



SIR WILLIAM BORLASE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

REMEMBRANCE DAY – 9TH NOVEMBER 2014

DID YOU KNOW...?

1. Over 400 Old Borlasians and 11 members of staff fought in the war.
2. Of these 56 boys and four staff were killed.
3. The old boys and staff served in the Navy, Army, and Air Force, across the globe and in British, Canadian, Indian and New Zealand regiments.
4. Over 192 of the old boys and staff were officers and as a result were more likely to die in combat.
5. One old boy won the Victoria Cross, Basil Horsfall. He is remembered in Borlase's chapel and further information is provided in this display.
6. Many old boys won other honours, including the Distinguished Service Order (11 old boys) and the Military Cross (26 old boys).
7. A second old boy is individually commemorated in the chapel - David Dickson. David died at sea on 15 October 1914 aged 17 years and was the first old Borlasian to be killed. His father was a governor at the school, a JP and the doctor. Further information is provided separately.
8. The last old boy to die as a result of the conflict was Albert Langdon who succumbed to pneumonia in February 1919 and was buried in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Marlow.
9. The old boys who were killed during the war had attended Borlase for four years on average, although some attended for just a year.
10. Many old boys were not local to Marlow as about a third of the pupils were boarders at Borlase in the pre war period.
11. During the war the number of pupils at the school halved from 114 in 1914 to 64 in 1916. Families often found it difficult to afford the fees and they needed the boys to work. From 1917, however, the numbers steadily increased.
12. As a result of the war the school 'suffered from numerous changes in the Staff, but ...was not reduced to employing women'!



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A list of old Borlasians who fought and died in the war along with a list of staff.

Old Boys

Ayliffe, Rifleman RG	1906-09	Queen's Westminster Rifles
Bath, Captain JEW	1903-05	5th Royal Berks Regiment
Bartlett, Private Gilbert	1901-05	3 rd South African Infantry
Bradford, Captain CA	1895-97	Yorkshire Regiment
Bridges, Captain Walter	1889-92	ASC
Buckell, Trooper RG	1904-10	Royal Bucks Hussars
Carey, Second Lieut LC	1910-12	East Surrey Regiment
Carter, Private AJ	1888-92	174 th Labour Company
Coldwell, Captain Vincent	1892-98	4 th Indian Cavalry
Constable, Lieut JC Brown	1902-06	London Scottish
Corscaden, Second Lieut JN	1911	6 th Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers
Couchman, Sgt-Mechanic T	1891-95	RMA
Creswell Sergeant GH	1910-14	4 th Oxford and Bucks LI
Curtis, Second Lieut HJ	1911-15	Royal Air Force
Davis, Second Lieut AH	1894 1st	Oxford and Bucks LI
Dean, Private HW	1901-04	9 th Norfolk Regiment
Dickson, Midshipman DA	1906-10	HMS Hawke
Douglas-Crompton, Sec Lt S	1908-13	1 st Royal Fusiliers
Dye, Rifleman PR	1898-1902	Queen's Westminster Rifles
Foster, Captain HR	1902-08	Oxford and Bucks LI
Gaffney, Second Lieut LA	1907-13	Royal Munster Fusiliers
Good, Second Lieut HB	1912-15	Royal Air Force
Guthrie, Captain JN	1895-96	Irish Guards
Haly, Second Lieut WH	1892-98	Hampshire Regiment
Hardy, Captain Harold	1898-1900	Royal Irish Rifles
Harris, Rifleman PF	1907-10	King's Royal Rifles
Hepworth, Captain AM, MC	1897-99	Queen's Regiment
Horsfall, Sec Lieut BA, VC	1903-05	East Lancashire Regiment
Howard, Major BH	1889-91	47 th Sikhs Indian Army
Kent, Second Lieut Ernest	1907-14	Essex Regiment
Kershaw, Second Lieut KRB	1901-06	Gordon Highlanders
King, Second Lieut Maurice	1907-14	Egyptian Labour Corps
Langdon, Sapper A	1898-1901	RE (Signals)
Langley, Trooper J	1889-94	Royal Bucks Hussars
Lewis, Second Lieut AG	1911-12	South Wales Borderers
Morgan, Second Lieut SH	1900-02	East Surrey Regiment
Nash, Captain FH MC	1894-96	North Staffordshire Regiment

Peddle, Private AH	1907-10	King's Own Yorkshire LI
Pescod, Private LG	1893-95	Australian Infantry
Pescod, Sergeant-Major WT	1884-88	South African Imperial Light Horse
Pullin Private HV	1911-13	Royal West Kent Regiment
Reading Lance Corpl JWC	1901-07	London Rifle Brigade
Reid, Captain GPS MC	1907-14	Seaforth Highlanders
Roberts, Lieut RJ	1890-96	Machine Gun Corps
Robertson, Lance Corp RH	1892-96	Canadian Infantry
Smith, Lieut FC DSC	1908-12	Royal Air Force
Stranger, Second Lieut GJ	1905-10	Royal Guernsey LI
Stranger, Captain HEK, MC	1905-10	Royal Guernsey LI
Street, Private T	1884-88	South African Infantry
Taylor, Second Lieut FC	1911-14	RAF
Trefusis, Captain HW	1891-98	Northamptonshire Regiment
Trefusis, Captain AO	1893-99	Loyal North Lancashire Regiment
Ward, Lance Corporal HMA	1910-14	Royal Fusiliers
Wellicome, Sergeant WC	1901-02	Seaforth Highlanders
Wellicome, Sergeant M	1895-99	Royal Horse Artillery
Woodroffe, Captain WG	1904	Middlesex Regiment

Staff

Denny, Second Lieut BMR	The King's Liverpool Regiment
Lawson, Sergeant H	2 nd Lincoln Regiment
Scott, Second Lieut WJ	
Wells, Second Lieut EJ	New Zealand Infantry