may be a co-incidence that this record ties up with the other Plumpton entry F Basset as Amos was the son of F Bassett with the ages possible.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Fred Bassett

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

Possibly Frederick Bassett

BORN: in 1862 in Rotherfield. PARENTS: Step parents Edward and Jane Blackman of Mayfield near Uckfield

MARRIED: Frances (maiden name unknown)

DIED: Unknown

JOB: he was an Agricultural Labourer before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: joined Royal Flying Corp (Air Mechanic) in 1916 aged 54. Believed to be an Air Mechanic 2nd class, with Chauffeur duties (service number 6947). He probably joined the same unit as his son in 1916 to be near him as a chauffeur. There is no detail to suggest that he followed his son to France. Mid Sussex Times 11 June 1918 driver Fred Bassett RAF was awarded the Military Medal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: As with the possible Amos Bennett, there is no apparent connection to Plumpton. Mr RJ Blackman ran Plumpton Nurseries, Plumpton Lane. This may be an avenue to explore further.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project enhanced by press article from Richard Wells in 2026.



Henry Bassett

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1892 in East Chiltington. PARENTS: Thomas and Mercy Bassett of 2 Lower Burrells, Chiltington Lane, East Chiltington.

DIED: it can not be said with certainty what happened to him after the war, but he may have moved to Southwick.

JOB: he was a painter before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Scottish Rifles in 1915 under service number 37550.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Henry Basset does not appear to be related to AG or F Bassett on the Plumpton Roll of Honour, but this could be the missing link.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



William John Beard

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Hurst Barn Cottages East Chiltington. PARENTS: John and Jane Beard
MARRIED: Gladys Alberta K Charman in 1923
DIED: in 1959 aged 66

JOB: he was a nursery gardener before the War at Plumpton Nurseries run by MR RJ Blackman. Ken Beard also worked there between 1948 & 1975.



SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Sussex Regiment under service number G/2440 as a Private. He went to France to fight in July 1915. He was demobilised into reserve in April 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Pictures kindly provided by Ken Beard. WJ Beard is second from the right in the Nurseries photo, taken in 1919.

Researched by the 2014 Project and enhanced by Richard Wells



Frederick George Benham

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 10 December 1883 in Belvedere Kent.
PARENTS: George and Clara Emily Benham
MARRIED: Minnie Isobel Leaney on 13 October 1913
DIED: 2 December 1960 aged 76 in Potters Bar.

JOB: Domestic chauffeur for the Mills family in Ashurst Cottage Plumpton.

SERVICE RECORD: joined the Royal Flying Corp (Air Mechanic) in 1915 Service Number F7185 later RAF service number 207185. He was Air Mechanic 1st Class with driver duties. He served in various Admiralty and Naval Air Stations in the UK. He was promoted to Corporal Mechanic in 1918. He was in the RAF Reserve in 1919 and discharged in April 1920.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Picture is from the Sussex Express on 21 April 1916, featuring a Plumpton Green family at war with Mr & Mrs William Leaney and their 3 sons and son in law Frederick Benham RNAS. Frederick and Minnie Benham had 7 children and lived in Venture Cottage, Plumpton Lane in 1915 and Eryl Cottage, Streat in 1919. They moved to Robertsbridge in 1930 and later to Potters Bar.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project and added to by Richard Wells in 2020.



Edwin Oliver Bennett

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: September 1892 in Watford. 3rd son.
PARENTS: James William and Emily Maria (Rogers) Bennett
MARRIED: Unknown
DIED: 1974 (from Ancestry).

SERVICE RECORD: He enlisted in the Royal Garrison Artillery Territorial Force in 1914. Regimental No. 313315. His rank was Corporal (Acting Sergeant). He was later attached to the North Midland (Staffordshire) Heavy Battery (RGA-TF) The records are scarce and there are many Edwin Bennetts listed but only one other record for an Edwin Oliver Bennett which shows he was Gazetted September 1918 to 2nd Lieutenant in the Labour Corps. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Cannot find any record of his eldest brother, James Martin Bennett born 5 February 1886 in Watford, either locally or within the War Records. By 1911, the family had moved to Hurst Barn Farm in East Chiltington. His job before the war is unknown.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2019



Sidney Bennett

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 17 June 1888 in Watford. 2nd son.
PARENTS: James William and Emily Maria (Rogers) Bennett
MARRIED: 10 December 1913 Dorothy Maude Larkinson in Kingston on Thames
DIED: 30 December 1948 in Kingston on Thames

JOB: Agricultural Auctioneer & Chartered Surveyor and Land Agent.

