

**March 1918:** By the kindness of Mrs Thompson, who has presented to the parish the Roll of Honour Card, a list of the sailors and soldiers who are serving, or have served, their King and Country during the war, will be hung in the Church porch. The Rector is responsible for supplying the names of the men who were residents when they joined, or are very closely related to residents in Christian Malford, and he will be very glad to be told of any omission or mistake in the 92 records, that may be discovered by their friends. This is only a temporary list, and will in time give place to a far worthier and more fitting Memorial when the war is over.

**December 1918:** We hope, as a parish, to erect somewhere a suitable and worthy Memorial of the men who have fought and died, fought and returned, been trained in one of the services, and have worked for the Nation at home or abroad during the War. Early in January all will be invited to attend a Meeting for the purpose of carrying out this duty without delay.

**January 1919:** We hope to chronicle next month the results of the Public Meeting to promote the Parochial Memorial of the loyalty and sacrifice of our Soldiers and Sailors.

**February 1919:** At the Public Meeting held in the Schoolroom, Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, it was determined to proceed with the War and Victory Memorial, perpetuating the names and deeds of the men who have a place in Christian Malford Roll of Honour. It was also decided to appoint a Committee of nine or more members to collect information about Huts, Shrines, and Monuments, Stained Glass Windows, re-hanging of Church Bells, Lych Gates (since added to the list), and other possible memorials, and to report to the next public meeting. The Parish Council, held on the same evening, elected Messrs W Hiscocks, Sidney Hillier and H Morris to serve on this Committee; and two members of the School Committee and four ladies have yet to be chosen.

**March 1919:** The first meeting of the Committee elected to promote a permanent Memorial of our Roll of Honour heroes, especially of those who have fallen in the War, was held at the Rectory on Thursday February 27<sup>th</sup>. There were present Miss Weight, Messrs WJ Bodman, W Hiscocks, RW Wakefield, S Hillier and the Rector, who presided. Mrs Thompson had expressed her regret for absence, and a letter was read from Mr H Morris, saying how sorry he was that sudden pressure of work kept him from attending. The Chairman reviewed the course of events leading up to this meeting, including the proceedings of the two previous public meetings held in the Schoolroom: - and all the forms which it had already been proposed that the Memorial might take, were considered. It was decided to hold the next public meeting at the Schoolroom on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30, when all parishioners are very cordially invited to attend. Then it will be proposed to add the names of four or five more ladies to the Committee – and their help in collecting contributions to the Memorial Fund will, as always, be heartily appreciated. The Chairman will report and explain the conclusions at which the Committee arrived, and suggest the form and probable cost of the Memorials which seem to the Committee possible and preferable.

**May 1919:** The War Memorial Committee at its last meeting added to its membership the ladies who distribute the Parish Magazine, viz: Mrs Bodman, Miss Gwendoline Newman, Mrs Wakefield, Mrs Sidney Hillier, Miss Whitmore; and Mrs James Uzzell has since accepted a place on the Committee.

A referendum has resulted in a considerable majority of votes in favour of a monument on the Green. As we write, correspondence with the District Council on the question of the site, is still going on. The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.



*“I was deeply interested in both Services, that in the Church and that which followed beside the Cross. Indeed the latter was one of the most solemn, touching and pathetic Services which I have ever witnessed. Everything concurred to bring solemn and affecting thoughts to one’s mind – the occasion which brought us all together – the concourse of parishioners who stood around the cross, many of whom, I doubt not, were mourners – the beauty of the day beginning to draw to its close – the lovely autumn tints on the row of lime trees bordering the road – and not least the simple offerings of wreaths and flowers, which quite swathed the base of the Cross. I confess I felt deeply moved, as doubtless were many others, by what I saw and heard. The address of the Bishop was, I thought, perfect in its tone of feeling and sympathy and hopefulness – you must have felt that the day when the Memorials were dedicated, will be long held in grateful remembrance by the people of the Parish.”*

There are many, too, with the Rector, who will never forget the strong muster of returned soldiers, who formed part of the great congregation and of the procession, in which also walked the Committee, the Choir and the Clergy, the Verger and the bugler, the Churchwardens, the Bishop and his Chaplain, and the children. Very striking were the heartiness of the Services, the singing of the hymns, and the National Anthem, and the thrilling notes of the Last Post and Reveille, sounded by Bugler George Tarrant, of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wilts. Twelve names are engraved on the Cross, the twelve on our Roll of Honour who gave their lives. The words, “Their name liveth for evermore,” are taken from the Apocrypha, Ecclesiastics, chapter xliv, verse 14. Not their names, but what they did and suffered, the name and reputation of hero common to them all, which speaks of loyalty and self-sacrifice even unto death, is theirs, and can never die.

The 92 names on the Britannia Shrine will hand down to all time the memory of those who in various duties to which they were called served their King and Country well, and helped to bring Peace and Victory to this Empire and to other lands ranged on this Empire’s side.

At a meeting of the Memorials’ Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the accounts of Messrs Webb and Sons, £78 4s, and Messrs Hughes, Bolckow & Co, £16 17s, were presented and ordered to be paid. The subscription list, since publication, has been increased by £2 2s, the welcome contributions of Messrs W and J Hiscocks, and now amounts to £85 2s 3d. Consequently, a deficit remains of £9 8s 9d. A confident hope was felt by the Committee that some additional subscriptions could quickly be obtained to extinguish this adverse balance.

**December 1919:** We have great pleasure in reporting that an un-provided balance in the account of the War Memorials’ Fund exists no longer. Three of the original subscribers have had great satisfaction in extinguishing the deficiency of £9 8s 9d, and they will always be exceedingly glad to remember that voluntary contributions alone met the entire cost of the two War Memorials in the parish of Christian Malford.