

**Volume 1**

**2014**

# The History of Lostock Hall War Memorial



**FREE**

**I**N FLANDERS FIELDS  
THE POPPIES GROW

Between the crosses row on row  
That mark our place & in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below



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## Volume One

The Lostock Hall Royal British Legion and The Lostock Hall Magazine bring you this special commemorative booklet as we remember that it is one hundred years since the start of World War One marking a significant milestone in our local history. We have put together a unique collection of images and research dedicated to memorialising the men named on our Memorials. At the moment we do not have an exact date for the erecting of the War Memorial on Hope Terrace. It was more than likely erected around the same time as other local war memorials which would have been in the early 1920's. Mrs Connie Sumner (age 101) remembers as a child 'Edward VIII, Prince of Wales came through Tardy Gate going from Preston to Leyland (approx. 1922) All the children from Lostock Hall Council School had to go home and change into their 'best clothes' at lunch time. They were all given flags and students from all three Lostock Hall schools gathered at the memorial at the Pleasant Retreat. When his car was within sight they had to wave their flags and sing 'God Bless the Prince of Wales'.

We have researched information about some of the soldiers whose names are on the memorial and included a list of all the men named. We hope to include further information over the next four years. Lest we forget !

We are still appealing for information, photos or documents relating to any of the named men on our memorial to be included in our next volume. In the future we would like to feature the men named from the Second World War. So please share with us any information you have.

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Compiled by Heather Crook (The Lostock Hall Magazine)

1914 - 2014



## POPPY APPEAL

### SHOW YOU REMEMBER ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER

## TARDY GATE

The first armistice service officially held at the war memorial, Tardy Gate, Lostock Hall was held yesterday afternoon. There was a parade of 170 ex-service men under the command of Capt. S Sharples, who was supported by Capt Snaylem and Coun. R Smith Brindle. The Farington Prize Band led the procession. The procession to the memorial started in Capt. Sharples field in Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall, proceeded through the village passing the Lostock Hall Methodist Chapel War Memorial where the salute was given. Col. C J Trimble was in charge of the proceedings at The Tardy Gate Memorial where the service was conducted by Coun. Brindle. Last Post and Reveille were sounded by a member of the band. Colonel Trimble laid the wreath. Mr H Barnish placed a wreath on behalf of the R.O.A.B., whose members walked in full regalia. After the National Anthem had been played, the salute and March Past were taken by Col. Trimble.

**Lancashire Daily Post 8<sup>th</sup> November 1937**

**Community Centre. Lostock Hall War Memorial.** Lostock Hall and District War Memorial is to take the form of a community centre. This was decided at a meeting in the Turner Memorial Hall, Tardy Gate, last night, when a small committee was elected to work in conjunction with the War Memorial Committee, for the institution of a Community Association to embrace all religious, social and political organisations in the area. Describing the planning, working and objects of an ideal community centre, Mrs F Mellor, Community Centres Officer to the Community Council of Lancashire, told the meeting that they aim to bring people together and to encourage a spirit of democracy. Such centres, which many places throughout the country are now thinking of adopting as a war memorials, would cater for all interests, cultural and educational activities as well as social and recreational events. The secretary of the War Memorial Committee, Mr C Sumner, said they had made inquiries regarding the possibility of acquiring from the Ministry of Works, the food storage depot at Lostock Hall, for conversion into a community centre. Mr L Budd, (chairman) expressed thanks to Mrs Mellor.

**Lancashire Daily Post 9<sup>th</sup> October 1946**

**LOSTOCK HALL WAR MEMORIAL** – Over 2000 people, including detachments of the Army, R.A.F and W.A.A.F., Sea Cadets and ex-Service men's organisations attended the re-dedication of the Lostock Hall War Memorial yesterday. The parade in charge of Major E H Leshallas, of Fulwood Barracks, was inspected by Brigadier P C Marinden, OC., 126 Infantry Brigade, supported by Group Captain Coleman OC, RAF, Kirkham. Dr Sharples, president of the Lostock Hall British Legion, unveiled the memorial and the service was taken by Rev P Gresty, Vicar of Inskip. Inskip Church Choir were also in attendance. Following the service, wreaths were laid on the memorial on behalf of the services and also by the chairmen of Preston RDC (councillor W Allsion) and Walton Le Dale U.D.C. (Councillor J Holden). Mr L G Budd chairman of Lostock Hall British Legion organised the ceremony.  
**'The Lancashire Daily Post 14th July 1947**

