

## FUNDER FILMS CIC WYE CHILHAM CHARTHAM: SCENE FROM THE TRAIN 1914-18

This summer, local communities in Wye, Chilham and Chartham turned detective to unearth the stories of our villages' fallen soldiers and discover what happened to those who stayed. The result was a mobile exhibition which was taken into Wye School, Wye Heritage Centre and Wye station, with a film of the project currently underway.

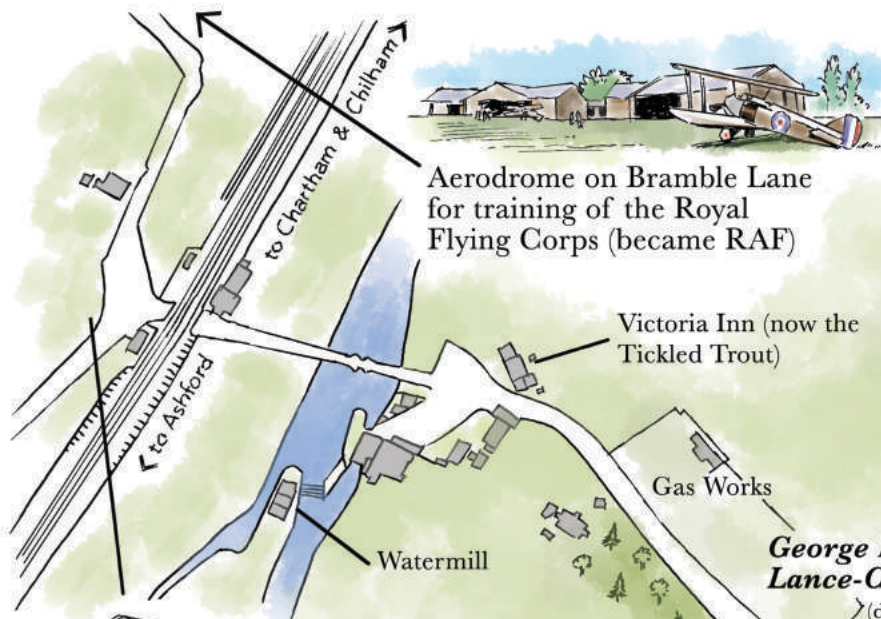
### Key findings were:

- How the community worked together to raise the equivalent of £2,000 a month to support the influx of refugees (20 in Wye alone).
- The role local buildings played, from hosting fundraising committees to housing billeted soldiers, we have uncovered some amazing stories and archive photographs.
- Wye Aerodrome: training airfield for the Royal Flying Corps. During the project, diaries written by mechanic Corporal Gordon Tucker were discovered, recording several flying expeditions and daredevil stunts undertaken by the young pilots.
- The establishment of a hospital supplies depot, ran by volunteers, which produced over 65,000 items for the front line including bandages, swabs, dressings, splints and crutches.
- Identification of the houses in Wye where fallen soldiers lived. We notified the current owners of this history, commissioned a local illustrator to produce a map and put a commemoration display on in the village.

The feedback we've received has been very positive and we hope to put all our material into a booklet in due course.







Aerodrome on Bramble Lane  
for training of the Royal  
Flying Corps (became RAF)

Victoria Inn (now the  
Tickled Trout)

Gas Works

Watermill



'The Hut' club for servicemen  
stationed in Wye

**Alfred Charles Young Private**  
The Old Manor House (died aged 19)  
'The Bailiff's House'



**James Stephen Allard Pte**  
'Zealds House' (died aged 19)

**William Colbran Maxted**  
(died aged 20)

**John W Foster Pte**  
(died aged 32)

**George Darrell  
Lance-Corporal**  
(died aged 23)

**Leonard Croucher Pte**  
(died aged 26)

**Frederick A Lusted Sgt**  
(died aged 23)

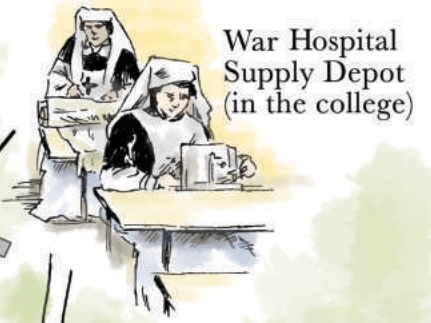


**William L Lewis PW**  
(died aged 32)

**Frederick Slaughter Pte**  
**Thomas Alick Slaughter Pte**  
(drowned while training, aged 21)



**Leslie Hickmott Back CQMS**  
(died aged 25) 'Back's Stores'



War Hospital  
Supply Depot  
(in the college)

Wye  
College

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**Harry Percy  
Birchett Pte**  
(died aged 31)

**Albert Davies Nickalls  
Corporal** (died aged 50)  
'Rock Cottage'



**Withersdane**  
Mrs Barnard lived here  
- a major fundraiser for &  
organiser of the war effort



## ALSO FALLEN

In memory of the fallen soldiers who lived outside the map  
area or whose address in Wye is uncertain:

**Albert John Basson**  
Sergt (died aged 24) UPPER BRIDGE STREET

**Christopher Bushell**  
Lieut Col (died aged 30) Awarded the Victoria Cross DSO

**The Viscount Ipswich Fitzroy 'Tim'**  
Lieut Coldstream Guards (died aged 33)

**H G Goldup**  
L-Corp (died aged 33) DOWNS FARM

**A G Handcock**  
(died aged 18) PICKERSDANE

**F J Handcock**  
Pte (died aged 18) PICKERSDANE

**W E Handcock**  
Pte (died aged 26) PICKERSDANE

**J R Horton**  
Pte (died aged 32) WITHERSDANE

**Arnold Frost Hood-Daniel**  
Capt (died aged 35) WYE COLLEGE

**C W Jemmett**  
Lieut (died aged 32) WITHERSDANE

**Edward 'Teddie' Lamberton**  
Pte (died aged 37) CHURCH STREET

**Sydney Newport**  
Pte (died aged 38) BRIDGE ST

**Frederick Walter Pemble**  
Pte (died aged 39) BRIDGE STREET

**Cecil Reynolds**  
Pte (died aged 19) BRIDGE STREET

**T E Worrell**  
Kent Cyclists (died aged 21) SCOTTON STREET







Soldiers entering Wye just past what is now The Tickled Trout pub. Photo: courtesy Vera Wyld and Wye Historical Society