

West Hallam War Memorial
1939-1945
In Memory of Our Fallen

The induction took place on **Friday October 28th 1938** of the **Reverend William Richard Lloyd Jones** to the Rectory of West Hallam. Eleven months after being in office, War was declared on Germany. He is still remembered today, for his help and support given to many parishioners during this difficult time. He was also responsible for extending the churchyard extension and raising funds for a much needed new Rectory. He left West Hallam in **November 1945**, being replaced by **Reverend Gordon Charles Craig Spencer**. His first community project was to erect a war memorial to remember our fallen. A committee was formed, giving them the responsibility of selecting the type of memorial required and the names that would be listed upon it. The Memorial Committee Secretary Mr. Bacon issued this notice:

West Hallam War Memorial Committee (Notice)
Criteria Required

The above Committee will settle the final list of names of West Hallam Men and Women who died between the War Years 1939-1945.

Whilst on Active Service. Serving in the Armed Forces, or one of the Allied Services. The List is restricted to those who had died between the commencement of war and December 31st 1945. Consideration will be given to anyone who died after this date if death was due to their War Service.

The deceased persons must have had a home Address in West Hallam during the period of the 1939-1945 war.

M. L. Bacon (Hon. Secretary). (November 1946).

Church Council Meeting (1946)

Notes on a proposed Church War Memorial:

The Council has considered the erection of a War Memorial in the Church in the form of a book of Remembrance. Which would, then be used at the annual Remembrance Service. This can be displayed in a glass case in the Nave, near the North door. A drawing of a suitable case has been prepared by Mr. Frederick Ogden of "The Yews", Stanley. This was considered by the Council, alternative designs and estimates are now in preparation.

Annual Report on the work of the Church Council. (1946).

Gordon C. C. Spencer (Chair).
M. L. Bacon (Hon. Secretary).

West Hallam War Memorial Discussion

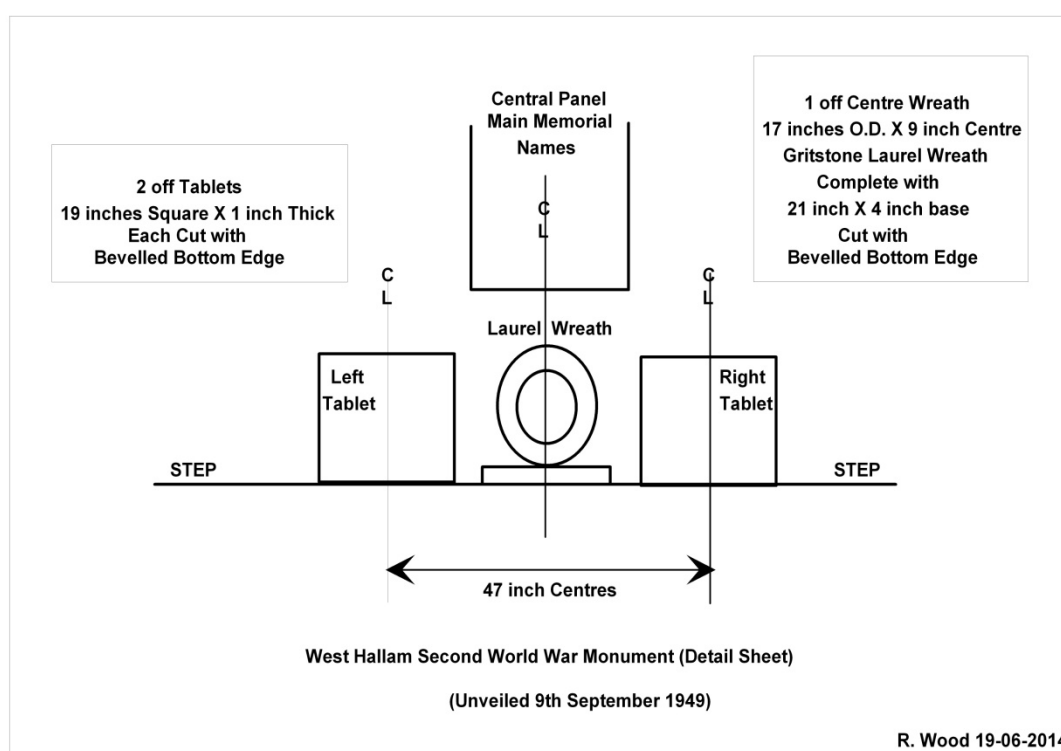
At a meeting held at Scargill School, Beech Lane, West Hallam last night (Wednesday 26 May 1948), to discuss improvements and additions to the village war memorial. It was decided that estimates should be asked for, as all expenses would have to be met by public subscription.

Parish Council Meeting
Friday 24th September 1948

It was decided to proceed with a scheme, proposed. Costing approximately £150, to be raised by public subscription for improvements to the West Hallam War Memorial.

Derby Daily Telegraph Saturday 25th September 1948. Page 5.

