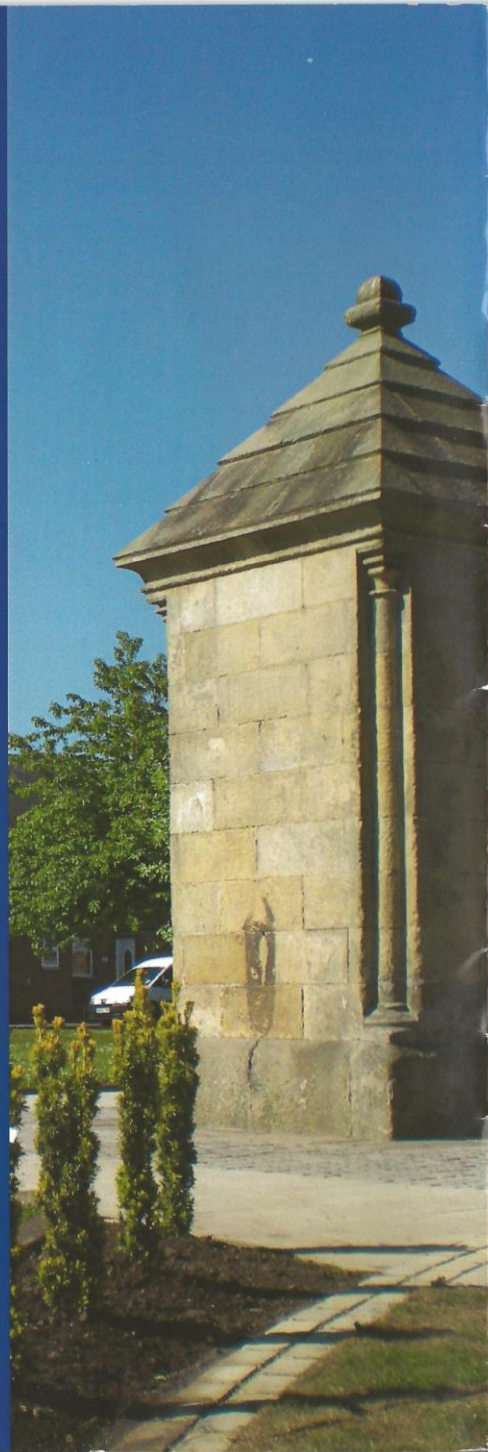


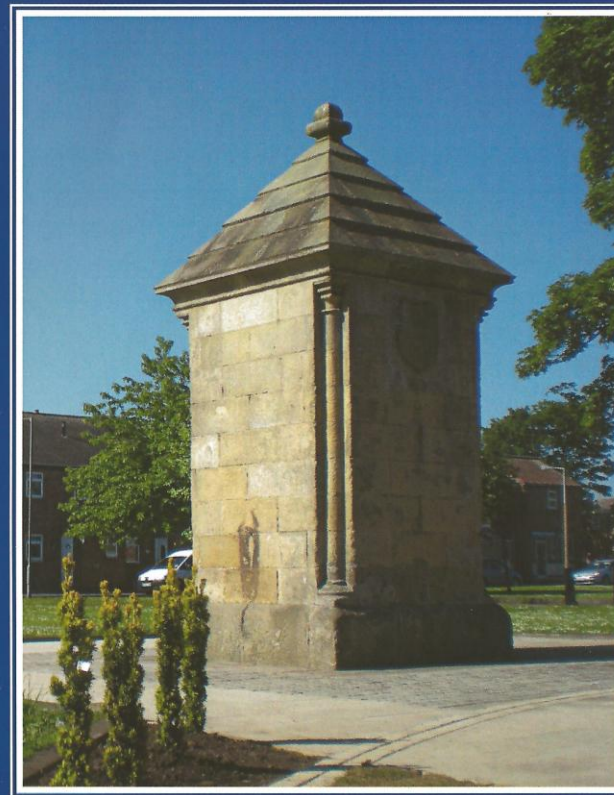
HISTORY OF THE VILLAGE PANT

The village pant was erected in 1848 to supply water to the village, but was made redundant forty years later by the opening of the Waskerley Reservoir. The pant was, nevertheless, a prominent feature on the village green and when, in 1897, the village wished to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria's coronation, the pant was rededicated as a Jubilee memorial. With the passing of time, that Jubilee grows less significant, and with the pant's setting compromised, until recently, by large road signs and untidy surroundings, it was an appropriate time to reuse the pant again, this time as the centre piece of a war memorial garden.

