

As we reach the centenary of the Armistice that ended The Great War we thought it fitting that we should remember all those Broad Chalke men and women who fought and lived to tell the tale, although they rarely did. Some lived to a ripe old age but often with the result of injuries sustained during the war, and some died shortly afterwards of Spanish 'flu or conditions brought on by their experiences. They may not have paid 'the ultimate sacrifice' but their subsequent lives will have been scarred forever. Here is a selection of some, from of a list over 20 with strong Broad Chalke connections:

**William Frank Bundy** born 1896 in South Street, Broad Chalke. He joined up 14th September 1914 at Chippenham, the Wiltshire Yeomanry, but was wounded in the right hand in April/May 1918. He worked as a butcher's assistant for J E Fry for most of his life and was known as the "pig sticker". He spent his last years in a bungalow on Howgare Road. He died 1987.

**William John Collins** born 1891. He worked as a carpenter/journeyman living at Sunny Cottage, The Marsh from 1910 before he enlisted in the 5th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment on 11th December 1915. When the screen in the main room of the school was moved in the 1980s an old school slate was found under the floorboards signed 'W. Collins, 1927'.

**Herbert Sidney Dimmer** born 1890. First living at Knighton Hill then Gurston and by 1911 at Knowle, Bowerchalke. Both Herbert and his father were carters. He enlisted in 1914 as No.1410440, formerly soldier No.44724 Royal Artillery. He returned safely, married Lucy Penn in the summer of 1919 and died in 1970.

**Frederick George Dowsett** born 1889, joined 3rd Hampshire Regt. as No.1477 on 8th March 1906 aged 17 years. He was wounded at Mons October 1914, but was wounded again, more seriously, in August 1915 and returned to UK. Foreman at Knighton Farm for 52 years and awarded the Royal Agricultural Society of England Long Service medal by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

**Morgan Emm** Lived at 'Mouse Hole', Mount Sorrell and then Gurston. Morgan enlisted in The Wiltshire Regiment May 1918 at the age of 18 and later the Devonshire Regiment. He transferred again into the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He spent some time in Egypt and Turkey.

**Charlie Gulliver** born 1896 in Broad Chalke. Before the war he was a stable boy. Enlisted June 1918 either the Worcestershires or Warwickshires and deployed on the Russian Front, serving in the Caucasus and at Tbilisi.

**Herbert John Gulliver** was born 30th April 1890/91 in Broad Chalke. He enlisted as a Private in the Wiltshire Regiment on 3rd September 1914, Army No.11280. He served overseas but was wounded and discharged in February

1917. He was awarded the Silver War Badge No.23572. He worked at Chalk Pyt Farm and died in 1977.

**William Charles Gulliver**, born 1888 to Esau and Fanny Gulliver of Mead End, Bowerchalke. He married Ethel Kate Penney of Broad Chalke on 25th June 1919. William was a Private in the Army Service Corps.

**Edgar Gurd**, born 1892. In 1911 the family were living at Longbridge Road, Broad Chalke. He enlisted at Salisbury in 1914 and joined The 14th Hussars as Private H/19298 and then the Corps of Lancers as Private No.19511. He survived the war and died aged 30 on 19th January 1922.

**Reginald Hitchings** - Enlisted September 1914 in the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry. His duties involved policing, traffic control and despatch riding. We believe he saw some action before returning in 1917 - required on the farm.

**Hubert Loader**, born 1897 at Bishopstone. In 1911 living at the Marsh, Broad Chalke. Before the war he was a horseman on a farm. He enlisted, possibly The Dorsetshire Regt., but was wounded in the head and sent to a hospital in Sheffield. After the war 'Bert' was gardener at Kings Old Rectory.

**William George Moody**, born 1881 and married Elsie Mary Bundy of Yew Tree Farm, Broad Chalke. In 1907 and they moved into the first Reddish Cottage. Mentioned as "home on leave October 1918". In 1929 they took over The Malthouse in South Street, and continued there as "beer retailers". Died in 1949.

**Edwin James Penney**, born 6th July 1891 in Broad Chalke. Before the war Edwin worked as a carter. He enlisted September 1914 for three years with the Wiltshire Regiment (No.12150) and was then transferred to the 2nd Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers (No.14936) and was later wounded. He returned February 1919 and lived at Corner Cottage. He died in 1978.

**Elizabeth Gertrude Salmon**, born 1898 to Tom John, a basket maker, and Georgina of Michelham Cottage, South Street. She joined St. John's Ambulance Association which amalgamated with the Red Cross to form the Joint War Committee. Duty location France.

**Ernest Shorland**, born 1896. He enlisted 3rd September 1914 as a Private No.11010 in the Wiltshire Regiment and served overseas but, having lost an eye, was discharged 27th May 1916. He was awarded the Silver War Badge No.71542 on 1st December 1916 (this was later found somewhere on Knowle Farm).

**William Smith**, born 1892. Living in 1911 at Knighton Road, Broad Chalke. He was a groom and domestic gardener. He enlisted at Salisbury in 1914. We believe he may have been gassed. He lived in Causeway Cottages later in life, working at Chalk Pyt Farm. In 1971 he was presented to the Queen in recognition of his 50 years' work at Chalk Pyt.

Our thanks to Sue Fry for her painstaking research. If you have any further information on any of the above, please let us know.