

Thornbury War Memorial

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At the end of the First World War, Thornbury, like other towns and villages, wanted to erect a memorial to those local people who had lost their lives serving the country. A committee was set up to consider what form the memorial should take and where it should be located. The design suggested was in the shape of a cross 26 feet high. The names of the fallen were to be engraved on the bottom stones.

Five sites were initially suggested: (1) The Plain on the site of the Pump, (2) on the High Street between the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel and the Register Office, (3) on the High Street between the Post Office (then located where the Thai Restaurant is now) and the Market Hall (now Wildings shop), (4) on Pullins Green and (5) on the Green by St Mary's Church. The Committee gave serious consideration to three sites, the ones on Pullins Green, The Plain and the green near the Church. The Committee sent out 400 forms to relatives of the fallen asking for their opinions. Of the 71 forms returned, 42 voted for the site on The Plain and 29 for the site by the Church. Although the Committee recognised that there would be a problem removing the pump on The Plain, they advised the adoption of that site. The Council were divided on the subject but, in the end, they agreed to The Plain site subject to being able to move the pump.

We don't know what happened next – but we do know that the memorial was erected inside the Church grounds where it now stands.

The cost of the scheme was estimated as £710 but the architects thought it could be done by a local man for £600. There was a major appeal to collect money to pay for the work. The Gazette dated 27th December 1919 contains a list of the contributions obtained by each collector:

| Collected by Messrs Hall and Bond | | Collected by Mr R. R. Warren | | Collected by Messrs Prewett & Huins | |
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| Lady Jenkinson | 10. 10.0 | Mr T. Exell | 20.0.0 | Mr & Mrs Hawkins | 5.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs G. H. Hall | 5.0.0 | Mr & Mrs E. M. Grace & Lt M. V. Grace | 5.5.0 | Mr & Mrs Huins | 5.0.0 |
| Mrs Lloyd | 5.0.0 | Dr & Mrs Rhind | 5.5.0 | Messrs Trayhurn | 3.0.0 |
| Dr L.H. Williams | 5.0.0 | Mr & Mrs Talbot | 5.5.0 | Mr T.E. English | 2.2.0 |
| Mr & Mrs J.H. Bond | 4.0.0 | Mr & Mrs John Taylor | 5.5.0 | Mr & Mrs Horsman | 2.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Gilbert Symes | 3.0.0 | Mr & Mrs E. P. Weatherhead | 5.5.0 | Sergt & Miss Clark | 1.1.0 |
| Messrs Savery & Sons | 2.2.0 | Mr & Mrs J.H. Williams | 5.5.0 | Mr A. Prewett | 1.1.0 |
| Mrs Bounskill | 2.0.0 | Mr John T Chambers | 5.0.0 | Mr G. M. Williams | 10.0 |
| Mrs Meyer | 2.0.0 | Mr Maurice Chambers | 5.0.0 | Mrs Cripps | 5.0 |
| Mr S Phipps | 2.0.0 | Mr & Mrs F. W. Davies | 5.0.0 | Mrs Young | 4.0 |
| Col & Mrs Rowcroft | 2.0.0 | Mr W. Wills | 5.0.0 | Mr Young | 3.0 |
| Mr W. H Watson | 2.0.0 | Mr Thompson | 3.0.0 | Mr G. D. Barrett | 2.6 |
| Mr Cadogan | 1.1.0 | Mr & Mrs J.C. Cullimore | 2.2.0 | Miss Baylis | 2.6 |
| Mr W Eddington | 1.1.0 | Mr C. B. Cooper | 2.2.0 | Mrs Coles | 2.6 |
| Mr S Fudge | 1.1.0 | Mr & Mrs Dolling | 2.2.0 | Mr Cook | 2.6 |
| Mr Edgar W Pitcher | 1.1.0 | Miss Greenfield | 2.2.0 | Mr Dearing | 2.6 |
| Mr L.T. Thurston | 1.1.0 | Mr H. Plant | 2.2.0 | Mr Phillips | 2.6 |
| Nurse J. E. Hathaway | 1.0.0 | Mr G. B. Symes | 2.2.0 | Mr Purnell | 2.6 |
| Mr & Miss Hawkes | 1.0.0 | Mr R. R. Warren | 2.2.0 | Mr Riddiford | 2.6 |
| Mrs Mackie | 1.0.0 | Mr Joseph Pavey | 2.0.0 | Mr Liddiatt | 2.0 |
| Mr A.E. Penduck | 1.0.0 | Mr Frank Symes | 2.0.0 | Mrs Lambert | 1.6 |
| Mrs J. Staley | 1.0.0 | Miss R. C. Willis | 2.0.0 | Mr Wakefield | 1.6 |