West Auckland Parish Council



WEST AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL



OPENING OF THE
WAR MEMORIAL AND GARDEN,

SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2009

THE WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

The 'living' war memorial in our village is the Memorial Hall, a vitally important community building. But its memorial plaque is inside the building and West Auckland has never had an external war memorial where villagers could see the names of those who had died, could reflect on their sacrifice and could commemorate them each year on Remembrance Day.

The need for such a memorial was an early priority of West Auckland Parish Council, when it was established six years ago, and was included as a target project in its Parish Plan.

The Parish Council suggested that the untidy area around the village pant would be a suitable location for a memorial and garden, and it produced early sketch designs which were discussed with, and revised by, its implementation partner Groundwork, and the former Wear Valley District Council, now Durham County Council.

Groundwork greatly assisted in seeking the required funding from Section 106 monies and Urban and Rural Renaissance funding and acted as project managers for the implementation of the scheme.

The completion of the scheme is due to the successful partnership working of West Auckland Parish Council, Groundwork (with special thanks to its Project Officer, Joanne Morley), and the officers and members of both the former Wear Valley District Council and Durham County Council.

LIST OF WAR DEAD

The compilation of the details of our war dead, listed in this brochure, has been largely undertaken by two people. Neville Davison first researched them for the Roll of Honour in St Helens Church, and then much later, as part of the War Memorial Project, John Milburn complemented this work with substantial additional details. Our thanks to them both. Their contribution is noted in the list in italics. Additional details have been added by relatives, following a request for information in the Parish Council newsletter, West Life. All these biographical details have been noted by Martin Roberts, who also edited the list of war dead for this Project.

WORLD WAR ONE (1914-1918)

The following is a copy of a letter written on the
14th February 1915 about the death of George Davison. (JM/ND)

Dear Sam,

Just a few lines to let you know that George received your letter and was so glad to hear that you are getting on alright and that you are comfortable where you are. Well, dear Sam, I wish you luck and hope that you soon recover from your wounds. We have made an advance again. We were safe from rifle fire but the shell fire was awful.

Now, dear Sam, the worst part of this letter. Yesterday poor old George and two others were killed by a shell in the afternoon at about 3 o'clock. He suffered no pain and was killed instantly. I have enclosed a letter which he had written for you. Now I will close with the very best prospects of your recovery as being the sincere wish of your old comrade.

Pte. G. Chapman

No.4 Coy, 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards (JM)

William Armstrong

5767 Private William Armstrong,
1st Battalion, Leinster Regiment,

died, aged 19, on 29th May 1917.

Son of William and Mary
Armstrong 136 Front St, West Auckland,

buried in Sturma Military Cemetery (ND)

B: Batterdale, Cum; **E:** B.Auckland

R: B.Auckland. On The Medal Roll. (JM)

Local contact made by relative. (MR)

Robert Bagley

16381 Private Robert Bagley,
6th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment,

died, age unknown, on 7th August 1915.

Named on Helles Memorial. (ND)

B: Wellington; **E:** B. Auckland;

R: West Auckland. On the Medal Roll (JM)

William H Bagley

157781 Sapper William H Bagley,
177th Tunnelling Company,
Royal Engineers,

died, age unknown, on 4th July 1917.

Buried in New Irish Farm Cemetery. (ND)

B: Wellington; **E:** St Helens; **R:** B. Auckland. On
the Medal Roll. (JM)

John Barclay

No details.

John Bestford

19466 Private John Bestford,
10th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment,

died, age unknown, on 28th May 1916.

Husband of Mrs S A Bestford,
1 East View West Auckland.

**Buried in Dartmoor Cemetery,
Becordel-Becourt. (ND)**

B: W. Auckland; **E:** B. Auckland.

On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Wilkinson Bestford

19/441 Private Wilkinson Bestford, 19th
Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,

died, age unknown, on 19th August 1918.

Son of Mr A Bestford,
3 Millbank, West Auckland.

Buried in Temple-le-Guerard Cemetery. (ND)

B: B. Auckland; **E:** B. Auckland;

R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John R Bird

1709 Sapper John R Bird, Northumbrian
Division, Royal Engineers,

died, age unknown, on 30th January 1917.

Buried in West Auckland Cemetery. (ND)

Grave extant (MR). Commonwealth
War Dead list (JM)

W Blenkin

270040 Private Wylin/Wylam(?) Blenkin,
12th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,

died, age unknown, on 19th October 1917.