SERVICE RECORD: Enlisted in February 1915 in the Royal Field Artillery, rank Gunner. Regimental No. 1854 also No. 785544. He was posted to France 10th July 1915. Discharged age 23 on 5th October 1918 from 419 Battery RFA and awarded the Silver War Badge B21347 for his wounds, also the Victory Medal, British War Medal and the 1915 Star.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: In 1939 he lived alone with a housekeeper at *Littlecroft*, Portsmouth Road, Esher, Surrey. He was District Chairman Livestock control (food defence) collection centre Kingston on Thames.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2019.



Thomas Gerald Bennett

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 4 September 1896 in Watford. 4th son
PARENTS: James William and Emily Maria (Rogers) Bennett
MARRIED: In 1924 Edna Frances Chattey in Colombo, Western Sri Lanka
DIED: 4 July 1980 in Beaconsfield aged 83.

JOB: In 1914 he became a member of the Law Society in Haywards Heath.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Machine Gun Corps in 1915 at Bisley Camp Surrey, age 19. He became a Second Lieutenant in the 2nd/ 6th (Cyclist) Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment Machine Gun Corps. He was posted to India and sailed from Devonport in February 1916 to Bangalore Barracks via Bombay on the troopship HMS Ceramic, arriving February 1916. Promoted to Lieutenant, then Major; he was awarded the India General Service Medal with Afghanistan Northwest Frontier Clasp 1919, and the Territorial Force War Medal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: After the war he lived in Hong Kong and married. They had two children. He was a Solicitor and was on the board of directors of British Steel Specialities.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2019.



W Blair

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: Unknown PARENTS: Unknown

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Bedfordshire Regiment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Cannot find any record of him locally or within the War Records.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



George William Bodle

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1893 in Novington Lane, East Chiltington. PARENTS: Charles and Alice Bodle

MARRIED: Millie Cornford in 1916

DIED: in 1980 near Dorking aged 87

JOB: he was a Wheelwright in Plumpton before the War and after the war he stayed in his trade of a Wheelwright in Dorking.

SERVICE RECORD: the Royal Fusiliers Artillery in 1916 under service number GS48721. He was injured on 27 September 1918 with a shell wound to his left knee and hand.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He was brought up in Mount Pleasant in Barcombe. Initially he was exempt from joining due to his trade, but following a review of his exemption, he signed up in 1916.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Henry

Boys

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 11 August 1881 in Alciston, East Sussex
PARENTS: Eli Stephens and Elizabeth Boys
MARRIED: Ann Margaret Ridley in 1911
DIED: 21 July 1956 aged 74 having returned to Alciston.

JOB: Farm Labourer at Captains Farm in Streat Lane

SERVICE RECORD: joined the Royal Field Artillery Regiment Territorial Force in 1916. Service number (TF) 901390 with a Rank of Gunner. Only his medal roll index card survives, which shows he was awarded the Victory Medal and the British War Medal. He is also remembered on Streat and Westmeston churches record of service.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Henry and Ann had 4 boys and lived in 2 Coxes Cottages in Plumpton. In Plumpton School records it recorded the boy's father as George Henry and Harry Boys, so it sounds as if he was known in the village under several first names.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project, enhanced by Richard Wells in 2020.

The Bradley Family – See Folder Below for full research

The Bradley Brothers of Plumpton were sons of James Rueben Bradley who was born in Ditchling and Mary Ann (nee Noyon) who was from the Channel Island of Guernsey. James was a stationary engine driver at Plumpton Creamery and they had 5 children. They lived at 1 Creamery Cottage with James' widowed mother Mary Bradley. Four of their sons served. Sons Ernest and James both had a distinguished service, being mentioned in despatches and gaining the Military Cross for bravery. Please look in the folder for press articles about their experiences in the war.

All the brothers were on the Plumpton Roll of Honour

Alfred Victor Bradley - 4th Queens Own Hussars, he was mentioned in dispatches and recommended for gallant and distinguished service in the field.

