



Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers
Great War Memorial Booklet

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This Booklet has been produced after five years of commemorations across the Guild marking the centenary of the Great War. It is fully illustrated throughout.

An original artwork created for the Guild by Westbury artist Helen Chester (www.helenchesterarts.co.uk), great granddaughter of Private Fred Kerley (killed 1914), pictured above, depicts the 89 known ringers from the Diocese who were killed in the war, against a backdrop of our cathedral and some of the churches where they rang. The front 15 ringers are actual likenesses, drawn from contemporary photographs. This picture is shown on the front cover of the Booklet.

Contents include: Guild Memorial and Cathedral Commemorations, Ringers from the Diocese who Died (biographical details and details of ringing commemorations), Towers and Branches, The 'Ypres Bells', Other Commemorative Ringing and Events, Armistice Centenary and Post war. The Booklet also contains wartime extracts from Guild Reports and The Ringing World.

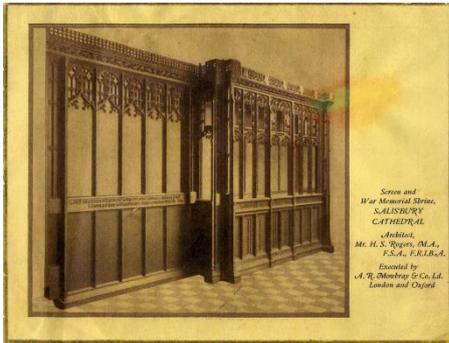
"For the first time, in this publication, you will have in one place information that previously stood separately. The impact of the whole is all the more moving. Guild members and those from beyond will value

and appreciate this Booklet both now and in years to come". Robert Wellen, Guild Master and compiler of the Booklet.

"Lest we forget, this history reminds us of real people and costly lives—people from our communities, our predecessors committed to ringing bells in towers where we now stand. It is good to know them by name and to recognise their significance for us today". An extract from a Foreword to the Booklet by +Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury and Patron of the Guild



The pre-war (1912-13) Edington football team which has four of the ringers in it. From the left: back row (first) Leonard Drewett, (fourth) John Frederick Pike Lawes; middle row (fifth) William John Wheeler (3) and front row (second) Reginald Charles Rogers.
Picture: Central Council Rolls of Honour



Cathedral Memorial Screen: "The work to the screen, designed by H.S. Rogers, FSA., FRIBA., and executed by R. Mowbray & Co Ltd, London and Oxford, was completed by the time of the 1931 Annual Meeting in Sherborne".
(contemporary picture right provided by Neil Skelton).



Three of the 89 known ringers from the Diocese of Salisbury to have been killed in the war:

Left: Private Harold Butcher: Trowbridge. Died 04/06/1917, aged 27.
Picture: <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Butcher-2532>

Middle: Lance Corporal William John Wheeler: Edington. Died 23/03/1918, aged 26.
Picture: Reproduced by permission Edington Priory Church.

Right: Gunner William Henry Hardiman: Bridport. Died 07/11/1917, aged 29. *Picture: William Hardiman with his wife Emma, and sons Bertram and Leonard (recently discovered picture now hanging in Bridport ringing chamber). Central Council Rolls of Honour.*

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