

BAYDON MEN WHO FELL IN THE 1914-18 WAR (IN ORDER OF DECEASE)

Pte Harry **ILOTT** - 6860, 1st Bn, Wiltshire Regiment who died on 18 October 1914. Age 29. NKG.
Remembered with Honour: Le Touret Memorial, Ligny Le Grand, Pas de Calais, France. Panels 33&34
Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal, Mons Star
A farm lad. Born in April 1885 in Woolstone, Berkshire. Son of Thomas ILOTT (1853-1941) and Mary Ann LEA (1856-1898), of Bailey Hill Farm, Baydon.
Married to Caroline Eliza Merrifield **YOUNG** (1894-) daughter of William **YOUNG** of Egbury, Hampshire. She lived at 48 Turnbull, Oxenwood, Hungerford after the War. Had a daughter, *living?*

Pte Alfred **MARCHANT** - 5050, 2nd Bn., Wiltshire Regiment who died on 22 October 1914. Age 34.
Remembered with Honour: Perth Cemetery (China Wall), Ieper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot X. B. 28. Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal, Mons Star
A boilermith's helper, Locomotive and Carriage Department, GWR, Swindon.
Member of the Salvation Army.
Born Feb 1880 in Ramsbury, Wiltshire.
Son of William MARCHANT (c 1853-1932) and Eliza (c 1861-)
Husband of Ellen Rose KELLY (1884-1955) daughter of Charles KELLY (1860-).
They married 22 June 1907 in Swindon and lived at 24 Dixon St., Swindon.



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Pte Arthur James **DAVIS** - 10551, 5th Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment who died on 17 February 1916. Age 31. NKG.
Remembered with Honour: Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Panel 93 to 95
Ploughman in Froxfield. Born Oct 1884, Aldbourne, Wiltshire. Christened at St Nicholas, Baydon 5 Oct 1884. Son of Jacob DAVIS of Aldbourne (1823-1897) and Mary Ann MARCHANT of Ramsbury (1843-).

Pte Herbert Henry Allan **LAWRENCE** - 147264, 5th Special Bde., Royal Engineers who died on 26 April 1916. Age 19. He died from wounds and shock after an explosion whilst charging Stokes Mortars.
Remembered with Honour: Calais Southern Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Plot C. 3. 13
Medals: Victory Medal, the British medal and the 15 Star
Bert was born Q3 1896, Highworth, Son of Frederick John Harris LAWRENCE (1871-) and Maria (1866-) both born in Baydon and of Bailey Cottages, The Square, Baydon Railway Sub-Office, Baydon, Wiltshire in 1921.

Pte Thomas **RADBOURNE**- 17839, "B" Coy. 1st Bn., Royal Berkshire Regiment who died on 24 May 1916. Age 37.
Remembered with Honour: Zouave Valley Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France. Plot II. A. 19.
Born 1879 in Baydon. Son of William RADBOURNE (1847-) and Prudence Ann (1846-). Resident of Henley on Thames in 1911. Married, 1912, Louisa ILOTT (1878-1950) in Henley on Thames. Louisa was the sister of Harry ILOTT (1885-1914) above.

Pte Francis Edward **GIGG** - 25403, 1st Bn, Wiltshire Regiment who died on 24 August 1916. Age 30
Remembered with Honour: Puchevillers British Cemetery, Somme, France. Plot III. E. 21.
A carman on the road. Born at Wexcombe, Grafton, Wiltshire in 1886 to Charles GIGG (1859-) and Martha Ann STOUT (1859-) who moved to Baydon. He married Florence M. BROOMFIELD (1890-1954) in Salisbury in the first quarter of 1916. She lived at Pundle View, Bartley, near Southampton after the War.

Frank's sister, Beatrice (1894-1982), married William GOSLING (1896-1984), brother of Harold GOSLING DCM (1898-1918) below.

2nd Lt Arthur Harry **LOXLEY** - Inns of Court Officers Training Corps, 4th Bn., North Staffordshire (Prince of Wales's) Regiment, Attd 6th Bn KOYLI. Died on 09 April 1917. Age 19 at Vimy Ridge. Remembered with Honour: Tilloy British Cemetery, Tilloy-Les-Mofflaines, Pas de Calais, France. Plot III. H. 8. Medals: British Victory

Born 1898 West Horsley, Surrey. Son of Henry Daniel LOXLEY (1872-1949) and Frances Lily COLBORNE (1887-1964). They lived in Church House, The Green and were then resident in Carbrook Curridge, Newbury in 1921. At the time of his death in 1949, Henry was a chicken farmer in Twyford, Hampshire.