Emile Vivian Bradley - 11th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, became an Acting Corporal

James Reuben Bradley - 20th Hussars, awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty

John Walter Bradley - Army Service Corps, Motor Transport in 1916 as a driver



Alfred Victor Bradley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1890 in Plumpton PARENTS: Eldest son of James Rueben and Mary Ann (nee Noyon) Bradley of 1 Creamery Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Unknown
DIED: In Chester and Ellesmere Port in 1979 aged 89

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 4th Queens Own Hussars as a Private the under service number 5486 in 1910. Once the war declared he went from Curragh Barracks near Dublin to fight in France. He was mentioned in dispatches and recommended for gallant and distinguished service in the field. He was severely wounded by shrapnel, in the Battle of Mons. His record also show he was in the 4th Hussars attached to East Africa Regiment. He may have fought there. He was one of the 'Contemptables'.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He is recorded on the Roll of Honour as AD Bradley. His father was a stationary engine driver at the Creamery. All of their four sons served. See the Sussex Express article dated 12 March 1915 "Brother Hussars, Wounded Plumpton Soldier's Thrilling Story."

Researched by 2014 Project and mainly Richard Wells 2018 Project



Emile Vivian Bradley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1896 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Third son of James Rueben and Mary Ann Bradley of 1 Creamery Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Nellie Bamford Whitehead in 1926 in Birkenhead Cheshire.
DIED: near Worthing in 1973 aged 77.

JOB: He was a Post Office Boy Clerk before the war

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 11th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade in 1916 under service number S/14840 and later joined the 3rd Battalion. In a news article in 1918 it was reported that he was home on leave in Birkenhead. Acting Corporal Rifle Brigade twice slightly wounded then returned to France.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He and Nellie moved to Balham in 1932 and he married Eileen Florence Stone in 1939 in Worthing. They lived in Southwick in 1939 when he was a fishing bait supplier and moved to Worthing in later life.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



James Reuben Bradley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1892 in Plumpton PARENTS: Second son of James Rueben and Mary Ann Bradley of 1 Creamery Cottage, Plumpton. DIED: Unknown

JOB: He was a domestic groom before the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 20th Hussars in 1914, as a Private under service number 12275. He transferred to the Royal Sussex Regiment in 1917 as 2nd Lieutenant and fought in France from 1915. The Sussex Agricultural Express article from September 1918 reported "MILITARY CROSS Second Lieutenant (Acting Captain) James Rueben Bradley, son of Mrs and Mrs James Bradley, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He was ordered with about forty men of the Battalion to drive the enemy out of some woods which had been occupied. He had to lead the men over about 800 yards of open ground to reach the woods, in which there was a number of machine guns. This he did with great dash in the face of heavy fire, clearing the woods and killing a number of the enemy. The success of this operation was due to his good leadership."

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



John Walter Bradley

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1898 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Fourth son of James Rueben and Mary Ann Bradley of 1 Creamery Cottage, Plumpton.
MARRIED: Sarah Gladys Williams in 1924
DIED: in Birkenhead in 1971 aged 73.

JOB: He was a motor mechanic.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Army Service Corps, Motor Transport in 1916 as a driver with the rank of Private under service number DM2/221506.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He and Sarah moved to Wallasey in Cheshire .

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Charles William Braysher/Braiser

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1898 1 Plough Cottages, Plumpton. PARENTS: Charles Samuel and Ellen Braysher.

DIED: 12 October 1916 aged 18, Killed in Action.

JOB: he may have joined up straight from school as only aged 15 or 16.

SERVICE RECORD: He initially joined the Royal Sussex Regiment under service number G/7159 in 1914 and later moved to the Hampshire Regiment, 2nd Battalion, under service number 21303. Killed in Action at France & Flanders, he has no known grave and is commemorated on Theipval Memorial, France – Pier and Face 7C and 7B.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Just before the family moved to 4 Hill House Cottage in Bolney. He appears on the war memorial and Roll of Honour as C Braiser, but this appears to be a mistake as there is no record of a C Braiser in Census or any Regiment War Records. The 2004 project findings that this relates to CW Braysher is validated.

Researched by 2004 CWG Project, 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Frank Horace Briggs

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1876 believed to an unmarried Mother. He had moved to the East Chiltington Workhouse by the age of 6. Later, he moved into the home of William and Louisa Tugwell in Novington Lane, East Chiltington.

MARRIED: Elizabeth Mary Bristow in 1901.

DIED: Near Guildford in 1959 aged 84

JOB: he was an Agricultural Garden Labourer before the war

SERVICE RECORD: He Joined the Royal Engineers as a Sapper under service number 96931. He was injured on 7 August 1915.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Workhouse in Honeypot Lane opened in 1873 when all the old Chailey Poor Law Union were closed. The East Chiltington Workhouse accommodated 250 inmates and included a substantial infirmary. It cost £11,100 to build. In 1930 it became the Lewes Institution, then after 1948, it was renamed Pouchlands Hospital. The buildings were redeveloped for residential use around 1991.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Stephen Arthur Buckman

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: c1883 in High House Farm, East Chiltington PARENTS: Samuel and Elizabeth Buckman

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: he was a domestic gardener before the War.