Named on Tyne Cot Memorial. (ND)

E: B. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

George Bolton

35057 Private George Bolton,
10th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light
Infantry,

died, aged 31, on 25th September 1917.

Husband of Mary Bolton,
38 Front St, West Auckland.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (ND)

B: Shildon; **E:** B. Auckland.

On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John Bolton

No details.

John Bowron

51591 Private John W Bowron,
1st Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment,

died, age unknown, on 10th September 1918.

Buried in Gouzeaucourt

New British Cemetery. (ND)

B: W. Auckland; **E:** B. Auckland;

R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Brown

14554 Private William Brown,
15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,

died, aged 20, on 25th September 1915.

Son of William and Margaret Brown,
43, Darlington Rd, West Auckland.

Named on Loos Memorial. (ND)

B: W. Auckland; **E:** St Helens; **R:** W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

James Campbell

No details.

Abbreviations used:

CWGC: Commonwealth War Graves Commission. **B:** born. **E:** enlisted. **R:** residence.

Opening of the war memorial and garden.

Joseph F Castling

242211 Private Joseph F Castling,
1st/5th Battalion, York and
Lancaster Regiment,
died, age unknown, on 25th March 1918.

Buried in Poygon Wood Cemetery. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland; R: W.
Auckland. On the Medal Roll (JM)

Joseph Clark

80586 Private Joseph Clark,
3rd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 24, on 23rd October 1916.
Husband of Mrs A Clark,
9 Maud Terrace, St. Helen's Auckland.

**Buried in La Vallee-Mulatre
Communal Cemetery. (ND)**
B: Durham; E: Newcastle.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Norman A Clay

319104 Flight Cadet
Norman Andrew Clay, Royal Air Force,
died, aged 21, on 29th October 1919.
Son of William Henry and Emily Ann Clay,
44 Front Street, St. Helen's Auckland.

Buried in West Auckland Cemetery. (ND).
Grave extant. (MR) Grave ref. D14 (JM).
Living relative: Mr Keith Tweddle (nephew).

George W Davison

3080 Private George W Davison,
2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards,
died, aged 36, on 13th February 1915.
Husband of Mary Davison,
12 Darlington Rd, West Auckland.

Named on Le Touret Memorial. (ND)
B: B. Auckland; E: Newcastle; R: W. Auckland.

On the Medal Roll. (JM)
Living relatives - Mrs Marion Maddison
(granddaughter), Neville Davison (cousin).
(MR)

Harry Dobbin

45249 Rifleman Harry Dobbin, 1st
Battalion, Rifle Brigade,
died, aged 32, on 27th September 1918.
Husband of F N Martin,
3, Bridge Row, St. Helen's Auckland.

**Buried in Chapel Corner Cemetery,
Sauchy-Lestree. (ND)**
B: Leeds; E: B. Auckland; R: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Thomas W Dunn

3166 Private Thomas W Dunn,
1/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age unknown, on 17th September 1916.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (ND/JM)
E: B. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Eales

16398 William Eales,
2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment,
died, age unknown, on 8th July 1916.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (JM)
B: Tottingham, Coundon; E: B. Auckland;
R: St Helens. On the Medal Roll (JM)

John Field

250264 Sergeant John Field,
1/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 24, on 31st May 1918.

Son of Robert Field,
40 Stanley Street, Blyth.

Named on Soissons Memorial. (JM)
E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Gardner

14543 Private William Gardner,
15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 25, on 3rd May 1917.
Son of James and Margaret Gardner,
3 Lockey's Yard, West Auckland.

Buried in Bucquoy Road Cemetery. (ND/JM)
B: B. Auckland; E: B. Auckland;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Thomas H Gibson

28030 Lance Corporal Thomas H Gibson,
4th Battalion, Grenadier Guards
died, aged 24, on 13th April 1918.
Son of Matthew Gibson,
3 Spring Gardens, West Auckland.

Named on Ploegstreet Memorial. (ND)
B: Middleton on Tees; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

TW Goldsbrough

24542 Private T W Goldsbrough,
15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 19, on 1st July 1916.
Son of William and Elizabeth Jane
Goldsbrough, of The Bungalow, St. Helens
Auckland, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: Barnard Castle;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Robert Hathaway

25223 Lance Corporal Robert Hathaway,
12th Battalion, South Wales Borderers,
died, age 25, on 17th May 1917.
Son of George and Elizabeth Hathaway,
56 Front St, West Auckland.