The north east window in St Nicholas is dedicated to Arthur by his parents.



Pte Charles **FARMER**- 18000, 5th Bn., Dorsetshire Regiment who died on 01 October 1918. Age 26.

Remembered with Honour: Sucrerie Cemetery, Epinoy, Pas de Calais, France. Plot D. 8.

Charlie was a carter on the road. Born in 1892 in Baydon, Wiltshire to Charles FARMER (1853-) agricultural labourer and Parish Clerk and Rachel (1853-)

Pte Harold Austin **GOSLING** - 36046, Joined the Royal Flying Corps in 16 May 1916 and compulsory transferred in 03 June 1917 to 12th Bn., East Surrey Regiment. He died of a shot wound to his skull on 03 October 1918. Age 20.

Remembered with Honour: Haringhe (Bandaghem) Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. Plot III. B. 65. Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal. Born on 2 Apr 1898 in Highworth, Wiltshire to Jacob GOSLING (1830-1915) and Alice AUSTIN (1870-1918) of The Croft, Finches Lane, Baydon. Brother of Pte William Jacob GOSLING DCM (1896-1984) who is buried in Baydon Churchyard. (see appendix)

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Lance Corporal George William Thomas **READ** -10702806, Corps of Military Police 116 Provost Coy who died on 06 May 1946 at 72 British General Hospital Middle East, Age: 24.

Remembered with honour: Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece Grave Reference 20. B. 20

Of The Laurels, Baydon. Husband of Peggy

Omitted from the brass plaque either because he was neither an Anglican nor a Methodist or date of death.

Sgt Richard Stephen **SPRACKMAN** - 1315858, 619 Sqdn., Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve who died on 18 October 1943. Age unknown.

Remembered with Honour: Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. Panel 165

Son of A. Sprackman, Farmer, Aldbourne Road, Baydon

Gnr Thomas Douglas **TROTMAN** - 1083132, 135 (The Hertfordshire Yeomanry) Field Regt., Royal Artillery who died on 26 January 1942. Age 22.

Remembered with Honour: Singapore Memorial, Singapore. Column 36

Born 1920 in Marlborough to Nelson John TROTMAN (1891-) and Sarah Ann MUNDAY (1888-)

Research

www.cwgc.org

<https://familysearch.org/>

Harry ILOTT <http://www.passeyfamilytree.org.uk/getperson.php?personID=I1517&tree=passey1>

William Jacob GOSLING

http://records.ancestry.com/william_jacob_gosling_records.ashx?pid=120241540

Arthur James DAVIS

<http://www.hutchins-westwood-genealogy.org.uk/tng/familygroup.php?familyID=F4707&tree=hu1>

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Charles FARMER 1892-1918 supplied by his cousin, Dorothy NEWMAN

Abbreviations

Attd - attached

Bn - battalion

BRWR -

CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission

DCM - Distinguished Conduct Medal

Gnr - Gunner

GWR - Great Western Railway

KOYLI - King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Lt -Lieutenant

NKG - no known grave

Pte - Private

Regt - regiment

Sgt - Sergeant

Sqdn - squadron

Appendix

Pte William Jacob GOSLING - 201956. Medal DCM. Died 16 Nov 1984. Buried in Baydon Churchyard. Plot 736

Citation "For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. As a runner, he repeatedly proceeded through fire-swept zones in order to carry messages to the firing line at a time when the battalion was part of an advance guard which had been held up by the enemy. His coolness and devotion to duty cannot be too highly praised." London Gazette: 2 Sep 1916

Born on 30 Dec 1896 in Highworth, Wiltshire to Jacob GOSLING (1830-1915) and Alice AUSTIN (1870-1918) who moved to The Croft, Finches Lane, Baydon. When William went to war there were four people in the house, on his return he was alone. He married Beatrice GIGG (1894-1982), daughter of Charles GIGG (1859-) and Martha Ann STOUT (1859-) who had moved to Finches Farm, Finches Lane, Baydon.