This approved scheme was to supply **2 off - 19inch x 19inch x 1inch thick marble tablets** required to name the **8 men** and **1 lady** who lived in the Parish and died serving their Country. A **Gritstone 17inch diameter laurel wreath** was also to be supplied and placed between these two tablets. All positioned on the first step of the existing memorial and directly under the tablet showing the names of those who died in the Great War.



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Little has been said in this magazine regarding our War Memorial Committee. Our Committee members:

Secretary Mr. C. I. Baxter.
Treasurer Mr. D. A. Lloyd.

We can report they have been busy cajoling money from our parishioners. Ensuring that West Hallam, will Remember the Men from this Parish.

Invitation to attend War Memorial Dedication (Parish Council)

The Dedication of the **West Hallam War Memorial** will take place on **Friday 9th September 1949**.

Derby Daily Telegraph Friday 2nd September 1949. Page 7.

West Hallam War Memorial Tablets

1939 – 1945

Left Hand Tablet

1939 – 1945

H. W. BAGGALEY.

J. L. BOTT.

C. L. GODFREY.

A. HUNT.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Herbert William Baggaley (Aircraftman 944243 Royal Air Force)

Born: 1918 Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Died: 07 September 1941. Lincolnshire. Aged 23.

Buried: All Saints Churchyard, Kirk Hallam, Derbyshire. Plot C. Grave 65.

Son of William Henry Baggaley and Florence North.

Husband of Phyllis Hodgson.

John Lewis Bott (Trooper 7949881 Royal Tank Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, 2nd Derbyshire Yeomanry)

Born: 02 August 1913, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.

Died: 14 January 1946 Hamburg, Germany. Aged 32.

Buried: Hamburg Cemetery, Germany. Plot 3A. Row G. Grave 3.

Son of Aubrey William Bott and Julia Hannah Thompson.

Husband of Ethel May Flint.

Charles Leslie Godfrey (Driver T/119367 Royal Army Service Corps, 8th Casualty Clearing Station, Royal Medical Corps)

Born: September 1917, Shardlow, Derbyshire.

Died: 30 May 1940 Dunkirk, France. Aged 22.

Buried: Killed in Action. No Known Grave

Commemorated Dunkirk Memorial, France. Column 136.

Son of Andrew Josiah Godfrey and Harriet Mutton.

Alfred Hunt 2618056 (Grenadier Guardsman, 5th Battalion Grenadier Guards)

Born: October 1919, West Hallam, Derbyshire.

Died: 11 June 1944 Lazio, Italy. Aged 24.

Buried: Bolsena War Cemetery, Lazio, Italy. Plot I. Row A. Grave 14.

Son of Samuel Hunt and Edith Musson.

Husband of Vera Bacon.

Right Hand Tablet

1939 – 1945

J. H. LEE.
K. PERRON.
E. SOUTHERN.
G. STONE.
D. G. KERRY THOMPSON. W. A. A. F.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

James Henry Lee (Sergeant 936277 40 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve)

Born: 10 January 1920, Shardlow, Derbyshire.

Died: 17 January 1920. (Location Unknown) Result of Air Crash. Aged 21.

Killed in Action. No Known Grave.

Buried: Commemorated Runnymede Memorial, Surrey. Panel 47.

Son of Phillip Lee and Harriett Grashion.

Husband of Nora Rita Newman.

Kenneth Perron (Serjeant 1481449 26th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery)

Born: 22 October 1911, Tutbury, Staffordshire.

Died: 23 May 1944. Cassino, Lazio, Italy. Aged 32.

Killed in Action.

Buried: Cassino War Cemetery, Lazio, Italy. Plot II. Row J. Grave 17.

Son of George Reginald Rudolf Perron and Bertha Lilian Daniel.

Husband of Margaret Ellen Adams.

Edgar Southern (Craftsman 1657197 Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers)

Born: 03 November 1911, Woodborough, Nottinghamshire.

Died: 19 November 1944 Belgium. Aged 33.

Buried: Leopoldsburg War Cemetery, Limburg, Belgium. Plot VI. Row B.. Grave 12.

Son of William Henry Southern and Mary Elizabeth Paling.

Husband of Annie Hildred "Hilda" Hudson.

Geoffrey Stone (C/KX104110 Stoker Second Class, Royal Navy) (H.M.S. Cumberland)

Born: 06 February 1919, Stanley, Derbyshire.

Died: 26 September 1940. Aged 21.

Died of Wounds. Buried at Sea.

Grave: The Sea.

Commemorated: Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent.

Son of Joe Stone and Miriam Hartshorn.

Husband of Levena Wright.

Dorothy Gladys Kerry Richardson Thompson (Womens Auxiliary Air Force) (W. A. A. F.)

Born: 19 April 1921, Horsley, Derbyshire.

Died: 30 March 1946, West Hallam, Derbyshire. Aged 24.

Buried: St John Churchyard, Smalley, Derbyshire.
Daughter of John Jesse Richardson and Sarah Ann Kerry .
Husband of Harold Charles Thompson.

R. Wood 01-08-2018