Buried in St Sever Cemetery, Touen. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: Aldershot.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Heaviside

33027 Private William Heaviside,
2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age 31, on 7th June 1917.
Son of Ralph and Hannah Heaviside,
2 Millbank, West Auckland.

**Buried in Philosopher British Cemetery,
Mazingarbe. (ND)**
B: Evenwood; E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John Hepple

38960 John Hepple,
9th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment,
died age unknown, on 5th October 1918.

Buried in Tincourt New British Cemetery. (JM)
B: Tow Law; E: Sunderland; R: Butterknowle.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John Hodgson

9/15294 Private John E Hodgson,
8th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment,
died, age unknown, on 20th July 1916.
Son of James and Ann Hodgson,
St. Helen's Auckland.

Buried in Abbeville Communal Cemetery. (ND)
B: B. Auckland; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Joseph S Howson

4/8776 Lance Corporal
Joseph Simpson Howson,
4th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age 20, on 19 January 1915.
Son of Isaac Simpson Howson and
Mary Howson, of 13, Tindale Crescent, Bishop
Auckland.

**Buried in West Auckland Cemetery
(Grave C. 647).** (JM)
B: Seaham Harbour; E: B. Auckland.

William Hutchfield

24370 Private W Hutchfield, 2nd
Battalion, Duke of Wellington's
Regimentt,

died, age unknown, on 12th April 1917.

**Buried in Brown's Copse Cemetery,
Roex. (ND)**
B: St Helens; E: B. Auckland; R: St Helens.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

James W Hutchinson

James William Hutchinson. No details

Edward H Jackson

Edward Horswell Jackson. No details

John Jackson

40637 Private John Jackson,
6th Battalion, Kings Own Scottish
Borderers,
died, aged 24, on 6th February 1917.
Son of John and Ruth Jackson,
"Surmybrae", Staindrop Rd, West Auckland.
Buried in Aubigny Communal Cemetery.
(ND/JM)

B: B. Auckland; E: B. Auckland; R: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John Jackson

59421 Private John Joseph Jackson,
22nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age unknown, on 26th March 1918.

Named on Pozieres Memorial. (JM)
B: Station Town; E: W. Hartlepool;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll (JM)

Thomas J T Jobling

Thomas Joseph Thubron Jobling.
No details

Robert Lane

2490 Private Robert Lane,
Durham Light Infantry,
died, age 42, on 6 June 1915.
Husband of Sarah Annie Lane, of 18, Whitwell
Terrace, St. Helen's Auckland.

Also served with the 1st Battalion. South
Lancashire Regiment. in the South African
Campaign.

**Grave in West Auckland Cemetery (C. "C."
648).** (JM). Grave extant (MR).
E: B Auckland; R: St Helens Auckland. (JM)

Edward Laskey

340662 Edward Laskey,
Royal Garrison Artillery,
died, age unknown, on 26th March 1918.
Husband of M E Laskey,
7 New Street, West Auckland.

Named on Pozieres Memorial. (JM)
B: Spennymoor; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)
Living relatives –
Norma Redfearn, Ted Laskey.

Edward Lockey

6480 Lance Corporal Edward Lockey,
10nd Battalion, Northumberland
Fusiliers,

died, aged 21, on 25th September 1916.
Son of Thomas and Isabella Lockey, of
Downhill Farm, West Boldon, Co. Durham.

**Buried in Adanac Military Cemetery,
Miraumont.**
B: West Boldon; E: Ashington.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Charles Lowson

4008 Corporal Charles Lowson,
7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment,
died aged 31, on 15th August 1918.
Son of Maria Lowson, 2 Jubilee Ter, Evenwood.

**Buried in Daours Communal Cemetery
Extension. (JM)**
B: Hamsterley; E: B. Auckland; R: Evenwood.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Edward Mason

45631 Private Edward Mason, 15th
Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age unknown, on 10th April 1917.

**Buried in Cojeul British Cemetery,
St Martian-Sur-Cojeul. (JM)**
E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Edward Maughan

21/770 Lance Corporal Edward Maughan,
21st Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers,
died, age unknown, on the 12th March 1916.

**Buried in Ration Farm Military Cemetery, La
Chapelle-Darmentiers. (JM)**

B: B. Auckland; E: Newcastle.
On the Medal Roll (JM)

Thomas P Maughan

No details.

Robert J McNeally

No details.

