

ROLL OF HONOUR

WW1 (1914-1918)

KINGS LANGLEY WAR MEMORIAL

*REMEMBER BEFORE GOD THOSE FROM THIS PARISH WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
FOR THEIR COUNTRY
1914 - 1918*

Lieutenant Thomas **ARCHER** of 'B' Coy., 6th Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers. Born: 1885, Holborn, London. Son of William and Frances of Langley Rise. Husband to Alice. Graduate of Christ Church, Oxford University. Occupation: Solicitor. Died of wounds sustained during the German attack on Mount Kemmel, Flanders on 25th April 1918 aged 32. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Kortrijk (St Jan.) Communal Cemetery, Belgium. **"QUI ANTE DIEM PERIIT SED MILES, SED PRO PATRIA."** (Died before his time: but he was a soldier, and it was for his country he died).



Private Ernest Edward **CROUCH-BAKER** of 3rd Company, 13th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Reg. No. 11035. Born: 1882, Kensington, London. Son of Samuel and Sarah of London. Husband of Florence, father to Edward and Ronald. Lived: Whitlars, (Gardener's Cottage). Occupation: Under-gardener. Died of sickness on 22nd January 1917 aged 35. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Etaples Military Cemetery, France. **"PEACE PERFECT PEACE."**



Captain Charles Colhoun **CHAMBERS M.C.** of 12th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Born: 1889, Switzerland (British Subject). Son of Charles (Colonel) and Henrietta of Zoffany House, Station Road. Brother Henry was also killed in the war (See below) Occupation: Soldier. In 1911 was sent to Hong Kong where he passed the examination as interpreter in Cantonese. Awarded the Military Cross for exemplary act(s) of bravery. Killed in Action on 10th July 1916 aged 27. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Quarry Cemetery, Somme, France. **"ALSO IN MEMORY OF HIS BROTHER H.M. CHAMBERS 23RD R.F. KILLED AT IRLES. MARCH 10TH 1917."** Also commemorated on the Langleybury War Memorial.

Lance Corporal Signaller Henry Maunsell **CHAMBERS** of 23rd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Reg. No. SPTS/631. Born: 1888, Sandown, Isle of Wight. Son of Charles (Colonel) and Henrietta of Zoffany House, Station Road. Occupation: Sailor/Poultry Farmer. Scoutmaster of Kings Langley, Langleybury and Apsley troops. Killed in Action at Irles, Somme on 10th March 1917 aged 29. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Thiepval Memorial, France. Also commemorated on the Langleybury War Memorial.

Private Bernard Stanley **COX** of 10th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Reg. No. 42214. Born: 1882, Kings Langley. Son of Arthur and Charlotte of 6 The Common. Husband to Lois Kate, father of Madge, Bernard, Leslie and Denis. Lived: 7 The Common. Occupation: Foreman in Cardboard Factory. Much loved character of the village. Killed in Action at Kemmel Hill, Flanders on 17th April 1918 aged 36. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium. Also commemorated on the John Dickinson War Memorial, Apsley Mills.



Private James Percy **COX** of 48th Battalion, Australian Infantry, 12th Brigade. Reg. No. 2789. Born: 1888, Kings Langley. Son of William and Susannah of Church Lane. Occupation: Agricultural worker. Brother of Christopher Cox who received the Victoria Cross in 1917 and Harry who served in the Navy, both survived the war. Emigrated to Australia in 1913 to work on the railways. Died in field hospital in Flanders of multiple gunshot wounds on 3rd October 1916 aged 28. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium. **"AFTER STRIFE, PEACE."**



Private Charles Frederick **CRAWLEY** of 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Reg. No. 235238. Born: 1890, St. Albans. Son of Charles and Sarah of The Bridge. Occupation: Hay Carter. Killed in Action in the Battle of Passchendaele on 4th October 1917 aged 27. Medals bought by Kings Langley History and Museum Society in 1917. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium.



Lance Corporal Charles William **CURLE** of 1st/6th Battalion, London Regiment (City of London Rifles). Reg. No. 321806. Born: 1896, Bermondsey, Surrey. Son of Arthur and Eliza of Church Lane. Occupation: Driller, Brush Factory. Brother Edwin also died in the war (see below). Killed in Action west of Bourslon Wood, Somme on 30th November 1917 aged 21. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Cambrai Memorial, France.