**LOSTOCK HALL AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL FUND**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE** For All Residents of Lostock Hall and District  
**A PUBLIC MEETING**

Will be held in THE TURNER MEMORIAL HALL, TARDY GATE  
(By kind permission of Father G Swann O.S.B.)  
on TUESDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 1946 Subject :

**'A COMMUNITY CENTRE AS A WAR MEMORIAL ?'**

Speaker Mrs F Mellor, Community Centres Officer, Community  
Council of Lancashire

**BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING**

**Description from the War Memorials Archive (IMPERIAL  
WAR MUSEUMS)**

**LOSTOCK HALL**

**REF** 42673

**ADDRESS**

WATKIN LANE  
LOSTOCK HALL  
PRESTON

**TYPE**

SCULPTURED  
CAST FIGURE

**OTHER**

**LOCATION**

**DETAILS**

PEDESTRIANISED  
AREA ADJACENT  
TO THE  
PLEASANT  
RETREAT PUBLIC  
HOUSE

**OS MAP**

**REFERENCE** SD  
544 258



**INSCRIPTION** 1914-1918 NAMES / 1939-1945 NAMES

**COMPONENTS**

COLUMN GRANITE HEIGHT C 2000MM WIDTH C 700 MM DEPTH 700 MM  
FIGURE UNKNOWN HEIGHT C 2000 MM

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION**

COLUMNS WITH SCULPTED FIGURE ATOP. FIGURE IS FEMALE AND  
HOLDING A LAUREL WREATH. POSSIBLE 'PEACE' OR 'VICTORY'

**WARS COMMEMORATED AND PEOPLE REMEMBERED**

FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1918

TOTAL NAMES **83**

SURNAME, FORENAME, DECORATIONS

SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945

TOTAL NAMES **31**

## Sergeant Francis Shultz MM

Sergeant Francis Shultz MM  
680991 'A' Bty. 286<sup>th</sup> Bde.,  
Royal Field Artillery  
Who died on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1918  
Aged 21

Son of John Joseph and Sara  
Walburga Shultz  
Of 9 Carrington-terrace, Lostock  
Hall  
Born at Brownedge, Walton-Le-  
Dale

Remembered with Honour  
Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvenir  
Cemetery

Francis Shultz was from Lostock  
Hall but signed up at Bamber  
Bridge on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915. He was  
shot by a sniper as he volunteered  
to swim across a canal taking a  
line across two days before the  
armistice.



All members of  
St Gerard's Church Lostock Hall  
Francis Shultz, Bert Nixon  
and Tom Craven



## Private H Fletcher MM

Mrs Harold Fletcher, Deighton Avenue, Leyland, has received official intimation on the death in action, on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1918, of her husband, Private Harold Fletcher, LNL Regiment. Whilst acting as a stretcher-bearer he was awarded the Military Medal on July 22<sup>nd</sup> last for conspicuous bravery in the field and devotion to duty. He bandaged and carried out severely-wounded men under heavy enemy shell-fire and though hampered by the conditions got them to the dressing station, thereby saving life. He was 28 years of age and joined up on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1916, prior to which he was employed at the Leyland Bleach and Dye Works. Previous to leaving to leaving for France in 1917 he was married to Miss Jenny Smith, third daughter to Mr and Mrs Smith, Woodcock Hall, Cuerden. He attended Leyland St Mary's Church.



Harold was born in Leyland in 1889, the son of Thomas and Mary Ellen Fletcher. They had ten children. In 1911 Harold was working as a scutcher and mangler at the bleaching works. In February 1916 he enlisted at Chorley and was in the 4/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. He was given the number 7991 this would later become 243404. Private Harold Fletcher also received the British War and Victory Medals and is remembered with honour on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Private Fletcher MM is on the Hope Terrace War Memorial in Lostock Hall and St Gerards War Memorial.



## 3438 Private William Kellett

William Kellett was born on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1895. He was the youngest of five children of parents Thomas and Martha Kellett. William was baptised at St Paul's Church, Farington on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1895. He started school at Farington Endowed School on 10<sup>th</sup> June 1902. At that time the family were living at East View, off School Lane.

According to the 1911 census he was working as a cotton weaver and living with his family at 64 Ward Street, Lostock Hall. His family remember him as a quiet serious young man, church going and with a musical talent. He played the piano/organ at services at Lostock Hall Methodist Church.

