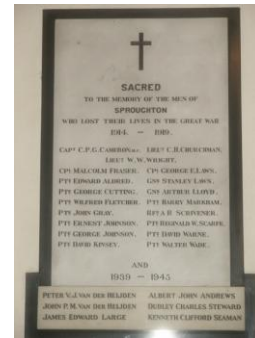


## Sproughton, Suffolk – WAR MEMORIAL

War memorial in the Church; Roll of Honour in the Vestry

There is a memorial book, compiled in 2003 by Jennifer Jones, in the Parish Church, containing photographs of the graves or memorials of most of the men of the North Samford Benefice (Belstead, Bentley, Burstall, Copdock & Washbrook, Sproughton and Tattingstone) who died in the First World War.


This document was researched by Jean Austin 2006.



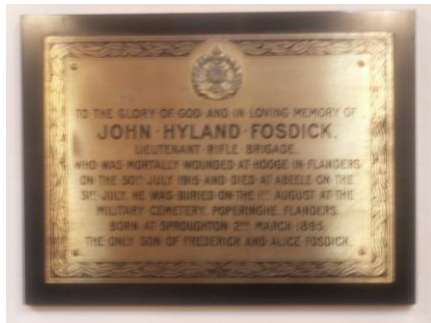
### Sacred To the men of Sproughton Who lost their lives in the Great War 1914 - 1919

<b>1914-1918</b>		
<b>Alldred</b>	<b>Ephraim</b>	Private 20877 5 <sup>th</sup> Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Died of wounds received in action 25 April 1917 France/Flanders. Born 1884 Coddendam, son of James and Harriett Alldred. EADT 28 April 1917 - Deaths Whilst on Service: Died from wounds received in action Private Ephraim Alldred, husband of Louisa Alldred of Coddendam, late of The Lodge, Chantry Grove, Sproughton. King's Shropshire Light Infantry, age 33. Buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial. Ephraim Alldred married Ellen Louise Clover Ipswich December qtr 1903.
<b>Cameron</b>	<b>Charles P G</b>	Captain attached to the Royal Garrison Artillery. Died 30 April 1918 France/Flanders. Born 1885. Buried at Arneke Cemetery, France and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial.
<b>Churchman</b>	<b>Charles H</b>	Captain 6 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Killed in action 3 May 1917 France/Flanders. Born 1895 Ipswich, son of Arthur Churchman, who was a tobacco manufacturer. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France and on the Sproughton war memorial.

<b>Cutting</b>	<b>Leonard</b>	Private 202275 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment (formerly 2635 Suffolk Yeomanry). Died of wounds 2 May 1917 France/Flanders. Born Raydon, his family had moved to St Matthews, Ipswich by 1901. Buried in the Warlincourt Halte British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and commemorated on the Sroughton war memorial.
<b>Fraser</b>	<b>Malcolm</b>	L/Corporal 12350 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Killed in action 17 July 1915 France/Flanders. Born 1894 Sroughton. Buried in Cavalaire (Essex) Military Cemetery, Comines-Warneton, Hainaut, Belgium and commemorated on the Sroughton war memorial.
<b>Fletcher</b>	<b>Wilfrid</b>	Private 3831 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Died 11 March 1916. Born 3 April 1882 at Whitton son of Isaac and Rosetta Fletcher. EADT 14 March 1916 - Deaths Whilst on Service: on 11 March at the Eastern Counties Hospital, Cambridge, Wilfrid, 4 <sup>th</sup> Suffolks, son of Isaac Fletcher of Sroughton, age 32. Enlisted Ipswich. Buried in Sroughton Churchyard (South East corner) and commemorated on the Sroughton war memorial.
<b>Gray</b>	<b>John</b>	Private 202250 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment formerly 3920 Suffolk Regiment. Died of wounds 23 April 1917, France/Flanders, Born 1894 Eyke, son of William and Harriet Gray. EADT 22 March 1918 - Deaths Whilst on Service: on 23 April 1917, previously reported missing, Private J Gray, Suffolk Regiment, previously Suffolk Yeomanry, now reported killed on that day. Son of Mr and Mrs W Gray, Ivywell Farm, Sroughton, age 23. Enlisted Ipswich. Commemorated on the Arras Memorial, France and Sroughton war memorial.
<b>Johnson</b>	<b>Ernest James</b>	Private 29711, 4th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment. Killed in action 27 March 1918, France/Flanders. Born 1887 Sroughton son of Joseph and Hannah Johnson. Wife of Florence Ada Johnson of Reading Room Cottage, Sroughton. Among his siblings were two sets of twins - William (who died soon after birth) and Arthur born in 1891 and George and William born 1893. Enlisted Bury St Edmunds, lived Belstead. Commemorated on the Arras memorial, France and on the Belstead and Sroughton war memorials. Also commemorated (with his brother George who was also killed in action in France) on his parents' gravestone in Sroughton Churchyard (at East end of Churchyard, between church and river and near a Horse Chestnut tree). Ernest Johnson married Florence Whitman Ipswich September qtr 1913.

