

The War Memorials Of Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes as we know it did not exist at the time of the Great War. There were, however, several towns - Bletchley, Wolverton, Stony Stratford, Newport Pagnell - and any number of villages.

As you drive around Milton Keynes it is impossible to travel through any of the towns or villages that existed in 1914 without seeing a memorial to those from that particular place who fell during the Great War. As well as those mentioned above, there are memorials at: Astwood, Bow Brickhill, Bradwell, Broughton, Calverton, Castlethorpe, Chicheley, Clifton Reynes, Cold Brayfield, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Gayhurst, Hanslope, Haversham, Lavendon, Little Brickhill, Little Linford, Loughton, Milton Keynes, New Bradwell, Newton Blossomville, North Crawley, Olney, Shenley, Sherington, Simpson, Stoke Goldington, Tyringham, Wavendon St Mary, Weston Underwood, Willen, Woughton On The Green and probably others as well. They were built in the years immediately after the war as a focal point of remembrance for those left behind, and to bear testament to the sacrifice made by the men of North Bucks.

Behind those lists of names are the stories of a whole generation of men who left these shores to fight to preserve the freedoms that we now take for granted.

Because of this we have a duty to tell their story: their sacrifice is fast moving out of living memory, and we have to

ensure that these monuments, which now form part of our national heritage, are preserved for future generations.

If you would like more information on how to research your local war memorial, please contact our Publicity Officer, Ian Chambers, on MK 312927, or if you prefer, try looking at the following websites:

Roll Of Honour at

<http://www.roll-of-honour.com/>

The War Memorials Trust at

<http://www.warmemorials.org/>



*William Burnham, Bucks Battalion 1st Ox. & Bucks Regiment. Died In Action April 1917
Remembered on the New Bradwell memorial*

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Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford

This records the names of 92 men, including three brothers, George, Herbert & William Church, who were all killed in action. George's headstone in Belgium has the following inscription:

**Though Death Divides
Fond Memories Cling
Three Loved Ones Gone For Ever
RIP**

**AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**