Army Service Record

Private 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion

The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

William Kellet was recruited and had a medical on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1914.

Oath that was taken by recruit on attestation 'I, William Kellett do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made'. It was signed by William and witnessed by John Ward. Norman Whittaker was the name of the attesting officer. His Medical Inspection Report on enlistment states that his apparent age is 19 years and 6 months. His height is 5 feet 8½ inches. Chest measurement when fully expanded 35 inches, range of expansion 3 inches. His vision is normal and his physical development good. His training ended on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1915. He arrived in France on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1915. He died of wounds, sustained on 15<sup>th</sup> June at the Battle of Festubert, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June due to a gunshot wound to the knee.

He was just 20 years old having served just over six months. (191 days)

William is commemorated at the Lostock Hall Cenotaph and the memorial in St James' Church. He was buried in at Etretat Churchyard, Seine-Maritime, France in plot I.C.2. where he is remembered with honour. His name is spelt Kellet (with one T) on his grave marker. It also states he was the son of Thomas and Martha Elizabeth Kellett, of Lostock Cottage, Lostock Hall.

**Information provided by William's great niece K. Hayes**



**William Kellett**





# Stephen Valentine Parr

S V PARR  
Private  
10501

2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Scots Guards

who died on Monday, 23 July, 1917. Age 23

He was the son of Robert and Ann Alice Parr, of 7 Heskin-terrace, Lostock Hall.

Valentine was his mother's maiden name.

He is buried at Duhallow A.D.S. Cemetery in Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

He is remembered on Lostock Hall War Memorial, Penwortham War Memorial, St Pauls War Memorial Tablet. When his mother moved to 1 Flag Lane, she named the house 'DUHALLOW' after the cemetery where he was buried.

Stephen lived at 7 Heskin Terrace, which is now 404 Leyland Road, on the Penwortham side of Coote Lane.

Photo 1 - S V Parr's medals that were received by his parents, along with the death penny that were presented to all soldiers who were killed during the Great War.

Photo 2 - his brother Jack Parr visiting his grave at the cemetery. Jack Parr lived in Harold Terrace, Lostock Hall.

Photo 3 -

'Wooldridge's Squad', of the Scots Guards, taken in 1914, Stephen Parr is one of the men.

**Information and photographs kindly provided by Stephen and Margaret Parr.**



# PRIVATE FREDERICK JOSEPH MURRAY

**23977**

**1<sup>st</sup> Battalion**

**The Loyal North Lancashire  
Regiment**

**Died 26<sup>th</sup> November 1916, aged 19**

**Buried at Thiepval Memorial, France**

Frederick Murray's family home was on Croston Road, Lostock Hall. He had two brothers Ignatius and James, and two sisters Elizabeth and Madge.

Frederick died on 26<sup>th</sup> November 1916 and is remembered on the Lostock Hall War Memorial, St Gerards War Memorial and also on the tablets in the Harris Museum, Preston. His mother devastated wanted his name to be remembered and applied to have his name on many memorials.

James daughters Val (of Val Murray, Preston) and Karina sent in the photograph of their Uncle Frederick

Frederick and Ignatius were never married and had no family. Ignatius luckily returned home after the war.

Frederick also had two sisters Elizabeth and Madge.

Elizabeth's married name was Thompson and she had three daughters, June, Clare and May.

Madge married Edward Starr and had three children Vernon, Ena and Edward.

James Murray and his wife later returned to Croston Road, Farington in the sixties.



This account was related to me by the late Bernie Roddy, of Tardy Gate, who led me to write this article. She had recently met one of James Murray's daughters in the graveyard at St Gerards Church and was told that during the war years James and a friend (whose brother was Francis Shultz), were camping out on Longton Marsh one night. They must have had a light showing which attracted the attention of a warden doing his rounds. He questioned the two boys as to what they were doing. Next he asked their names. 'Murray' replied James, his pal said 'Shultz'. 'Let's be having you' shouted the warden, the German name must have unnerved him and amidst their pleas that their brothers were fighting in the war, he carted the two of them off to the police station to make further checks on their credentials. Once this has been done they were released. James Murray's pal's brother, Francis Shultz, went on to perform many a heroic act during his active service before he was killed on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. He was mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Military Medal ! 'What's in a Name' said Bernie to me.

