

## THE MEMORIALS

The memorials on the floor and walls of the chancel, and elsewhere, are to the memory of various squires and their families who occupied the Manor House, such as the Herberts and the Noyes from the 17<sup>th</sup>.c, down to that of George Merrick Fowler in the nave, who died in 1935. He was High Sherriff of Oxfordshire, and farmed the land on which the houses of Manor Drive now stand.

There is a particularly interesting memorial on the south wall of the nave to James Salisbury, of Bullingdon Green, (which is the area to the south-west of Horspath adjoining Cowley), which has a charming epitaph:

*"Farewell my wife and children  
Whom I did love so dear.  
I'm gone to rest, you need not fear.  
And as for me, no sorrow make  
But love my children for my sake."*

## THE VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL.

Most prominent of all is the village WAR MEMORIAL, on the east wall of the south transept, erected by public subscription after the First World War. As only their names appear here, it is interesting to delve beyond, and discover what these Horspath men did in that great conflict which affected every village so deeply:

Sergeant Joseph Bricknell , Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry. Died 22 Nov 1915, aged 26, at the battle of Ctesiphon, near Baghdad. He is commemorated on the Basra War Memorial, and has no known grave.

Lance-Corporal William Crook, Royal Glos. Hussars. Died 13<sup>th</sup>. December, 1915, aged 23. Wounded at Gallipoli, and evacuated to Alexandria, where he died of his wounds, and lies in the cemetery there.

Private James Munt, died 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sept., 1916, aged 22, and Private George Chiddington, died 21<sup>st</sup>. January, 1917, aged 20. Both of the Gloucester Regiment, they joined up together and were both killed at the battle of Loos. Their names appear on the Loos Memorial, since they too have no known grave.

Sergeant William Harris, Ox & Bucks Light Infantry. Died 15<sup>th</sup>. June, 1918, aged 24. Killed at the battle of Asiago, high in the Italian Alps, where he rests. (Opposing Sgt. Harris in that battle was a certain Lt. Erwin Rommel !).

The next three men were all members of the Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry, and were lost during the long and bloody Ypres campaign.

Private Joseph Heritage, died 24<sup>th</sup>. Sept., 1915, aged 29. Rests in the Guards cemetery, "Windy Corner", Cuinchy, France.

Private George Hinton, died 22<sup>nd</sup>. June, 1916, aged 22. He has no known grave; his name appears on the Menin Gate memorial.

Sergeant William Hinton, died 10<sup>th</sup>. Sept., 1917, aged 22. He rests in Tyne Cot cemetery.

There is also a separate brass memorial in the north wall of the nave to another WW.1 casualty, Lieutenant Haldane Day Stokes, M.V.O., of the King's Own Royal Lancashire Regiment. Killed in action on 17<sup>th</sup>. Feb., 1915, aged 29, also at Ypres. He was not a Horspath man, but his parents, from Cowley, worshipped here, and are buried in the churchyard. Lt. Stokes lies in the Tuileries Cemetery.

There are but two names on the War Memorial for the Second World War.

Sergeant Stanley Charles Hinton, Royal Artillery. Died 25<sup>th</sup>. Nov., 1942, aged 37.

L/Sergeant Frederick George Lambert, Royal Artillery. Died 7<sup>th</sup>. July, 1942, aged 42.

Both men were long-serving soldiers, with official numbers very close to each other, and both became casualties of the Burma campaign. Their names appear on the Yokohama Cremation Memorial.

This memorial was restored and coloured in 1965 by the Horspath & District Branch of the Royal British Legion, and next to the this memorial hangs a hand-written ROLL OF HONOUR, containing all the names of those from this village who served in the Armed Services during the Second World War.

The memorial can be seen on the next page.



† TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE  
FROM THIS PARISH WHO GAVE  
THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR

1914-1918.  
Joseph Bricknell.  
William Crook.  
George Chiddington.  
William Harris.  
Joseph Heritage.  
George Hinton.  
William Hinton.  
James Munt.  
R.I.P.

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT  
I HAVE FINISHED THE COURSE  
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

1939-1945  
Stanley Charles Hinton  
Frederick George Lambert



Horspath Village War Memorial