<p><b>Johnson</b></p>	<p><b>George</b></p>	<p>Private G/3081 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion East Kent Regiment (The Buffs). Killed in action 29 August 1915 France/Flanders. Born 1893 Sproughton, twin son of Joseph and Hannah Johnson and brother of above Ernest James Johnson. Commemorated on the Thiepval memorial and on the Sproughton war memorial. Also commemorated (with his brother Ernest who was also killed in action in France) on his parents' gravestone in Sproughton Churchyard (at East end of Churchyard, between church and river and near a Horse Chestnut tree)</p> 
<p><b>Kinsey</b></p>	<p><b>David</b></p>	<p>Private 11360 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Fusiliers. Killed in Action 25 November 1917 France. Born 1893 Copdock, son of Eldred and Eliza Kinsey (living in 'Chantry Row' Sproughton in 1901); husband of Mrs Grace Kinsey. EADT 11 January 1918 – Deaths Whilst on Service: On 25 November 1917, killed in action in the recent battle near Cambrai Private David E Kinsey, beloved husband of Grace Kinsey of 31 Rosebery Road, Ipswich. Commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louveral Military Cemetery, France and on the Sproughton war memorial. David Kinsey married Grace Snelling Fulham district June qtr 1915</p>
<p><b>Laws</b></p>	<p><b>George Ernest</b></p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Corporal 5<sup>th</sup> Signal Company Royal Engineers. Died 1 August 1916 Somme, France. Born 1890 Sproughton, son of John and Alice Laws (John Laws was Bailiff at 'Boss Hall Farm' in 1901; later of Railway Cottages, Sproughton Road, Ipswich). EADT 24 August 1916 – Deaths Whilst in Service: Laws, killed in action on 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> August Cpl Ernest Laws 24518 RE, dearly loved third son of J and E Laws, Boss Hall, Sproughton in his 26<sup>th</sup> year. Buried in Dantzig Alley Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial. His brother, Stanley Laws also killed in action.</p>

<b>Laws</b>	<b>Stanley</b>	Private 1524 26 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Australian Infantry AIF Unit. Died 20 September 1917 France/Flanders. Born 1894 Sproughton, son of John and Alice Laws (John Laws was Bailiff at 'Boss Hall Farm' in 1901; later of Railway Cottages, Sproughton Road, Ipswich). He is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Eiper and on the Sproughton war memorial. His brother, George Laws also killed in action.
<b>Lloyd</b>	<b>Arthur</b>	Gunner 876342, 'A' Battalion 94 <sup>th</sup> Brigade Royal Field Artillery. Died 10 October 1917. Born 1895 Burstall, son of Edgar and Annie Lloyd. Buried in Lijsemthoek Military Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial.
<b>Markham</b>	<b>Harry</b>	Private 10418 219 <sup>th</sup> Company Machine Gun Corps. Died 15 July 1917 Belgium. Born 14 April 1882 Sproughton, son of Elijah and Emma Markham (of Lower Street, Sproughton in 1901; later of 10 Chantry Row, Sproughton); husband of Mrs L Markham (of 15 Chantry Row, Sproughton). EADT 1 August 1917 - Deaths Whilst on Service: 1 August 1917, killed in action on 15 July on the eve of commencing his leave, second son of Mr and Mrs E Markham of Sproughton, age 35, he left a widow and five children to mourn their loss. Buried in Coxjde Military Cemetery, West Flanders, Belgium and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial. Harry Markham married Lilian Bedingfield Samford district March qtr 1906
<b>Scarfe</b>	<b>Reginald Wilfred</b>	Private 17853 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Killed in action 11 August 1915 France/Flanders. Born Witnesham, son of William and Hannah Scarfe. Enlisted Ipswich. Buried in the Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heyvolland, West Flanders, Belgium and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial.
<b>Scrivener</b>	<b>Albert R</b>	Rifleman 13/41453 13 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Irish Rifles. Died of wounds 8 December 1917. Born 1881 Sproughton son of Alfred and Mary Ann Scrivener of 9 Chantry Row, Sproughton. Buried in Sproughton Churchyard (in South East corner) and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial.
<b>Wade</b>	<b>Walter</b>	WR/21685 Pioneer 309 <sup>th</sup> Road Construction Company, Royal Engineers. Died 24 August 1918 France. Born 1890. Husband of Mrs K Wade (of 4 Chantry Row, Sproughton circa 1920). Buried in Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial. Walter Wade married Kate Goode Stow district December qtr 1911