## Lostock Hall's First Casualty of the Great War By Bill Brierley

I have recently mounted a display at the Lostock Hall Library about the men from the village who died in the First World War. That display concentrates on the soldiers who are named on St Gerard's War Memorial – my research started here as two of my great-uncles (Francis Schultz and Henry Watson) are commemorated there. Over the coming months I hope to extend the display to include more names from the Memorial on Hope Terrace as I research them and I will also be publishing some stories here in the Lostock Hall Magazine. I have also been working with some colleagues on a display in Leyland Library which will open in September. This first story concerns the first man from Lostock Hall to be killed in the War.

### **6185 L/Cpl John Bennett, 1/Loyal North Lancashire Regiment**

John Bennett was born in 1882 and before the War he worked as a cotton weaver, probably at Thomas Moss' Cuerden Green Mill. He was married to Sarah Slater, and they had two children – Emily Ellen and Annie – and they lived at Moss View, Leyland Road, Farington. As Bennett was a Lance Corporal, he would have had previous military experience and was probably a reservist, but there are no records of his enlistment or service before 1914.

1/Loyal North Lancs arrived in France on 12 Aug 1914. In the first days of the War, the British Expeditionary Force was in full retreat in face of the massive German attack, retreating over 136 miles in 13 days. Once they had crossed the River Marne, however, the BEF turned to face the enemy, although at this point, during the Battle of the Marne, 1/LNLR was in reserve. L/Cpl Bennett arrived in France on 9 September 1914 as part of a draft of 80 men, led by Lt. J H Miller. The men were immediately in action.

The Battalion's first general action of the War was at the Battle of the Aisne, on 13 September 1914. That day, 1/Loyal North Lancs and 2/King's Royal Rifles, in pursuit of the Germans, had crossed the Aisne at Bourg then billeted for the night at Moulins (near Reims). The next day they moved to Vendresse to support an attack on a factory, which was successful, but then the enemy counterattacked heavily and the Battalions' ammunition supply began to run out. The Battalions were finally ordered to fall back to a ridge previously occupied and 'dig-in'. In this, its first general action of the war, 1/LNLR lost 14 officers and over 500 Other Ranks, killed, wounded or missing, and in 'B' Company alone 3 officers out of 5 and 175 out of 220 other ranks were casualties.

The Battalion was not used to digging trenches: this was a new kind of warfare and they had to work out the 'rules' as they went, but they soon encountered conditions which would become typical – on the 19<sup>th</sup> it began to rain and the trenches began to fill with water, which turned to mud. In early October, British troops withdrew from the Aisne, to be replaced by the French, and 1/LNLR moved north to Boesinghe, near Ypres, where it was to prepare to play its role in the First Battle of Ypres. On 22 October they were ordered to march to Pilkem, which they reached just after dawn on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and they were then ordered to attack the German trenches. They came under very heavy shell fire but (as one officer recorded in his diary) "The order to fix bayonets was given; a bugle sounded the charge, and with loud cheers the Battalion dashed forward and in less than ten minutes had carried the trenches and cleared them of the enemy. Six hundred prisoners were taken, a number that might have been increased but that further pursuit was hampered by our own artillery." That evening the Battalion was relieved in the line and withdrew via Pilkem to Ypres. In this action they had two officers killed and four wounded, while 178 other ranks were killed, wounded or missing, including John Bennett. He was 33 years old. His War had lasted just 45 days.

Sarah remarried in 1918. Her new husband was William Yates, and they moved to "West View" on Croston Road. Lt Jack Humphrey Miller, who led Bennett's platoon, was later promoted to Captain and was transferred to 3/LNLR which was attached to the Egyptian Army. He died of fever in Alexandria on 25 August 1917.

# NAMES OF THE FALLEN MEN ON LOSTOCK HALL WAR MEMORIAL

ASHCROFT EDWARD  
BALDWIN FRED  
BALDWIN THOMAS G  
BARKER ERNEST A  
BARNISH JOHN E  
BENNETT JOHN  
BIRD WILLIAM G  
BLEASDALE ARTHUR  
BRADLEY FRANK  
BRADLEY RICHARD  
BRADLEY JOHN  
BROWN ROBERT  
BRUNDRETT HENRY  
BUCK JAMES  
BUCK GEORGE  
BUCK FRED  
CARR JAMES  
CANK THOMAS G  
CHARNLEY JOHN  
CLAYTON ALBERT E  
COWLEY JOHN  
DOBSON HENRY  
DOOLAN JAMES  
DURHAM WILLIAM