Lance Corporal Edwin John **CURLE** of 6th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 204244. Born: 1894, Camberwell, Surrey. Son of Arthur and Eliza of Church Lane. Husband to Ethel. Occupation: Engineer at Kent's Brush Factory. Also worked at Home Park Mills and with the Metropolitan Police. Well known footballer. Killed by a gas shell near Tilloy on 22nd May 1917 aged 22. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Tank Cemetery, France. **"THEIR GLORY SHALL NOT BE BLOTTED OUT."**



Private Leonard **DICKINSON** of 1st Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Reg. No. 58278. Born: 1881, Abbots Langley. Son of Thomas and Martha of Railway Terrace. Husband to Blanche. Lived: 18 Railway Terrace. Occupation: General Labourer. Killed in Action in the Bois de Busigny on 17th October 1918 aged 37. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Also commemorated on the Abbots Langley War Memorial

Private Herbert **DOWSE** of 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 16476. Born: 1898, Kings Langley. Son of Henry and Lizzie of Vicarage Lane. Killed in Action in the Battle of Hill 60 on 19th April 1915 aged 17 alongside Edgar Stebbings (see below). No known grave. Remembered with Honour at the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial. Belgium.

Captain Mortimer **FISHER** of 1st Battalion (14th foot), The Prince of Wales' Own, (West Yorkshire Regiment). Born: 1883, Kings Langley. Son of Dr. Frederick and Clara of Little Hayes, High Street. Husband of Margaret and father to Richard and John. Occupation: Soldier (served in South Africa). Killed in Action near Troyen on 20th September 1914 aged 31. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial, France. Also commemorated in All Saints Church.



Rifleman Christopher **GODMAN** of 3rd Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Reg. No. R/9497. Born: 1890, Chipperfield. Son of George and Charlotte of 11 Rucklers Green. Occupation: Envelope Packer, Apsley Mills. Bell ringer at St Mary's Church, Apsley. Brother Edward also died in the war (see below). Killed in Action south of Frise on 3rd October 1915 aged 25. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Thiepval Memorial, France and on the John Dickinson and Hemel Hempstead War Memorials.

Private Edward James **GODMAN** of 2nd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 27696. Born: 1884, Chipperfield Son of George and Charlotte of 11 Rucklers Green. Occupation: Shepherd Boy (Shendish Estate). Died of Wounds on 15th September 1918 aged 34 at the Military Hospital in Colchester. Remembered with Honour at Chipperfield (St Paul's) Churchyard. "**SAFE IN THE ARMS OF JESUS, PEACE PERFECT PEACE.**" Commemorated on the Hemel Hempstead War Memorial.

Private Jesse **HART** of 4th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 25577. Born: 1893, Abbots Langley. Son of George and Emma of Alexandra Road. Occupation: Paper Printer. Killed in Action near Forceville, Somme on 12th April 1918 aged 25. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Aveluy Wood Cemetery, (Lancashire Dump), France.

Lance Corporal Frederick John **HAWKINS** of 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 27668. Born: 1894, Hornchurch, Essex. Son of William and Mary of The Bridge Bakery, Waterside. Husband to Mary Jane. Occupation: Confectioner (Bakery). Killed in Action at La Coulotte, near Lens on 23rd April 1917 aged 23. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Arras Memorial, France.

Private Albert Frederick **HODGES** of 4th Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 41315. (Previously of the 3rd Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment but discharged as underage). Born: 1898, Chipperfield. Son of Albert and Lizzie of Alexandra Road. Killed in Action east of Morlancourt, Somme on 26th March 1918 aged 19. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Serre Road Cemetery No. 2, France. **"TILL WE MEET OUR ONLY BOY, MOTHER, DAD, LILY."**

Private Walter **HOOKER** of 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards. Reg. No. 10013. Son of Frederick and Ada Ann of Primrose Hill. Born: 1891, Shamley Green, Surrey. Occupation: Farm Labourer. Killed in Action during the Battle of the Aisne on 14th September 1914 aged 24. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Vendresse British Cemetery, France.