<b>Warne</b>	<b>David</b>	Private 12528 7 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment. Died of wounds 25 November 1915 France/Flanders. Born 1895 Kettleburgh. Enlisted Ipswich. Buried in Chocques Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial.
<b>Wright</b>	<b>Walter Whitmore</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt 276 <sup>th</sup> Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. Killed in action 23 August 1917, France. Born 1889 Ipswich, son of Henry and Mary Wright (in 1901 living at 'The Beeches' Hadleigh Road, Sproughton). EADT 29 August 1917 - Deaths Whilst on Service: killed in action in France, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt W Whitmore Wright, son of Mr and Mrs Henry J Wright, The Beeches, Hadleigh Road, Ipswich, age 27. Buried in The Huts Cemetery, Eiper, Belgium and commemorated on the Sproughton war memorial.
<b>Not on the Sproughton War Memorial but plaque in the Church</b>		
<b>Fosdick</b>	<b>John Hyland</b>	Lt, Rifle Brigade, Wounded at Hooge, Flanders 30 July 1915, died 31 July 1915, buried Poperinghe (Lijssenthoek Cemetery) 1 August 1915. Born 1885 Sproughton, only son of Frederick and Alice Fosdick. At the time of Lt Fosdick's death, his widowed mother lived at Eastbourne.  
<b>And</b>		
<b>1939-1945</b>		
<b>Van der Heyden</b>	<b>Peter V J</b>	No further information currently available
<b>Van der Heyden</b>	<b>John P M</b>	No further information currently available
<b>Longe</b>	<b>James Edward</b>	No further information currently available
<b>Andrews</b>	<b>Albert John</b>	Private 1/6 <sup>th</sup> Bn Queen's Royal Regt (West Surrey). Killed 27 February 1943, Age 29. Son of Albert and Adelaide Andrews of Sproughton. Buried in Tripoli War Cemetery
<b>Steward</b>	<b>Dudley Charles</b>	Asst Steward RN HMS Prince of Wales. Died 10 December 1941, age 29. Son of Charles and Amelia Steward, husband of Dorothy Steward. Commemorated on the Chatham Memorial. See more information on HMS Prince of Wales on last page of the 'Sproughton' section.

<b>Seaman</b>	<b>Kenneth Clifford</b>	Private, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bn Middlesex Regt. Died 9 August 1944, age 20. Buried in St Charles de Percy War Cemetery, France.
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### ***HMS Prince of Wales (Battleship, 1941-1941)***

HMS *Prince of Wales*, a 35,000-ton *King George V* class battleship built Birkenhead, England, was completed in March 1941. In late May, while still not fully operational, she was sent into action with the German battleship *Bismarck* and received significant damage from heavy gunfire. Following repairs, *Prince of Wales* carried Prime Minister Winston Churchill across the Atlantic to Newfoundland. There, on 9-12 August, Churchill joined U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt for the Atlantic Charter conference, the first meeting between the two English-speaking leaders of what was emerging as the "Grand Alliance" against the Axis powers.

Following her return to British waters, *Prince of Wales* went to the Mediterranean, where she successfully engaged Italian planes off Malta in late September. Sent to the Far East with the battlecruiser HMS *Repulse* to counter the swiftly developing Japanese threat in the region, she arrived on 2 December 1941. On 8 December, the day of the Pearl Harbor Raid on the other side of the International Date Line, the Japanese landed in northern Malaya. *Prince of Wales*, *Repulse* and four destroyers were sent to attack the invasion force. After finding no targets, the British ships were returning to Singapore when, late in the morning of 10 December, they were attacked by a strong force of Japanese high-level bombers and torpedo planes. With no friendly planes to protect them, both heavy ships were hit several times. *Repulse* sank at about 1230. *Prince of Wales* capsized and followed her to the bottom less than an hour later with the loss of several hundred lives. The first capital ships to be sunk by air attack while operating on the high seas, their loss further shocked a naval world already stunned by the events at Pearl Harbor only a few days earlier.



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### **Sproughton:**

No information can be found for Peter V J or John P M van der Hayden on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission list.

There is a Peter van der Hejden listed under 'Sproughton' in Kelly's 1933 Directory.

The names sound 'Dutch' and perhaps they had a connection with the Beet Sugar Factory on Sproughton Road. This was established in the early 1920's and a number of Dutch people came over to manage this. Did they perhaps return to The Netherlands where they were killed but as they had connections with Sproughton, their names are on the war memorial.