SERVICE RECORD: Joined Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914.

The Buckwell Family – See Folder Below for full research

The Buckwell family of Plumpton and East Chiltington originated with Thomas Buckwell who was born 1713 in Pagham near Chichester West Sussex and his wife Mary Cole. Their son Thomas 1745-1834 born in Plumpton, and his wife Martha 1752-1837 had a son also Thomas 1806-1866 born in Plumpton who married Sarah Brooker 1804-1887. They had at least 9 children, the sons living at various locations in Plumpton and East Chiltington. It is from these families that their sons enlisted in the Military in the Great War 1914-1919. As their fathers were brothers this made them all either brothers or first cousins. The descendants of the first Buckwell's also settled in other nearby towns and villages such as Chailey, Barcombe, Lewes, etc. from where more volunteers came forward to fight for King and Country. In Plumpton and East Chiltington, James Buckwell had 13 children, Henry 7 children and Jesse Buckwell 12 children.

PLUMPTON Roll of Honour (summary)

1914 **J BUCKWELL** Royal Sussex Regt **JAMES - SON OF JAMES & ELIZA, CANNISTER COTTAGE.BROTHER OF EDGAR & BERTIE.**

1915 **P.BUCKWELL** Royal Warwickshire Regt. **PENNINGTON - SON OF JESSE & GEORGIANA, NEWSTEAD FARM**

1916 **+ B.P.BUCKWELL** R.F.A. Royal Field Artillery **BENJAMIN PHILIP - SON OF HENRY & JANE, FALLBROOK PLUMPTON LANE, AND THE MILL HOUSE (PROBABLY THE UPPER MILL) KILLED 1918**

1917 **W.H.BUCKWELL** R.F.A. Royal Field Artillery **WILLIAM HENRY - SON OF JESSE & GEORGIANA, NEWSTEAD FARM. BROTHER OF PENNINGTON**

EAST CHILTINGTON Roll of Honour (summary)

E. BUCKWELL Royal Sussex Regt. **EDGAR - SON OF JAMES & ELIZA CANNISTER COTTAGE, BROTHER OF JAMES, BERTIE & ROBERT.**

B. BUCKWELL Leicestershire Regt. **BERTIE - SON OF JAMES & ELIZA. BROTHER OF JAMES, EDGAR & ROBERT**

R. BUCKWELL R.G.A. Royal Garrison Artillery **ROBERT - SON OF JAMES & ELIZA. BROTHER OF JAMES, EDGAR & BERTIE**

W.H.BUCKWELL R.F.A. Royal Field Artillery DUPLICATED ON PLUMPTON ROH **WILLIAM HENRY**



Bertie Buckwell

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1880 in Plumpton. PARENTS: 6th son of James and Eliza Buckwell.
DIED: Lancing in 1943 aged 62.

JOB: he was initially a Shepherd and was a Market Gardener Labourer near Sompting (boarding with John Knowles) before the war

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Leicester Regiment under service number 5151 and later transferred to the Labour Corps under service number 211045.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: After the war he lived in Ladysmith, Penhill, Lancing. In the 1939 census he was listed as a cripple. Whilst he never married, at that time, he was living with Kate, the daughter of John Knowles who he boarded with in Sompting. From a press article from the Worthing Herald reporting his death, we know that for many years he was a member of the British Legion in Lancing.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Edgar Francis Buckwell

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1888 in Plumpton. PARENTS: 9th son of Jesse and Eliza Buckwell.
MARRIED: Daisy Winifred May King in 1922 in Oxford. After they married they lived at 24 Bath St, St Clements, Oxford.
DIED: in Oxford in 1930 aged 42

JOB: he was an Agricultural Garden Labourer before the war and a postman after the war.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 1st/5th Cinque Ports Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment in 1915 under service number 3365. By 1917 he was promoted to Acting Lance Corporal under service number 240935. That summer he was gassed and recovered in hospital in France, without being sent to England. He was discharged in October 1918 due to his wounds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He returned from the trenches in September 1916 just a few hours before his mother Eliza passed away. The above photo from the Richard Wells Collection was believed to be taken at that time.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



James Buckwell

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1884 in Plumpton. PARENTS: Seventh son of James and Eliza Buckwell of Canister Cottage (renamed Black Cap Cottage, now Shepherds Cottage) at the foot of the Downs, south of Warningore Farm.
MARRIED: Susannah Amelia Thomas in 1901.
DIED: in Chailey in 1973 aged 89.