Private John **HUGHES** of 8th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 32228. Son of George and Mary of Waterside. Born: 1893, Kings Langley. Occupation: Bookbinder, Apsley Mills. Killed in Action on 19th April 1917 during the Battle of Hill 70, near Lens, aged 24. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Loos Memorial, France and the John Dickinson War Memorial.

Private William **JELLEY** of 5th Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Reg. No. 20843. Born: 1879, Abthorpe, Northants. Son of John and Charlotte of Primrose Hill. Husband of Emily and father to William, Amy, Reginald and Ellen. Lived: Primrose Hill. Occupation: Bricklayer. Killed in Action near Arras on 18th March 1917 aged 38. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Arras Memorial, France.

Private Frederick **KING** of 10th Battalion, Essex Regiment. Reg. No. 43171. Born: 1896, Kings Langley. Son of Alfred and Emma of Langley Hill. Occupation: Grocer's Errand Boy and employed at John Dickinson & Co. Ltd., Home Park Mills. Killed in Action at the Somme on 25th March 1918 aged 22. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Pozieres Memorial, France and the John Dickinson War Memorial.



Corporal Frederick **LOWE** of 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Reg. No. 40444. Born: 1894, Hemel Hempstead. Son of Walter and Annie of 2 Alexandra Road. Occupation: Mill Hand, Nash Mills. Brother Corporal Walter Lowe of Machine Gun Section took part in the same battle and survived. Killed in Action during the Battle of Langemarck on 16th August 1917 aged 23. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium and the John Dickinson War Memorial.

Private Frederick **MEAD** of 7th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Reg. No. 10198. Born: 1887, Hemel Hempstead. Son of Alfred and Jane of Nash Mills. Husband to Annie, father to Harold and Doris. Lived 17 Railway Terrace. Occupation: Paper Cutter, Nash Mills. Killed in Action during the Battle of Ancre on 18th November 1916 aged 29. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Regina Trench Cemetery, France. **"GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY, HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM."** Commemorated on the John Dickinson War Memorial.

Able Seaman Henry Frank **NEARY** of Royal Navy, HMS "Cressy". Reg. No. SS/2128. Born: 1889, Marylebone. Son of George and Frances of 22 Railway Terrace.. Occupation: Royal Navy from 1907. Drowned in the North Sea after HMS Cressy was sunk by a U boat during the Battle of Heligoland Blight on 22nd September 1914 aged 25. Remembered with Honour at Chatham Naval Memorial, England and Abbots Langley War Memorial.

Private James **OLIVER** of 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment. Reg. No. G/20508. Born: 1887, Abbots Langley. Son of Frederick and Ann Marie of Railway Terrace. Occupation: Factory Hand in Paper Mill/General Labourer. Killed in Action near Bazentin Le Petit on 15th July 1916 aged 29. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Thiepval Memorial, France.

Private Arthur Sydney **PITTS** of 8th Battalion, Gloucestershire Regiment. Reg. No. 39579. Born: 1896, Croydon, Surrey. Son of Arthur and Sophie of Langley Hill. Occupation: Paper Mill Hand (Ruling), Apsley Mills. Killed by a shell in the trench during the Battle of Menin Road on 21st September 1917 aged 21. Buried by Corp. F Swintoy just behind the firing line. Re-Buried and Remembered with Honour at Aeroplane Cemetery, Belgium. **"HE NOBLY ANSWERED HIS COUNTRY'S CALL."** Commemorated on the John Dickinson War Memorial.



Gunner John **SCOTT** of 259th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Reg. No. 25251. Born: 1883, Kings Langley. Son of Samuel and Ellen of Church Lane. Occupation: Machine Minder, Paper Mill/Soldier. Died of Wounds on 21st April 1917 aged 33. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Tilloy British Cemetery, France.

Private Leonard **SCOTT** of 6th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. Reg. No. 43235. Born: 1894, Kings Langley. Son of Samuel and Emma of The Lamb, Waterside. Occupation: Working in Hay Trade. No known grave. Killed in Action near the Scarpe on 3rd May 1917 aged 23. Remembered with Honour at Arras Memorial, France.

