Ilsington Parish has 2 war memorials. Not all the service personnel who died in WW1 and 2 are recorded on these memorials. Do you know of any that might be missing? What about the Korean War, Falklands War, Afghanistan and Gulf War?

Ilsington Parish War Memorials

Missing Names - Questionnaire

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Introduction

There have been queries raised that some service personnel who died in WW1 and 2 are not recorded on the War Memorials at St Michael's Church Ilsington and Halford Football Ground.

Research has been carried out on the names put forward (see below). Some names are honoured on other War Memorials e.g. Bovey Tracey, Ashburton. These individuals would not be added to the Ilsington Parish War Memorials.

We are now seeking input from the community to establish if (i) there are grounds for changing the recommendations made relating to the currently known names and (ii) identify any additional names for consideration.

We also want to add any names of service personnel from the Parish who died in subsequent wars:

(1) Korean War 1950-53. (2) Falklands War 1982. (3) Afghanistan. (4) Iraq

Project Support

This project is supported by Ilsington Parish Council.

Criteria.

The criteria for inclusion on the War Memorials are based on those used for WW1 and WW2. This requires the conflict to be a *war* as opposed to a *civil emergency*. This will exclude the use of service personnel in civil emergencies (e.g. Aden, Cyprus, Palestine, Northern Ireland) and any United Nations led peacekeeping activity (e.g. Balkans, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Lebanon). The individual should have been born in, resided, or have family connection with the Parish and not already recognised on a Parish/Town/City War Memorial elsewhere in the UK.

Please complete and return the Questionnaire to the address below.

General Data Protection Regulations. *Please note that General Data Processing Regulations (GDPR) apply only to living individuals, and therefore the information relating to deceased individuals is exempt from these regulations. Contact information provided by those completing this form with be managed under GDPR guidelines*.

Return address

Please return the completed form to: Ivan Court, 28 Kittersley Drive, Liverton, Newton Abbot, TQ12 6YX

Or email scanned document to ivan.court@outlook.com

Deadline for completion: 15th December 2026

Missing Names – WW1						
Name	Information re individual	Research	Recommendation	Do you agree or disagree with recommendation? Please mark with X below		Reason for Disagreement
				Agree	Disagree	
William George Ellis Bowden	Private. Enlisted Plymouth joining 5th (Prince of Wales Own) Battalion, The Devonshire Regiment. Born in Liverton. Died 2nd July 1918, killed in action on the Western Front. Buried at the CWGC Cemetery at Marfaux.	Commemorated on Bovey Tracey War Memorial.	Already recognised on the Bovey Tracey War Memorial. Not to be added.			
William Arthur Ellis	Private, 187th Company Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). Born Ilsington, son of Ellen Louisa and George Ellis of Star Cottages, Cold East. Killed in Mesopotamia on 2nd February 1917. Grave in the Amara War Cemetery, Iraq, Died age 20.	Unable to determine why not named on Ilsington Parish Memorial. Not named on other Memorials (e.g., Bovey Tracey, Kingsteignton)	This name should be added to the Ilsington Parish War Memorials.			
Samuel Hawkes	Private Samuel John Hawkes, 2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment. Born Ilsington 1884, son of George and Caroline Hawkes of Mount Pleasant, Bovey Tracey, Husband of Amelia Bessie Hawkes of 2 White Heather, Bovey Tracey. Killed in action on the Westen Front on 29th October 1916, Grave in the CWGC Thiepval Anglo-French Cemetery, Somme. Age 32.	Commemorated on Bovey War Memorial. No links to the Ilsington Parish	Already recognised on Bovey Tracey War Memorial. Not to be added.			

Lewis Hext	Private, 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. Born Ilsington about 1889. Shown in Census records for 1891,1901 and 1911 residing in Higher Brimley. Died on Western Front in October 1917. Grave in CWGC in Ruisseau Farm Cemetery, Belgium.	Evidence shows Ilsington Parish links. There is no evidence of his name on any war memorial.	This name should be added to the Ilsington Parish War Memorials.			
Charles Rowe	Corporal, 2nd Battalion Dorset Regiment. Died in Mesopotamia 26th June 1916. Born in Mawgan, Cornwall in 1876. Fought in South African Wars before his WW1 service. An article in the press stated he was highly regarded locally (Halford). The 1911 Census shows his 2 children living at No 4 Halford Cottages (Emily age 4 and William, age 1)	The links with the Parish are clear, and as there is no Memorial with his name identified elsewhere.	This name should be added to the Ilsington Parish War Memorials.			
Guy Venour Brewer	Private Guy Venour Brewer, 7th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers. Born in Hampstead, London in 1890. Educated at Highgate School, Middlesex. Later a resident of Hove where he enlisted. Died on the Western Front on 15th November 1916 age 26. Buried in the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme (CWGC). He is commemorated on the Highgate School WW1 Memorial plaque. His mother, Emily Meadow Brewer (born 1860), was residing in Budleigh Salterton when the 1939 Register was taken as was his sister Barbara J Butler (nee Brewer). Emily Meadow Brewer was buried in St Michael and All Angels churchyard, Ilsington in 1948. Probate shows her address at the date of her death as The Anchorage, Liverton. The gravestone has a	His name has not been found on any of the registered War Memorials in English parishes. At the time of his death, and for many years after that date there is no connection to Ilsington Parish. He is remembered on his mother's gravestone in St Michaels' churchyard with the words 'Fell in France 15.11.1916.'	Determine appropriate local authority for Hove war memorial and request the name be added.			

	tribute to her son Guy Venour Brewer - 'Fell in France 15.11.1916'. At the time of his death in 1916 neither Guy nor his mother had a known connection with the parish. On these grounds it would seem reasonable to not recommend the addition of his name to the War Memorial. However, there is a potential missing name from the WW2 Memorial for Lt Col Alfred George Butler OBE of the Indian Army who married Barbara Joyce Brewer, a younger daughter of Emily Meadow Brewer, who is Guy's sister - (see WW2 missing names section). Barbara Butler was married to Lt Col Alfred George Butler OBE, 1st/6th Rajputana Rifles, Indian Army. He died in 1941 in Egypt, and Barbara is shown as living at Little St Just, Higher Brimley at that date and continued to live there until her death on 18th July 1981.	Based on the information available it would be expected his name would be on a War Memorial is Hove (Sussex) (where he resided on enlistment), or Hampstead (where he was born and lived while at school) but it is not.				

