



MALPAS 100 YEARS ON LEST WE FORGET

MYSTERY OF 11 NAMES

Men with local connections are not named on the Malpas War Memorial - and have not been found on any UK civic listing.

It is not known why this happened.

They include **Lawrence Lewis**, yet another victim of the Battle of the Somme in July 1916, who was killed by shrapnel. There is a plaque to his father, Joseph, inside the Jubilee Hall entrance.

Tushingham-born **John Roberts** was a policeman before enlisting. He died, aged 32, at Ypres in Belgium in November 1914.

The father and step-mother of **Philip Arthur Fox** (27) lived in Malpas. The farm labourer died in Belgium in June 1917.

Malpas-born **Alfred Ridgway** died, aged 27, on the first day of the Battle of Passchendaele in Belgium in October 1917.

Percy Chapman came to The Bolling in March 1915

after being injured at Ypres. Then in July 1917, at St Oswald's, he married Maud Mould of Kidnal House. He died in France in March 1918.

The family of **Ernest Oswald Jones** moved from Oldcastle to Warrington after his birth. He died, aged 27, in England in June 1918.

Annie Dutton lived at Kidnal when she married **George Mackay**. Almost a year before, in October 1914, he had enlisted in

the Royal Flying Corps. The 29 year old was serving in Iraq in August 1918 when he died of his wounds.

Ernest Holland was born in Malpas before his family moved to New Ferry. He died, aged 38, in France in August 1918.

And **Charles Vickers** (28), of the South Lancashire Regiment died in October 1918, shortly after his wife and their two young children. The family lived in Bickerton.

Two of the 11 men were buried in Malpas Cemetery.

Robert Stewart died at The Bolling, aged 36, in May 1915 after being wounded at Ypres in Belgium. He was a Scotsman who had emigrated to Australia where he married, but returned to England to enlist.

Wilfred Simon Hopley (24) of Cross o'th' Hill died in October 1918. He had enlisted with the Reserve Cavalry Regiment in March 1916 but was discharged as medically unfit, without seeing active service overseas.