Private Ernest **SMITH** of 6th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. Reg. No. 11253. Born: 1893, Brighton, Sussex. Son of Amy Peacock and stepson of Alfred Peacock of Waterside. Occupation: Unknown. Sung in the church choir. Killed in Action near Ypres on 24th September 1915 aged 22. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Private Edgar **STEBBINGS** of 1st Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Reg. No. 16937. Born: 1893 Kings Langley. Son of James and Ann of 7 Alexandra Road. Occupation: Stereotyping, Apsley Mills. Killed in Action in the Battle of Hill 60 on 19th April 1915 aged 21. Buried and Remembered with Honour at First DCLI Cemetery, the Bluff, Belgium and the John Dickinson War Memorial.



Sergeant Edward Howard **STEVENS** of 2nd Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). Reg. No. 16379. Born: 1884, Stoke Poges. Son of George and Alice of Primrose Hill. Occupation: Soldier, (returned from India). Brother John Edward also died in the war (see below) and brother Harry served with the Royal Navy and survived the war. Father George also served in the war (see below)). Died in Richmond on 18th February 1920 aged 36 and buried in All Saints Churchyard, Kings Langley. "GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN."



Private George **STEVENS** of 15th Battalion, Royal Defence Corps. Reg. No. 32373. Born: 1861, Stoke Poges, Bucks. Husband to Alice. Father to George, Howard, Alice, Agnes, Elizabeth, Thomas, John, Harry and Reuben. Lived: Primrose Hill. Occupation: Gas Stokes Worker/Labourer at Paper Coating Mill, Home Park Mills. Died of pneumonia on 11th March 1918 aged 57. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Gravesend Cemetery, Kent and the John Dickinson War Memorial.

Private John Edward **STEVENS** of "B" Company, 10th Battalion, Queen's Own (West Kent Regiment). Reg. No. 30825. Born: 1899, Stoke Poges, Bucks. Son of George (above) and Alice of Primrose Hill. Died of shell concussion on the battlefield in Flanders on 31st July 1918 aged 19. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Lance Corporal Arthur **TIMBERLAKE** of 2nd Battalion, Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry. Reg. No. 22836. Born: 1889, Kings Langley. Son of John and Clarice of Waterside. Occupation: Paper Mill Hand, Home Park Mills. Wounded in August 1916, returned to the front February 1917. Killed in Action near Arleux Wood near Arras on 28th April 1917 aged 28. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Arras Memorial, France and the John Dickinson War Memorial.

Private Harold Edward **TOMS** of 1st Battalion, London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers). Reg. No. 3212. Born: 1892, Kings Langley. Son of Edward and Helen of Fir Tree Cottage, Church Lane. Occupation: Railway Clerk, Expenditure Office, Euston. Killed by a shell when leaving the trench near Bouleaux Wood, Somme on 15th September 1916 aged 24. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Thiepval Memorial, France.



Private Harry Stanley **WARREN** of "A" Company, 10th Battalion, South Wales Borderers. Reg. No. 40381. Born: 1886, Kings Langley. Son of William and Elizabeth of Primrose Hill. Husband to Millicent and father to Sylvia and Vera. Lived: Langley Hill. Occupation: Machine Man/Colour Stainer, Home Park Mills. Played for Kings Langley Football and Cricket Clubs. Killed by a rifle grenade in Flanders on 17th March 1917 aged 31. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Ferme-Olivier Cemetery, Belgium. **"DEARLY LOVED BY HIS WIFE, CHILDREN, MOTHER AND BROTHERS."** Commemorated on the John Dickinson War Memorial.

Gunner William John **YOUNG** of 8th (London Brigade), Royal Field Artillery. Reg. No. 965577. Born: 1896, Hemel Hempstead. Son of William and Eliza of Hemel Hempstead. Lived: Rucklers Lane. Occupation: Printer Assistant, Paper Factory. Killed in Action south of Ypres on 10th January 1917 aged 20. Buried and Remembered with Honour at Reninghelst New Military Cemetery, Belgium and the John Dickinson War Memorial.



Private William Ross **YOUNG** of the Hertfordshire Regiment. (Promoted in the field to Lance Corporal). Reg. No. 265584. Born: 1889, Abbots Langley. Son of John and Caroline of Vicarage Lane. Occupation: Compositor, Apsley Mills. Killed in Action near Ypres on 14th November 1917 aged 28. No known grave. Remembered with Honour at Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium and the John Dickinson War Memorial.



LANCE-CORPL. W. YOUNG. HERTS REGT., of King's Langley. Killed in action.

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