JOB: he was an Farm Labourer before the war

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 5th Cinque Ports Reserve Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment (same as Edgar) in 1914 under service numbers 3108 and 77890. In 1917 he was posted to the Agricultural Depot (242017) in June 1917 and the 695 Agricultural Company Labour Corps in Chichester in November 1917. He was a Farm Labourer Stockman, providing vital food production and did not go to the front. He was demobilised in March 1919.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: When serving in Chichester, his address was Greencross Lodge, Plumpton.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Pennington Buckwell

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1889 in Newstead Farm, Novington Lane, Plumpton. PARENTS: 5th son of Jesse and Georgiana Buckwell.

MARRIED: Elsie Mary Gillett in 1925.

DIED: in Eastbourne in 1985 aged 96

JOB: he was working for DW Farrance draper grocer and postmaster at Lingfield. And Cheall's Stores (village shop) before the war

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1915 under service number 25928 and then transferred to the 281st Machine Corps under service number 177075 and served in India at the Afghanistan Northwest Frontier. He left the army in 1920.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: after the war he farmed at Beechmead, Dallington near Hailsham and later moved to Eastbourne.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



Benjamin Philip (P J) Buckwell

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

The Stone Cross at All Saints Church and the Roll of Honour have been incorrectly inscribed as PJ Buckwell rather than BP (Benjamin Philip) Buckwell.

BORN: in 1889 in Plumpton. PARENTS: He was the 3rd son of 7 children born to Henry and Jane Buckwell.

DIED: 4 or 5 May 1918 in France & Flanders aged 28.

JOB: The whole family were basket makers and lived at Fallbrook Plumpton Lane.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: His father Henry died in December 1913 of a heart attack on a train to Lewes. They then moved to The Mill House (probably the Upper Mill Plumpton). On 31 March 1916, Benjamin's elder brother Henry George Buckwell was given exemption from enlisting at the Chailey Tribunal owing to he being the sole supporter of his widowed mother and his brother was shortly to be called up.

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SERVICE RECORD: He joined the 46th Heavy Trench Mortar Battery of the Royal Field Artillery as a Gunner under service number 196156.

In a report headed "ANOTHER OF THE BEST" in the Sussex Express Friday 10th May 1918, it states that he first went to fight in France in November 1916 and came home on leave at the end of 1917. His mother had on Monday received a telegram at the Mill House advising that he was lying dangerously ill in France suffering from a poison gas shell. A further letter dated 5th May from the Matron stated that Gunner B. Buckwell had passed peacefully away at 11.53pm on 4th May 1918; he was 28 years of age. Up until his enlistment he had worked at home helping with the basket making business and was a quiet unassuming man who would be deeply mourned. Another report says he died in a Canadian Military Hospital at Etaples, where he was buried in the Etaples Military Cemetery grave reference: Plot LXVIII. Row A. Grave 21.



A general photo of what it was like to be in the Heavy Trench Mortar Battery





Etaples Military Cemetery



Robert Buckwell

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1876 in Plumpton. PARENTS: 4th son of James and Eliza Buckwell.

DIED: in Westmeston in March 1959 aged 82.

JOB: he was initially a Shepherds Boy lodging with Samuel Payne at Balmer Farm, Falmer and then returned to the family farm as a Carter and then before the war he worked as a Farm Carter lodging with Luther Wilmshurst at Fountain Cottage Lindfield. After the war, he was a Stockman.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery as a Gunner under service number 156315, possibly the 191st Siege Battery which first went to France in November 1916.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: He later lived with his unmarried sister, Ada, at 3 Glebe Cottages, Westmeston. He is buried at St Martin's Westmeston churchyard with his sister Ada who died in 1969.

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DRIVER W.
BUCKWELL.
R.F.A.,
Plumpton.

William Henry Buckwell

ON BOTH PLUMPTON & EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1877 in Newstead Farm, Plumpton. PARENTS: 2nd son of Jesse and Georgiana Buckwell.

MARRIED: Sarah Parsons at St Michaels & St Angels Church Plumpton in 1897. They moved to Novington Lane.