World War 1 1914-18 – Request for Inclusion					
Full Name	Rank, Regiment /Unit	Army, Royal Navy,	Date and place of death	Date and Place of Birth	Place of Residence at death (UK address)

Request made by:

Name _____

Address _____

Contact details (phone/mobile/email) _____

Date _____

Missing Names – WW2						
Name	Information re individual	Research	Recommendation	Do you agree or disagree with recommendation? Please mark with X below		Reason for Disagreement
				Agree	Disagree	
George Laing	Joiner 4th Class, Royal Navy, HM Glorious. Born in Buckland in the Moor Q4 1916. Died 8th June 1940 age 23. Buried in St Peter's Churchyard Cemetery, Buckland in the Moor. Commemorated on the War Memorial plaque in the church. His name is not included on the Ashburton War 2 Memorial.	No connection to Ilsington Parish. Recommend that Ashburton Parish Council should consider inclusion of his name on their memorial.	Not to be added. Recommend Ashburton Parish Council should consider inclusion of his name on their memorial.			
A Pascoe	Devon Heritage website includes the following: Believed to be Sergeant Flight Engineer Archie Pascoe of the RAF Volunteer Reserve. Believed to have been born in the Buckland in the Moor area in 1922'. This is supported by the 1939 Register for Newton Abbot R D which shows his address as 18 Southbrook Cottages (Buckland in the Moor) with a date of birth of 20th March 1922. He was among the crew of 6 of a Lancaster shot down over Germany on 4th December 1944. Commemorated	Commemorated on the WW2 Memorial at St Peter's Church, Buckland in the Moor. Suggest to Ashburton Parish Council that this is an omission they should consider for inclusion.	Not to be added. Recommend Ashburton Parish Council should consider inclusion of his name on their memorial			

	on the War Memorial plaque in St Peters Church, Buckland in the Moor.					
Edward Neil Whitley	Edward Neil Whitley, Captain, Royal Army Medical Corp. Born 1918. Wounded in Normandy on June 10th and died in Stoke Mandeville Hospital (Buckinghamshire) 29th August 1944. Buried in St Peters Churchyard cemetery, Buckland in the Moor and is commemorated on the War Memorial plaque in that church. He is also commemorated on the Ashburton War Memorial.	Commemorated on the WW2 Memorial at St Peter's Church, Buckland in the Moor, and Ashburton War Memorial so not to be added to Ilsington Parish War Memorial.	Not to be added			
Alfred George Butler OBE	Lt. Col. Alfred George Butler OBE.1st/6th Rajputana Rifles, Indian Army. Died on 5th December 1941 in the Western Desert near Tobruk (Libya). He was born in London in 1897 and educated at the City of London School. He began service in India in 1914 and transferred to the Indian Army in 1916. His career saw service in Mesopotamia in 1918, returning to India in 1919. He married Barbara Joyce Brewer on 23rd October 1928 at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton (Kensington and Chelsea).	There appears to be sufficient family association with the parish and his named residence in Army records was Little St Just, Higher Brimley. To be added.	This name should be added to the Ilsington Parish War Memorials			

	In WW2 he saw service in Abyssinia with the Indian Army and was later posted to Libya where he was killed in action. He is commemorated on two WW2 Memorials: (i) on the Alamein Memorial in Egypt and (ii) at the City of London School. Imperial War Museum register of names does not show another site where he is commemorated in England. His link to the parish is through his wife, Barbara Joyce Butler who resided at Little St Just, Higher Brimley. In the 1939 Census she is recorded as resident at Ting Tong, Budleigh Salterton. 2 years later she is shown on the CWWG Memorial information as residing at Higher Brimley (Little St Just), which indicates she was a resident of the parish for about 2 years when he died in 1941. Barbara continued to live at Little St Just until her death on 18th July 1981.					

World War 2 1939-1945 – Request for Inclusion					
Full Name	Rank, No, Regiment/ Unit	Army, Royal Navy, RAF	Date and place of death	Date of Birth and Place of Birth	Place of Residence at death (UK address)

Request made by:

Name _____

Address _____

Contact details (phone/mobile/email) _____

Date _____

Missing Names Post 1945 – Korea/Falklands/Afghanistan/Iraq (Please delete as necessary)
Korea. There were 1,078 service personnel killed in action. Research has identified no one from Ilsington Parish.
Falklands. There were 260 UK military personnel and Islanders killed. Research has identified no one from Ilsington Parish.
Afghanistan. There were 456 UK military personnel killed. Research has identified no one from Ilsington Parish.
Iraq. There were 179 military personnel killed. Research has identified no one from Ilsington Parish.

Post 1945 – Request for Inclusion					
Full Name	Rank, Number, Regiment/ Unit	Army, Royal Navy, RAF	Date and place of death	Date of Birth and Place of Birth	Place of Residence at death (UK address)

Request made by:

Name _____

Address _____

Contact details (phone, mobile, email) _____

Date _____