George Meads

24492 Private George Meads,
15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age unknown, on 16th September 1916.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (JM)
Born 1890, lived in Toadpool, West Auckland.
Killed in action on the Somme.
Photo. (additional information from Brian
Meads) (MR)

B: Witton Park; E: Barnard Castle;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Jonas Million

24544 Private Jonas Million,
15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died aged 22 on 1st May 1918.
Son of George and Hannah Million,
21 Dale St., Chilton. Ferryhill.

Buried in Grootbeek British Cemetery. (JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: Barnard Castle;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll (JM)

George W Nelson

175834 Sapper George William Nelson,
171st Tunnel Battalion, Royal Engineers,
died aged 27 on the 29th April 1918.
Son of William and Elizabeth Nelson,
4 Ayers Yard, West Auckland.

Buried in Brandhoek New Military Cemetery No3. (JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland;
E: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Joseph Oates

260134 Lance Corporal Joseph Oates, 2nd Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment,
died, age unknown, on 8th May 1918.

Named on Tyne Cot Memorial. (JM)
E: B. Auckland R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll (JM)

Robert Oates

7003 Robert Oates, 14th Battalion,
Northumberland Fusiliers,
died, age unknown, on 30th May 1918.

Named on Soissons Memorial. (JM)
B: B. Auckland; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John W Patton

23796 John William Patton,
2nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, age unknown on 5th October 1916.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (JM)
B: Annfield Plain; E: Barnard Castle;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William J Polkinghorn

238231 William James Polkinghorn,
23rd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers,
died, age unknown, on 27th September 1918.
Son of William and Hannah Polkinghorn;
husband of Margaret Ellen Polkinghorn, of
8, Staith Terrace, Derwenthaugh, Swalwell, Co.
Durham.

Buried in Trois Arbes Cemetery,

Steenwerck. (JM)
B: Hunwick; R: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

George Rewcastle

35739 George Rewcastle,
1/6th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's
(West Riding) Regiment,
died, age unknown, on 1st November 1918.

Buried in Maing Communal Cemetery Extension. (JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Sidney Riley

97087 Sidney Riley,
1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters
(Notts and Derby Regiment),
died, age unknown on 6th June 1918.

Named on Soisson Memorial. (JM)
E: B. Auckland R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Percy Sanderson

332739 Private Percy Sanderson,
9th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry,
died, aged 20, on 12th January 1918.
Son of T and Margaret Sanderson,
135 Front St, West Auckland.

Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
Medal Roll only on National Archives. (JM)
Living relative – Pam Dediccoat. (MR).

William Scott

21806 Private William Scott, 20th
Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 27, on 31st July 1917.
Son of William Scott, Oakley St, West
Auckland.

Named on Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland; R: Burnhope.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Robert B Shaw

35216 Private Robert B Shaw,
2nd/4th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's
Regiment,

died, aged 24, on 29th September 1918.
Husband of Mrs N Shaw,
28 Chapel St, West Auckland.

Buried in Masnieres British Cemetery, Marcoing. (ND/JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Siddle

20942 Private William Siddle, 1st
Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers,
died, aged 22, on 16th June 1915.
Son of Lancelot and Rachel Bell,
Rosedale House, St. Helen's Auckland.

Named on Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres. (ND)
B: St Helens; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Christopher Simpson

250297 Private Christopher Simpson,
1st/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 23, on 14th April 1917.
Son of Ralph and Catherine Simpson,
13 Stanley Terrace, St Helen's Auckland.

Named on Arras Memorial. (ND)
E: B. Auckland; R: St Helens.
Medal Roll only on National Archives. (JM)

Thomas Smith

251168 Thomas Smith,
1st/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 24, on 31st May 1917.
Son of John George and Mary Elizabeth Smith,
of 4, Stanley Terrace, St. Helens, Auckland;
husband of Ethel May Smith, of 11, Arnold St.,
West Auckland.

Named on Soisson Memorial. (JM)
B: B. Auckland; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

George Spavin

33255 Private George Spavin,
13th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,
died, aged 33, on 28th December 1916.
Son of William and Mary Spavin,
2 Brewery Terrace, West Auckland.

Buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery. (ND)
B: Scampston; E: B Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
Medal Roll only on National Archives. (JM)
Living relative - Janice Farley, nee Brown
(granddaughter) GS lived in Simpson Road,
father was an electrician, grandfather worked
in West Auckland Brewery. (MR)

William Tallon

7367 Private William Tallon,
7th Battalion, Army Cycle Corp,
died, aged 26, on 24th March 1918.
Son of Thomas and Mary J Tallon,
6 Coronation Terrace, St. Helen's Auckland.
Buried in Rosieres British Cemetery. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

John Teasdale

14551 Private John Teasdale, 6th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment, **died, aged 30, on 12th July 1917.** Husband of Esther Teasdale, 24 Salisbury Square, West Auckland.