JOB: he was an Agricultural Labourer Carter Boy at his fathers farm, then a Cowman at Novington after he married.

SERVICE RECORD: He was given an exception from enlisting initially and joined the 297th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery in 1917 as a (horse) driver under service number 216495.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The application for exception was made by Howell Powell Edwards of Novington Manor. See the Powell Edwards family for more information. The picture is from the Sussex Agricultural Express June 1917, which ran a series 'Fighting Sons of Sussex'.

Researched by Richard Wells 2018 Project



F A Bull

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: unknown

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: unknown

SERVICE RECORD: he joined the Army Service Corps (Mechanical Transport) in 1915. Probably Held the rank of private (service number 183430). If this is the case, his medical records show he accidentally strained his back on 20 December1916 being off over Christmas returning to duty on 1 January 1917.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Cannot be located in the local records or across Sussex, just found in his military records under F Bull.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Frank Alfred Burberry

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1895 in Brighton. PARENTS: Lived with his grandparents Walter and Mary Anne Sims at 1 Osborne Villas Plumpton before the war.

MARRIED: Ethel M Pratt in 1920.

DIED: near Lewes in 1979 aged 84.

JOB: He was a Dairy Worker before the war and a Brickyard Labourer after the war.

SERVICE RECORD: joined Royal Sussex Regiment in 1914 under service number G/3344 and continued to serve until 1920.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Picture above with FA Burberry on far right around 1933/4, believed to be taken at Plumpton (from family picture on Ancestry). He moved to 5 Cox ’s Cottages, Plumpton Green after the war (probably after marrying Ethel).

Researched by 2014 Project and Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Gordon Eustace Lennox Burder

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1886 in The Beeches, Barcombe. PARENTS: John and Henrietta Burder

MARRIED: Isabella Druitt in 1916 in Kensington, London

DIED: Unknown

JOB: Boarded at Uppingham School (still an important boarding school) in Rutland. He then studied at Cambridge University at Trinity College where he signed up in 1904.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1904 and was wounded twice (details unknown). He was a Lieutenant at the start of the war.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother to Lewis Algernon Wentworth Burder. There is no trace of what happened to him or his wife after the war. His connection to East Chiltington is unclear.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Lewis Algernon Wentworth Burder

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: 1883 in The Beeches, Barcombe. PARENTS: John and Henrietta Burder

DIED: Near Brighton in 1949 aged 65

JOB: his job is unknown but it is believed he retired to Brighton

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Honourable Artillery Corps in December 1914 as a Bombardier and later a driver, under service numbers 673 and 624135. He stayed on until July 1919 and was discharged due to sickness.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Brother to Gordon Eustace Lennox Burder. At an early age he moved to Kingston Surrey to live with this Maternal Grandmother Elizabeth Garbett. His connection to East Chiltington is unclear.

Researched by Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Victor Edward Burgess

PLUMPTON ROLL OF HONOUR AND

EAST CHILTINGTON STONE CROSS

BORN: 1887 in Rotherhithe, London. PARENTS: Alfred Henry & Eliza Burgess of 79 Alpine Street and later of 15 Dorothy Street, Reading, Berkshire.

DIED: 3 July 1916 aged 29. Killed in Action in France & Flanders.

JOB: in the employment of Revd HS Musgrave in East Chiltington and member of the Sussex Volunteer Regiment in Hassocks before signing up.

SERVICE RECORD: He joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1915 under service number 72742 and transferred to the London Regiment , 2nd / 17th (County of London) Battalion, (Poplar and Stepney Rifles) as a Rifleman under 5824. He only arrived in France a fortnight before his death and he is buried in Ecoivres Military Cemetery, Mont-St. Eloi, France - grave reference: Plot III. Row A. Grave 28

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A Sussex Agricultural Express newspaper article on 4 August 1916 confirms his connection to East Chiltington and transfer to the London Regiment.

Researched by 2004 Commonwealth War Graves Project, enhanced by Richard Wells & Lee Stevens 2018 Project



Frank W C Cattaway

EAST CHILTINGTON ROLL OF HONOUR

BORN: c1893. Location unknown but in 1911, he was living in a Dr Barnardo Home in Shadwell, London.

MARRIED: Unknown

DIED: Unknown

JOB: Unknown

SERVICE RECORD: Joined the Royal Navy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Connection to East Chiltington unknown but he may have stayed at the East Chiltington Workhouse for a time

Researched by the 2014 Project and enhanced by Lee Stevens 2018 Project