DURHAM FRED  
EAVES LEONARD  
FAIRCLOUGH JAMES  
FLETCHER HAROLD MM  
GIBSON HENRY  
GIDLOW ALFRED  
GORST JOHN W  
GREGSON EDWARD  
GYNES CHARLES T  
HARDMAN WILLIAM  
HARDMAN JOSEPH A  
HEWITT CHARLES  
HIBBERT WILLIAM  
HICKLIN FRANK  
HILTON THOMAS A  
HOLDEN ELIJAH  
HUNT RICHARD  
JACKSON MICHAEL  
KELLET WILLIAM  
LIVESEY HERBERT N  
MARSDEN HUMPHREY  
MCMULLAN JAMES  
MELLING THOMAS  
HILL SIDNEY  
MOLYNEUX WILLIAM  
MOLYNEUX RICHARD  
MORRIS JOHN  
MORRIS RICHARD  
MURRAY FREDERICK

NICKSON CUTHBERT H  
NUTTER CHARLES  
PARR JOHN H  
PARKER JOHN  
PARKINSON HENRY  
PARKINSON WILLIAM E  
PARR STEPHEN  
RATCLIFFE CHARLES  
RIGBY JOHN  
ROBINSON CHARLES  
ROSE WILLIAM  
SANDERSON THOMAS  
SHULTZ FRANCIS MM  
SHAW HENRY  
SHOLLIKER FRED  
SLATER DANIEL  
SMALLEY HERBERT  
STIRZAKER ERNEST  
STOREY JOSEPH  
SWINDLEHURST HENRY  
TATTERSALL JAMES  
TAYLOR THOMAS  
WALTON LAWRENCE E  
WATSON HENRY E  
WEAVER ANDREW  
WINSTANLEY WILLIAM  
WISEMAN JOSEPH  
WOODS JAMES H  
YOU D JOHN J



## LOSTOCK HALL SOLDIER KILLED IN ACTION

Official intimation has been received of the death of **Pte. John Youd**, LNL., who was killed in action in France on May 21<sup>st</sup>. His home was at 3 Lupton-terrace, Lostock Hall. He enlisted in September, 1914, and had been at the front about ten months. Previous to the war he had been employed at the Lostock Hall Loco Shed. He was twenty years of age.



**LANCE-CORPL. JOHN EDWARD BARNISH** 7<sup>th</sup> Loyal North Lancashire Regiment. (Preston Pals) Died in France 5<sup>th</sup> December 1915.

## **LOSTOCK HALL SOLDIER KILLED**

On Sunday the evening service, conducted by Rev. W Shepperd, at St James's Church, Lostock Hall, took the form of a memorial service for **Pte. Alfred Gidlow**, whose parents reside at 121 Watkin Lane, Lostock Hall. Pte. Gidlow, whose photo we reproduce, was killed in action on September 9<sup>th</sup>. He enlisted immediately war broke out, previous to which he was employed as a loomer, at Messrs Moss and Sons, Tardy Gate Mill. News has also been received of the death of **Pte. Jas. Carr**, King's (Liverpool) Regiment, 17 King Street, Lostock Hall, from wounds received in action.



## **ONLY FIVE WEEKS ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

**Private Joseph Wiseman**, L.N.L. Regiment, has been officially reported killed in action on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Sergt. Cornall, of the same regiment writing to deceased father at 1, Victoria Street, Tardy Gate, Lostock Hall,



states – 'On that date we were taking a line of trenches, and just before we went over the top, he was hit by a big piece of shrapnel in the head, and died instantly. He died like a man, and did not shirk his work.' Enlisting in February last, he had been on active service only five weeks, during the first of which he was wounded.

**PRIVATE JAMES HAROLD WOODS** who was killed in action at Wancourt, France on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1917. 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Scots Fusiliers. He left a wife and child, late of Farington Lodge Gate, Farington.

**SIGNALLER J. STOREY, TARDY GATE**  
**Joseph Storey**, signaller in the Loyal North Lancashires, whose home was at 8 Harold-terrace, Tardy Gate, was killed by the bursting of a shell on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He was twenty years of age, and had been in the Army two years, last Whitsuntide, previous to which he was employed at the Wood-Milne Co.'s Leyland Works. A year ago he was invalided home returning to the front in June. He was described by his sergeant as a 'willing good tempered lad.'



