

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM PART 2

Editor: In this series on the names on our War Memorial, Richard Snow continues with information of those killed during the First World War. If you have additional information or would like to speak to Richard about this series, please telephone him on 825428.

1914-1919 (Continued)

DOUST, James Arthur- G/24908 Private, 4th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Born Paddock Wood, enlisted Maidstone, lived in Pembury. Son of James and Mary A. Doust of Pippins Farm, Pembury. (Father was Farm Bailiff until around 1930). Died 12 October 1917, age 29. Unknown grave, so remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zoonebeke, Belgium, which commemorates around 35,000 Officers and men whose graves are unknown.

ELLIS, Arthur George- 40124 Private, 8th Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment. Born Pembury, son of William and Sarah Ellis, who in 1901 lived at "Curblovs", Church Road. Arthur was a painter, and married Kate Ellis of Stanmore, Pembury. (Woodgate Corner).

Enlisted Tunbridge Wells. Died 3 May 1917, age 32. Remembered on Arras Memorial Bay 5, Pas de Calais, France.

FIELD, Albert Fakes- M2/052937 Private, 621 M.T. Company, Royal Army Service Corps. Born Marylebone, London. Lived Pembury, enlisted London. Member of the Pembury District National Deposit Friendly Society. An A.F. Fakes is listed in 1901 as a Hairdresser in the High Street. Died 18 October 1917. Buried Tunbridge Wells Cemetery Grave C.12.311.

FRY, Charles- G/5538 Private, 1st Battalion, Queens Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). Born in Tunbridge Wells 4.1.1871. Son of Stephen and Catherine Fry. Stephen was employed at a local Brewery and lived at 15 Slate Row, now part of Henwood Green Road near the corner shop. He enlisted in Tonbridge. At 43 he was some 13 years over the upper age specified by the Army. He died on 18 April 1915, during a counter-attack on Hill 60 in the Ypres salient. He is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium Panels 45 and 47. He is also remembered on the Tunbridge Wells War Memorial. He left a widow and nine children.

FRY, William- 4673 Lance Sergeant, 8th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Third Son of James and Eliza Fry of "Avondale", Romford Road, Pembury. He was born in Tunbridge Wells, enlisted in Chelsea and lived in the Village. He was a member of the Pembury District, National Deposit Friendly Society. He was wounded in July 1916 in the leg by shrapnel during the Great Advance and taken to hospital at Norwich. He was killed instantly by a shell on 25 September 1917 aged 29. He is buried in Monchy British Cemetery, Monchy-le-Preux, Pas de Calais, France. He had two other brothers in the Army and one who was discharged as medically unfit. His Captain described William as "A splendid soldier and a very fine man".

GALPIN, Alfred John- 43216 Corporal, 10th Battalion, The Essex Regiment. He was born in Bradpole, Dorset, enlisted in Shepherds Bush, and lived in the Village. He was the husband of J.F. Wood of Newman's Farm, Paddock Wood. He died on 18 October 1916 and is buried at Nunhead (All Saints) Cemetery Grave Ref: Screen Wall 89. 32488.

GILES, Sidney- K/1042 Leading Stoker, Royal Navy. Baptist Church Member. Died 22 September 1914 on HMS Hogue. His name is on the Chatham Naval Memorial.

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GRAINGER, John- 1979 Sapper, 1st/3rd Kent Field Company, Royal Engineers. Son of Walter and Emma Grainger of 2 Brickfield Cottages, Pembury. His father owned a Steam Wagon. He enlisted in Gillingham. He died on 28 October 1915, age 19. He is remembered on the Helles Memorial, Turkey Panel 23-25 or 325-328.

HICKS, Charles- 6973 Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment. Born in Burwash (His name also appears on their War Memorial). Enlisted in Winchester, lived in the Village. He died on 13 May 1915 and is remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

KEMP, Leslie William James- C/1196 Rifleman, 16th Battalion, Kings Royal Rifle Corps. Only son of William and Elizabeth C. Kemp of 2 "Hill View", Pembury. He was an old King Charles' School boy and a member of the Pembury Company of the Church Lads Brigade of which he was Sergeant. Enlisted in Tunbridge Wells. Went to France in November 1915. He was wounded in January 1916 and sent down to the Base before returning to his Battalion. Killed in action on 21 July 1916, age 20. His name appears on Pier and Face 13A and 13B, Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.

KEMP, Samuel J.- G/81139 Private 2nd/4th Battalion. The Queens (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Fifth son of Mr and Mrs Henry William Kemp of Lower Green, Pembury. He died of pneumonia in Hospital in Alexandria on 2 December 1918 aged 30 and is buried in Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt. Brother of Thomas Edward below.

KEMP, Thomas Edward- 19461 Private, 12th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment. Brother of Samuel J above and Fourth Son of Mr and Mrs Henry William Kemp of Lower Green. They had six serving sons and a son-in-law. Lived at 5 Church Road, Pembury. Member of the Pembury District, National Friendly Deposit Society. He was a Blacksmith. Died 3 May 1917 age 34 and is remembered on Bay 4 and 5, The Arras Memorial. He had been reported missing in May 1917 but this was not confirmed until December.

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GARDENERS' SOCIETY TALK

35 people gathered together on Thursday 17 March to listen to a talk on fuchsias given by George Puddifoot. Due to illness, an alternative speaker, Mr Hilary Newman, stepped in to give a demonstration on plant propagation. His knowledge of the subject was very good and the talk was very interesting with Hilary happy to give advice to those present.

George Puddifoot has a national collection of fuchsias at Riverside Fuchsia in Sutton-at-Hone. If you would like to see this collection, please phone 01322 863891 or

visit their website: <http://riversidefuchsia.moonfruit.com/>

The talk scheduled for 6 October has been cancelled.

Pembury Gardeners' Society

