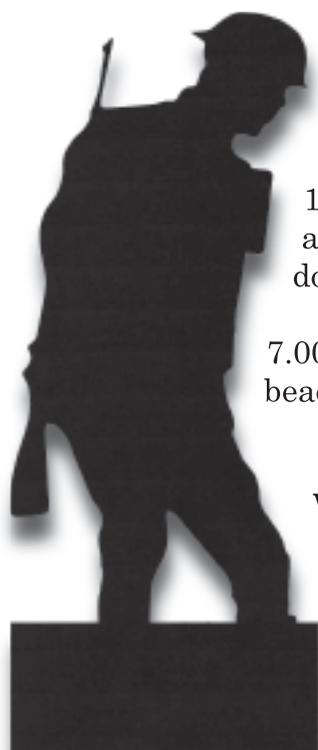


# 1914-18 REMEMBRANCE ISSUE

October 2018



## COCKING REMEMBERS on 11th November at 11.00am



**Church Service** starts 10.30am with the service progressing to the War Memorial for the laying of the wreaths. For the first time we have a bugler.

12.30 for 1pm there will be a **lunch** in the Village Hall. If you want to attend there is a list in the Post Office. The meal is free of charge but a donation is welcome to cover the costs.

7.00pm a **bonfire** will be lit at Manor Farm. This is to link with beacons/bonfires around the country. The church bells will also be rung.

### **We list overleaf those Cocking combatants who did not return.**

It is intended to display poppies along the fence of the playground, facing the road. You are welcome to put up a poppy irrespective of the material and size.

This year the Parish Council will lay a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the villagers of Cocking.

There is a plea for help with catering for the lunch at the Village Hall. Please contact David if you can help. Tel: 815384



## *The villagers of Cocking lost fifteen young men during The First World War:*

### **Private Thomas James Baker**

Thomas was the son of a cowman who worked at Horley Farm, Cocking. He was killed on 8th October 1916.

### **Private Walter Ernest Coles**

Walter was born in Cocking in 1891, the son of a woodman. Walter spent most of his service in England, but was posted to France in 1917 and was killed on 18th September 1918.

### **Private William John Cook**

William was born in 1897, the son of an agricultural worker. He enlisted in August 1914 aged just 17 and died on 3rd March 1916.

### **Private Percy Clayton Farley**

Born at The Blue Bell in 1893, where his father was the publican, he was killed in action on 26th August 1918 in the Somme.

### **Gunner William George Gray**

William's father worked in Cocking as a maltster. He earned the Military Medal in July 1917 after attempting to rescue an injured officer, but was himself killed in Flanders on 15th October 1917.

### **Corporal Ernest Victor Holden**

Born in 1896, his mother was a member of the Carver family. He died from wounds sustained on the Western Front, shortly after receiving the Military Medal.

### **Rifleman James Robert Kingston**

Born in London in 1885, James died in France in 1918. Despite no known links to the village, he is commemorated on our War Memorial.

### **Private Frederick Henry Knight**

Born in Cocking in 1892, he lived in the village for most of his life. Frederick died in Egypt on 28th October 1916.

### **Private Gilbert Madgwick**

Born in Midhurst in 1892 but worked as a carman for George Lambert in Cocking. He was killed near Ypres in Flanders on 20th September 1917.

### **Lance Sergeant Charles Rapley**

Born in Eastbourne in 1888, he served in The Guards from 1908 to 1911 before becoming a police constable in Cocking. He was killed during the battle of Flers-Courcelette in September 1916.

### **Sapper Charles Ryan**

Born in 1891, he served in France but, having suffered gas poisoning, he returned home, where he died in March 1920. His grave stands in the churchyard today.

### **Gunner Frank Patrick Saint**

Born to a game keeper, the family moved to Cocking when Frank was a child. He later worked for the Goodwood estate as a gamekeeper himself and died when his ship was sunk on 31st May 1916.

### **Lance Corporal Frank Scutt**

Born in Bury in 1883, the son of a chalk pit worker. He died in the Somme on 23rd July 1916 at the age of 33.

### **Private George Leonard Strotton**

Born in Cocking in 1879, George died in northern France on 12th November 1918, the day after the Armistice.

### **Private Tinney Keat Sweet**

Tinney moved to Cocking with his family in 1901. He enlisted aged just 16 and died in India on 18th December 1915 as the result of pneumonia.