Buried in Brandhoek Military Cemetery. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland;
R: W. Auckland. On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Teasdale

17114 William Teasdale, 9th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment, **died, age unknown, on 9th September 1917.** Home Address on Medal Roll.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (JM)
E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Robert Henry Thomas

No details.

Robert H Thompson

200789 Corporal Robert H Thompson, 1st/5th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, **died, aged 21, on 27th October 1917.**

Son of Henry and Margaret Thompson, 3 Coronation Terrace, St. Helen's Auckland.

Named on Tyne Cot Memorial (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Thomas H Vickers

51869 Private Thomas H Vickers, 2nd/4th Battalion, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry,

died, aged 19, on 16th April 1918. Son of William and Ellen Vickers,

3 Gaunless Terrace, Nursery, West Auckland.

Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery. (ND)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Thomas Watson

18866 Private Thomas Watson, 7th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment, **died, aged 28, on 1st July 1916.** Son of Joseph and Jane Watson, of 16, Toad Pool, West Auckland.

Buried in Fricourt British Cemetery.
B: Cockfield; E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll (JM)

James W Wilkinson

39162 James W Wilkinson, 15th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, **died, age unknown, on 20th October 1917.**

Named on Tyne Cot Memorial. (JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: Seaham; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Living relative - Joan Ship, nee Lawrence (granddaughter). JWW was killed at Ypres. He lived on Front Street.

Frederick L Wilson

14572 Lance Corporal Frederick L Wilson, 9th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment, **died, aged 20, on 16th August 1915.** Son of Luke and Mary Alice Wilson, 2 Coronation Terrace, St. Helen's Auckland.

Buried in Longuenesse Souvenir Cemetery, St Omer. (ND)
B: Barnard Castle; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

Robert Wilson

3124 Private Robert Wilson, 1st/6th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, **died, aged 21, on 5th November 1916.** Son of J A Wilson, 3 Johnson Terrace, West Auckland.

Named on Thiepval Memorial. (ND)
E: B. Auckland; R: W. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (JM)

William Wilson

30657 Private William Wilson, 8th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, **died, age unknown, on 4th October 1917.**

Named on Tyne Cot Memorial. (ND/JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: Sunderland; R: Auckland.
On the Medal Roll (JM)

William Wilson

8308 William Wilson, 75th Company, Machine Gun Corps, **died, aged 24, on 4th July 1916.** Son of Margaret and the late Joseph Wilson, of West Auckland, Co. Durham.

Buried in Punchevillers British Cemetery. (JM)
B: W. Auckland; E: B. Auckland.
On the Medal Roll. (ND/JM)

WORLD WAR TWO (1939-1945)

Clarence Anderson

1592302 Aircraftman 2nd Class
Clarence Anderson,
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,
died, age 18, on 22 November 1943.
Son of John Hope Anderson and Sarah Mary
Anderson, of West Auckland.
Grave in West Auckland Cemetery (
Sec. E. Row J. Grave 29). (JM)

Percy Anderson

T/156324 Driver Percy Anderson,
Royal Army Service Corp,
died, aged 25, on 22nd February 1945.
Son of John Hope Anderson and Sarah Mary
Anderson of West Auckland.
Buried in Yokohama War Cemetery. (JM)

Matthew Baxter

No details

Edmund Byers

1040977 LAC. Edmund Byers,
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,
died, aged 20, on 10th July 1942.
Son of John and Mary Alice Byers of
West Auckland.
Buried in St Catherine's Cemetery, Victoria,
Australia. (JM)

George Byers

1548843 Sergeant (Pilot) George Byers,
Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,
died, age 24, on 31 August 1943.
Son of John Nicholas and Annie I. Byers,
of West Auckland.
Buried in West Auckland Cemetery (Sec. D.
Row C. Grave 19). (JM)

Edgar Carrick

1659495 Gunner Edgar Carrick,
168 Battery, 56Lt A.A. Regiment, Royal
Artillery,
died, aged 32, on 8th March 1944.
Son of Thomas Harper Carrick and Alice
Carrick, Husband of Catherine May Carrick.
Buried in Beach Head war Cemetery,
Anzio. (JM)

