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.

<u>December 1918</u>: 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.

<u>January 1919</u>: 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 16th, 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 27th. 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 formswhich 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 20th 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.

<u>May 1919</u>: 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 6th.

<u>June 1919</u>: It has been determined by the War Memorial Committee, subject to the approval of a Public Meeting, to entrust Messrs W Webb and Sons, of Chippenham, with the provision of a Wayside Cross, of Cornish granite, 9ft 6in in height and 3ft 6in at the base – inscribed with the names of the men who fell in the War, and placed on The Green; and there seems to be hope that the work will be done, and the Memorial be dedicated at least some time in the month of August. In addition to this it is proposed to place in the Church an oak tablet containing the names of all the men from this Parish who served in the War. The cost of the Memorial Cross will be £70 10s, not including the names and inscription, nor the tablet in the Church, and so an appeal for at least £80 is being made to the parishioners and some others who are deeply interested in the affairs of the Parish for their loyal and generous support.

<u>September 1919</u>: We publish this month with many congratulations and much thankfulness the War Memorial Fund Subscription List.

The response to the silent appeal of our soldiers, who fought and fell, has been almost universal.

October 1919: Messrs. Hughes,
Bolckow and Co., Battleship Breakers, of
Blyth, wrote to the Rector on the 22nd of
September, saying "Your Shrine will be
completed next week, and we trust it will
arrive in ample time for Dedication."
We quite intended that the Shrine in the
Church, and the Wayside Cross on the
Green should be dedicated on the same
day. Probably no one will now be
surprised if it is necessary to dedicate the
Cross alone on the 14th when the Bishop
has kindly promised to come.

November 1919: October 14th was, and always will be a great day in the history of Christian Malford, for on it the Lord Bishop of Bristol dedicated the War Memorials on the Green and in the Church to the Glory of God, and in thankful and honoured memory of our own who fought and fell, and of many more who served and returned, in the Great European War, 1914 – 19. One who was present, soon afterwards wrote

Christian Malford Subscription List. WAR MEMORIAL FUND, AUGUST, 1919. Collected by Mrs. Sidney Hillier Mrs. H. Beard Mrs. E. J. Clark Mrs. R. Cole Mrs. F. Hatt Mrs. T. Simpkin Mr. O. Dixon Mrs. W. Hillier £34 15 0 Collected by Miss Gwendoline Newman Mr. Frank Hull Mr. F. Newman Mr Gayton Mr. R. A. Harding Miss Cornish £5 15 0 G. Fro Mrs. A. E. Poulton Mrs. A. J. Poulton Mr. Frank Uzzell Mr. George Wheele Mrs. Wheeler Kane Ponting (Dodford) W. Pitman £1 17 0 Collected by Miss Whitmore -Mr. and Mrs. Jackman and Fa Mrs. I. Wheeler and Mrs. Reed
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Grand Total £83 Os. 3d.

to the Rector, and his words seem worth preserving – for they probably express the feelings in the large concourse that assembled in the Church and round the Wayside Cross.

"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 3rd 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 3rd 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.

<u>December 1919</u>: 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.