**PRIVATE A WEAVER, LOSTOCK HALL**  
**Pte. A Weaver**, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, 8 Garfield-terrace, Lostock Hall, died on October 1<sup>st</sup> from wounds received in the fighting the previous day. He enlisted in May, 1916, and was severely wounded in the left thigh at Messines. He was brought over to England and was an inmate of the Military Hospital, Orpington, Kent, until recovery. He returned to France in November last, and was due for a leave in a few days. Deceased, who was 27 years of age, leaves a widow, Alice, and two young children. In civil life he was employed at Leyland Motor Works.

**GUNNER DANIEL SLATER** aged 19 who died from shell gas poisoning on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1917 of the R.G.A. 3 Caton-terrace, Lostock Hall.

### **PRIVATE M JACKSON, LOSTOCK HALL**

**Pte. Michael Jackson**, Lostock Hall, has died of influenza at Fargo Military Hospital, Salisbury Plain, aged 22. Latterly in was in the Veterinary Surgeons Corps, but served four years in the R.F.A. as a gunner. Before joining up he worked at the Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Co. He was a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Lostock Hall Boy Scouts. His widowed mother lives at 18, Ward's New Row, Lostock Hall.



### **LOSTOCK HALL SERGEANT'S DEATH**

News has been received of the death from wounds received in action on April 13<sup>th</sup> of **Sergeant Francis Shultz**, R.F.A., eldest son of Mr and Mrs Shultz, 14 King Street, Lostock Hall. He was 21 years of age, and had been in the Army nearly three years. Before the war he was a weaver with Mr Moss, Lostock Hall



### **SECOND-LIEUT J. RIGBY, LOSTOCK HALL**

**Second-Lieut. John Rigby** (31) South Staffordshire Regt., has been missing since March 21<sup>st</sup>. Before joining the Army in 1914 when he went into the Army Ordnance Corps, he held a position with the Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Company. Later he obtained a commission and was gazetted to the South Staffordshire Regt., towards the end of 1917. His wife and one child reside at 1 Lord's Avenue, Lostock Hall.





**SIDNEY MILL KILLED IN ACTION** on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1917.

**Private Charles Hewitt** who served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment. Charles Hewitt was born in Farington and baptised at St Paul's church. Arthur and His parents were Arthur and Mary Hewitt nee Rosebottom, In 1907 Charles was working as a platelayer. He married Elizabeth Ann Cuerden on December 19<sup>th</sup> 1907. In 1917 Charles Hewitt of 24 Black-lane, Lostock Hall, near Preston, Lancashire, was killed in action on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1917, near Arras, France. Elizabeth Ann Hewitt was his widow. Charles is commemorated on a headstone in the graveyard at St Paul's Church, Farington and also listed on the war memorial in Hope Terrace.

**ELIJAH HOLDEN AGED 18 DIED AT YPRES** Private Elijah

Holden 201181 was in The Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and died on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1917, aged 21. He was the son of William and Ellen Holden. Elijah is remembered with honour at the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.



**SHOLLIKER** – In memory of our dear Fred, killed 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1916. He lives with us in memory still, and will for evermore. From Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, and Son in Law, 6 Princess street, Lostock Hall.

Lancashire Daily Post 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1918

**Gunner Fred K Baldwin** (27) RGA whose home was at 6 George Street, Leyland, has died from wounds in France, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Prior to joining army in May last Baldwin was employed at the Wood-Milne Rubber Works, Leyland. He leaves a widow (a daughter of PC Bush) and one son. Deceased was a member of Farington Band and formerly connected with St James Lostock Hall.

**PRIVATE S GELDART.** Died of wounds 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. Aged 25 of the Kings Own Regiment. He left a fiancée Connie from 23 Ward Street.

# St James Church War Memorial Board, Lostock Hall

**Names of the Fallen** J Buck, G Buck, F Buck, H Brundrett, A Bleasdale, F Baldwin, J. Charnley, J Cowley, J Carr, J Fairclough, E Gregson, JW Gorst, F Hicklin, TA Hilton, W Kellett, J Morris, R Morris, G Nutter, JH Park, W Rose, F Sholliker, J Wiseman, J H Woods.