Robert Clarke

1523869 Warrant Officer (Air Gnr.) Robert
Clarke, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve,
died, age 22, on 23 January 1946.
Son of John and Ivy Clarke, of West Auckland.
Buried in West Auckland Cemetery (Sec F,
Grave 86) (JM). **Grave extant** (MR)

Robert Crow

14217592 Lance Corporal Robert Crow, 19
Field Security Sec., Intelligence Corps,
died, age 36, on 27 September 1944.
Son of Robert William and Lavinia Ann Crow,
of Bishop Auckland; husband of Bertha Crow,
of Bishop Auckland.
Buried in West Auckland Cemetery (Sec F,
Grave 35) (JM) **Grave Extant** (MR)

Wilfred Curtis

4446379 Corporal, 2nd Battalion, Durham
Light Infantry,
died aged 33 on 15 May 1940.
Son of William and Elizabeth Marie Curtis,
husband of Hannah Jane Curtis of West
Auckland.

Buried in Leopoldburg War Cemetery. (JM)
Living relative - George Curtis,
Bishop Auckland. WC lived at 18 Salisbury
Square, West Auckland and was killed with the
British Expeditionary Force on the Maginot
Line. (MR)

Arthur Dickinson

A.B. Arthur Dickinson, Merchant Navy,
S.S. Malrix (Hull),
died, aged 29, on 17th December 1940.
Son of Francis William and Jane Dickinson.
Named on Tower Hill Memorial. (JM)

Cradoc Douthwaite

Son of Sid and Edna Douthwaite,
died of natural causes in
Newfoundland during the War.
Living relative/friend - Jean Longstaffe. (MR)

Reginald S Harrison

5338643 Private Reginald Stanley
Harrison, 1st Battalion, Royal Sussex
Regiment,
died, aged 25, on 12th July 1944.
Son of William and Anne Harrison
Husband of Eugenie Harrison.
Buried in Arezzo War Cemetery. (JM)

Henry C Howland

781374 Gunner Henry Charles Howland,
1st Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery,
died, aged 35, on 7th August 1944.
Son of Henry Charles and Alice Ada Howland,
Husband of Olive Brown Howland.
Buried in Kohima War Cemetery. (JM)

John E Huntington

2658528 Guardsman John Edward
Huntington, 1st Battalion, Coldstream
Guards,
died, aged 20, on 16th May 1940.
Son of John and M. H. Huntington.
Buried in Wilsle Churchyard. (JM)
He was born 23 May 1920 at 36 Riseburn,
Middridge, son of Ada Huntington. Came to
West Auckland when he was 14 and joined the
army when he was 17. He died near Louvain
and is buried in the cemetery there - Wilsle
Churchyard, Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant,
Belgium. - additional information by Mrs
Mary Tweddle (step-sister).

Dennis T Kelly

P/KX 178870 Stoker 2nd Class Dennison Thomas Kelly, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Isis, **died, aged 19, on 20th July 1944.** Son of Dennis and Lily Kelly, of West Auckland. Named on Portsmouth Naval Memorial. HMS Isis was a destroyer, and there is a memorial to the officers and crew in Portsmouth Cathedral. (Including Dennison Kelly). (JM)
Living relatives and friends - Tommy Kelly (brother), Billy Kelly (nephew), Jean Longstaffe (friend). (MR)

George E Lawrence

Third Officer George Edward Lawrence, Merchant Navy, S.S. Barbara Marie, **died, aged 23, on 12th June 1940.** Husband of Bettie Lawrence.
Named on Tower Hill Memorial. (JM)

John Mitton

A.B. John Mitton, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Jupiter, **died, aged 25, on 23rd August 1945.** Son of James and Mary Mitton.
Buried in Jakarta War Cemetery. (JM)

John Mooney

4457971 Private John Mooney, 1st Battalion, The Tyneside Scottish, Black Watch, **died, aged 26, on 16th April 1945.** Son of James and Jane Mooney.
Buried in Durnbach War Cemetery. (JM)

Joseph Morley

6212660 Gunner Joseph Morley, 93 Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery **died, aged 28, on 9th December 1944.** Son of Roland Simpson Morley and Joanna Morley Husband of Lily Morley.
Buried in Forli War Cemetery. (JM)

William Oates

No details

Ernest A Postgate

7383560 Private Ernest Albert Postgate, Royal Army Medical Corp, **died, aged 27, on 17th March 1944.** Son of Albert and Mary Jane Postgate.
Buried in Beach Head War Cemetery, Anzio. (JM)

Thomas Pybus

4000474 Aircraftman 2nd Class, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, **died, age 19, on 7th December 1946.** Son of Thomas and Mary Annie Pybus, of West Auckland.
Buried in West Auckland Cemetery (Sec. E. Row 1. Grave 45).