## **Names of those who served**

Nurse Cassie Colebourne, T Alty, A Armer, T Atkinson, F Buck, J Black, J Beardsworth, H Brown, F G Brown, FW Brown, J Bilsborough, J Bleasdale, EVW Crick, J Colebourne, T Charnley, H Charnley, G Charnley, E Charnley, H Clitheroe, JH Clitheroe, J Clarkson, BC Culshaw, H Culshaw, J Carr, W Carr, S Carr, T Cookson, R Callaghan, WM Cartbright, J Durham, S Davies, R Dimmock, C Edmonson, R Edmonson, W Finch, T Fairclough, A Fairclough, J Fairclough, G Fairclough, L Fowler, T German, S Gore, J Gooder, W Hicklin, G Hicklin, J Hall, H Heyes, GA Hill, FND Hilton, J Iddon, E Ingham, H Jenkins, W Johnson, JW Jolly, G Kirby, J H Latham, S Leyland, W Lloyd, G Morgan, J Morgan, J Moss, T Moulding, F Nuttall, W Nutter, J Norris, A Parkinson, J Parkinson, J Parkinson, W Pilling, G Pilling, J Pilling, A Pilling, J Peters, E Pilkington, R Parker, H Parker, H Parker, R Rawcliffe, I Robinson, E Rothwell, J Randall, T Self, JA Smith, WE Smith, H Smith, S Sharples, W Simm, A Slater, C Sanderson, J Tuson, WJAS Taylor, WJ Taylor, G Taylor, A Taylor, JC Topping, W Topping, J Topping, E Tyrer, T Tomlinson, E Tomlinson, PA Trafford, R Turner, J Turner, R Wilson, J Wilson, F Woods, T Woods, R Watkinson, W Wilkins, R Wilkins, J Walmsley, W Wakefield, W Wiseman, W Wiggins, J Wilding, W Whittle, T Yates.



# Lostock Hall Methodist War Memorial

## The Fallen

CHARLES NUTTER  
WILLIAM GOODBURN  
THOMAS SANDERSON  
WILLIAM DURHAM  
SYDNEY MILL  
HENRY PARKINSON  
HENRY SWINDLEHURST  
FRED DURHAM  
CHARLES RATCLIFFE  
JOHN BIBBY  
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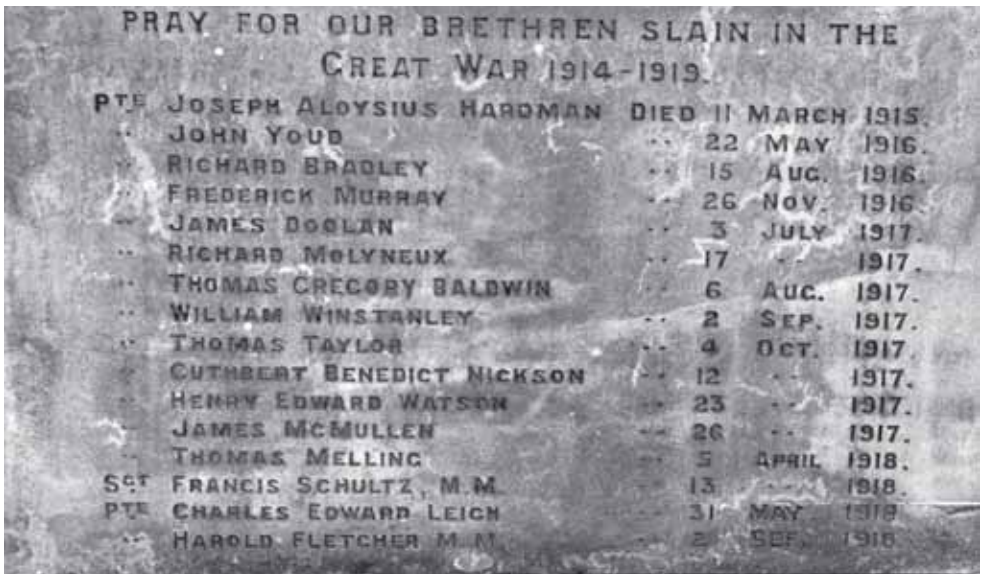
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PTE JOSEPH ALOYSIUS HARDMAN DIED 11 MARCH 1915  
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... FREDERICK MURRAY ... 26 NOV. 1916  
... JAMES DOOLAN ... 3 JULY 1917  
... RICHARD MOLYNEUX ... 17 JULY 1917  
... THOMAS GREGORY BALDWIN ... 6 AUG. 1917  
... WILLIAM WINSTANLEY ... 2 SEP 1917  
... THOMAS TAYLOR ... 4 OCT. 1917  
... CUTHBERT BENEDICT NICKSON ... 12 OCT. 1917  
... HENRY EDWARD WATSON ... 23 OCT. 1917  
... JAMES McMULLEN ... 26 OCT. 1917  
... THOMAS MELLING ... 5 APRIL 1918  
SGT. FRANCIS SCHULTZ M.M. ... 13 APRIL 1918  
PTE. CHARLES EDWARD LEIGH 31 MAY 1918  
... HAROLD FLETCHER M.M. 2 SEP. 1918