Jim M Raine

648020 Sergeant James Metcalfe Raine, Royal Air Force 61 Squadron, **died, aged 27, on 4th July 1942.** Son of James and Dora Raine.
Buried in Helsingborg Municipal Cemetery. (JM)

George Reed

No details.

James Richardson

C/JX 206122 Seaman James Richardson, Royal Navy, H.M.S. Registan, **died, aged 23, on 27th May 1941.** Son of James and Edith Richardson.
Named on Chatham Naval Memorial. (JM)

James T Robinson

1738058 Gunner James Thomas Robinson, Royal Artillery 524 Battery, 55 A.A./Anti-tank Regiment, **died, aged 35, on 30th May 1944.** Son of Frank and Rose Robinson, husband of Alice Louisa Robinson.
Buried in Gauhati War Cemetery. (JM)

John Routledge

1515005 Gunner John Routledge, 85 Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery, **died, aged 26, on 12 September 1944.** Son of William and Helen Routledge, Husband of Doreen Routledge.
Named on Singapore Memorial. (JM)

Harry Siddle

P/JX 157301 A.B. Henry Taylor Siddle, Royal Navy H.M.S. Dunedin, **died age 19, on 24th November 1941.** **Named on Portsmouth Naval Memorial. (JM)**
He lived at Tindale Crescent.
Living relative - Eileen Stonehouse (niece), 48 Toadpool, 01388-833009.
Family research. (MR)

Thomas Simpson

P/JX130467 A.B. Thomas Simpson, Royal Navy H.M.S. Barham, **died, aged 30, on 25th November 1941.** Son of Thomas and Hannah Simpson. Husband of Gladys Simpson.
Named on Portsmouth Naval Memorial.

John L Smurthwaite

No details.

Norman Stout

1556854 Gunner Norman Edward Stout, 144 Battery, 133 Lt. A.A. Regiment., Royal Artillery, **died, age 26, on 20 July 1943.** Son of Arthur and Agnes Stout; husband of Greta May Stout, of Bishop Auckland.
Buried in West Auckland Cemetery (Sec D, Row B, Grave 31). (JM)

Edgar Stones

14658744 Lance Corporal Edgar Stones, 194 Provost Company, Corps of Royal Military Police, **died age unknown on 8th June 1947.** Buried in Ohlsdorf Cemetery, Zentralfriedhof, Hamburg Cemetery (Plot ref 9A/K/4). (JM)
Living relatives and friends – Kenneth Stones (brother) Mary Heaviside, nee Stones, (niece), Jean Longstaffe (friend).
He joined up c. 1939, aged 17 (JL). He first joined the Army Reconnaissance Corps, then moved after the war to the Royal Military Police ('red cap').
He died of natural causes (yellow fever) on 8 June 1947 in Germany during post-war operations. (MH). (MR) On CWGC list. (JM)

Eileen Stones

W/36474 Sgt Eileen Stones,
Auxiliary Territorial Service,

died, age 24, on 26th November 1946.

Daughter of John George and Minnie Foster,
of Bishop Auckland; wife of William Stones, of
West Auckland.

Found on CWGC.

**Buried in West Auckland Cemetery
(Sec F, Grave 2). (JM)**

Living relative - Mary Heaviside,
nee Stones, (niece).

Harold Tallentire

13107828 Private Harold Tallentire,
Pioneer Corps,

died, age 44, 26 October 1945.

Son of John and Mary E. Tallentire.

**Buried in West Auckland Cemetery
(Sec F, Grave 81) (JM)**

James K Wade

14311839 Lance Corporal
James Kears Wade, Royal Engineers,

died, aged 22, on 4 September 1945.

Son of James Kears Wade and Annie Wade, of
West Auckland.

**Buried in West Auckland Cemetery, (Sec F
Grave 79) (JM)**

Harry Wilkinson

14566946 Private Harry Wilkinson, 10th
Battalion, Durham Light Infantry,

died, aged 19, on 11th July 1944.

Son of Wilfred and Mabel Wilkinson.

Buried in Tilly-sur-Seulles War Cemetery.

Lived at Diamond Terrace, West Auckland.
Living relative - Harry Howe (cousin) (JM)

NORTHERN IRELAND

Bill Robson

No details.