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 Pte. Frank Bradley  
 Pte. Arthur Bleasdale L.  
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 Sergt. Richard Morris  
 Pte. Henry Gillett  
 Pte. Henry Shaw  
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 Pte. Charles Gillett  
 Pte. John Charnley  
 Cpl. James Tattersall  
 Pte. Elijah Holden  
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 Sgr. Albert B. Clayton  
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 Pte. Frederick Baldwin  
 Pte. Henry E. Halsall  
 Pte. John Hall  
 Pte. Charles Robinson  
 Pte. William Molyneux  
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 Pte. William Southworth  
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## Our Preston Pals

Soon after the outbreak of war, Earl Kitchener, the War Minister, made plans to encourage volunteer recruits. To aid this scheme, he encouraged local councils to establish Pals Battalions. These battalions were made up of friends and neighbours who were keen to fight alongside each other, rather than being assigned to regular army regiments. Mr Cyril Cartmell, son of the Mayor of Preston, first proposed the Preston Pals. On 31<sup>st</sup> August he had placed an advert in the Lancashire Daily Post to encourage local men to volunteer. In two days 250 men had answered this call. The men were medically examined at the Public Hall and on September the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1914, the Pals paraded before an enthusiastic and patriotic crowd in the Market Place before marching along Fishergate to the Railway Station to leave town for their training. The Preston Pals trained at Tidworth, Bulford and Swindon before crossing to Boulogne on 17<sup>th</sup> July for further training. As far as we know we have four men on our Memorial who were Preston Pals.

**Fred K Baldwin**  
6 George-street, Leyland

**John Edward Barnish**  
117 Watkin-lane, Lostock Hall

**Fred Blackburn**  
Mayfield, Lostock Hall

**Andrew Weaver**  
Garfield-terrace, Lostock Hall

Also from Lostock Hall

**John Beatson**  
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1939-1945

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GORBY JOHN W  
GREGSON EDWARD  
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HARDMAN WILLIAM  
HARDMAN JOSEPH A  
HEWITT CHARLES  
HIBBERT WILLIAM  
HICHLIN FRANK  
HILTON THOMAS A  
HOLDSR ELIJAH  
HUNT RICHARD  
JACKSON MICHAEL  
KELLET WILLIAM  
LIVESLEY HERBERT M  
MARSDEN HUMPHREY  
MCNULLEN JAMES  
HELLING THOMAS  
MILL SIENEY  
MOLYNEUX WILLIAM  
MOLYNEUX RICHARD  
MORRIS JOHN  
MORRIS RICHARD  
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NICKSON CUTHBERT II  
NUTTER CHARLES

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BALDWIN THOMAS C  
BARKER ERNEST A  
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BENNETT JOHN  
BIRD WILLIAM G  
BLEASDALE ARTHUR  
BRADLEY FRANK  
BRADLEY RICHARD  
BRADLEY JOHN  
BROWN ROBERT  
BRUNDRETT HENRY  
BUCK JAMES  
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BUCK FRED  
GARR JAMES  
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DOOLAN JAMES  
BURHAM WILLIAM  
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PARTER JOHN  
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PARR STEPHEN  
RATCLIFFE CHARLES  
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ROBINSON CHARLES  
ROSE WILLIAM  
SANDERSON THOMAS  
SCHULTE FRANCIS HENRY  
SHAW HENRY  
SHOLLIVER FRED  
SLATER DANIEL  
SMALLEY HERBERT  
STENZAKER ERNEST  
STONEY JOSEPH  
SWINDELEHURST HENRY  
TATTERSALL JAMES  
TAYLOR THOMAS  
WALTON LAWRENCE E  
WATSON HENRY E  
WEAVER ANDREW  
WINSTANLEY WILLIAM  
WISEMAN JOSEPH  
WOODS JAMES H  
YOUB JOHN J