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| Mr H.J. Thurston | 1.0.0 | Mr & Mrs E. J. Underhill | 1.10.0 | Mrs Carwardine | 1.0 |
| Lt. Godfrey Hall | 10.0 | Mr Edward Brown | 1.1.0 | Miss Coles | 1.0 |
| Mr Thurnburn S Hall | 10.0 | Mr S. H. Gayner | 1.1.0 | Mrs Essex & Mrs Cook | 1.0 |
| Mr Arthur H Alsop | 10.0 | Mr W. C. Hadley | 1.1.0 | Mr F. Gough | 1.0 |
| Mrs Brooks | 10.0 | Mr C. H. Parsons | 1.1.0 | Mrs Long | 1.0 |
| Miss Brooks | 10.0 | Mr A. C. Pitcher | 1.1.0 | Mr Pearce | 1.0 |
| Miss Commeline | 10.0 | Mr L. Pitcher | 1.1.0 | Mr Salisbury | 1.0 |
| Miss Cornock | 10.0 | Mr R. C. Warren | 1.1.0 | Mrs Savery | 1.0 |
| Miss E. Gough | 10.0 | Mr F. Williams | 1.1.0 | Mr W. Stinchcombe | 1.0 |
| Miss Mackie | 10.0 | Mr W. Yarnold | 1.1.0 | Mr Berryman | 6 |
| Mr & Mrs Mason | 10.0 | Mr R. Carter | 1.0.0 | Mr Higgins Snr | 6 |
| Mr & Miss Power | 10.0 | Mrs W. J. Carter | 1.0.0 | Mr James | 6 |
| Mr Maurice Symes | 10.0 | Mr Allan C. Hunter | 1.0.0 | Mrs H. Smith | 6 |
| Mr W.C. Bryant | 6.6 | Mr J. Michael | 1.0.0 | Mr White | 6 |
| Mr & Mrs L. Hall | 5.0 | Mr R. H. Smith | 1.0.0 | Mrs Gough | 3 |
| | | Mr J. E. Phelps | 10.6 | Mr Liddiatt | 3 |
| Miss L. Bird | 5.0 | Miss L. V. Warren | 10.6 | Mr J. W. Trayhurn | 3 |
| Miss B. Cole | 5.0 | Miss E. Hall | 10.0 | Total | £23.7.3 |
| Enots | 5.0 | Miss Rush | 10.0 | | |
| Mrs S. Gale | 5.0 | Mrs Carter | 10.0 | Collected by Mr H. Beszant | |
| Mrs W. Gale | 5.0 | Miss Alice Carter | 10.0 | Mr H. Beszant | 1.1.0 |
| Miss F. Gingell | 5.0 | Mrs F. Jones | 10.0 | Mr S. Beszant | 1.1.0 |
| Miss H. Hodges | 5.0 | Mr F. C. Poole | 10.0 | Mr Spencer | 10.6 |
| Miss Jenkinson | 5.0 | Mrs Catherine Poole | 10.0 | Mr & Mrs Brace | 10.0 |
| Miss Lloyd | 5.0 | Mr Edward James | 8.0 | Mrs Hewlett | 10.0 |
| Mrs & Miss Ongley | 5.0 | Miss A. A. Anne | 5.0 | Mr Barrett | 5.0 |
| Miss S. Rees | 5.0 | Mr W. J. Blizzard | 5.0 | Mr G. Longden | 5.0 |
| Miss S. Sargent | 5.0 | Miss E. Jones | 5.0 | Mrs Poole | 5.0 |
| Miss Swindale | 5.0 | Miss Mallis | 5.0 | Mr & Mrs Peters | 3.0 |
| Mr E. Timbrell | 5.0 | Mr E. J. Ponting | 5.0 | Mr F. Pinnell | 2.0 |
| Mr H. White | 5.0 | Mrs Baylis | 4.0 | Mrs Riddiford | 2.0 |
| Mrs Reeves | 3.0 | Mr G. Phillips | 2.0 | Mr Skuse | 2.0 |
| Miss E. Coles | 2.6 | Mrs Coppard | 1.0 | Mrs Curtis | 1.6 |
| Mr T.G. Fill | 2.6 | Total | £113.14.0 | Mr G. Clutterbuck | 1.0 |
| Miss M. Gabb | 2.6 | | | Mrs T. Riddiford | 1.0 |
| Miss S. Hemmings | 2.6 | Collected by Mr G. Horseman | | Mrs Salter | 1.0 |
| Mrs Hodges | 2.6 | Mr A. Gill | 2.0.0 | Mrs Screen | 1.0 |
| H.G.H. | 2.6 | Miss Wilson | 1.1.0 | Mrs Stevens | 1.0 |
| Mr & Mrs H. H. Millin | 2.6 | Mr D. Beszant | 5.0 | Mrs Clutterbuck | 6 |
| Miss E. Pick | 2.6 | Mr S. Grant | 5.0 | Mrs H.C. Curtis | 6 |
| Miss F. Pritchard | 2.6 | Mr E. Murray | 5.0 | Mrs Hurcombe | 6 |
| Miss E. Vaughan | 2.6 | Mr W. Williams | 5.0 | Mrs Vizzard | 6 |
| Mrs W. W. | 2.6 | Mr H. Woodward | 4.0 | Total | £5.5.0 |
| Miss Weekes | 2.6 | Mr Garland | 3.0 | | |
| Mr J.R. Wilcox | 2.6 | F.H.B. | 2.6 | Collected by Mr Hume Spry | |
| Miss L. Wilkes | 2.6 | Mr J. Burrows | 2.6 | Mrs Masters | 25.0.0 |
| Mr J. H. Avery | 2.0 | B.L. | 2.6 | Bishop of St Edmunds & Ipswich | 5.0.0 |
| Mr Jim Ball | 2.0 | Mr A. C. Lewis | 2.6 | Mr & Mrs Hume Spry | 5.0.0 |
| Mrs J. Barge | 2.0 | Mr J. Worsley | 2.6 | Mr G. Richardson | 2.0.0 |
| Mrs C. Brown | 2.0 | Mrs H. Ashcroft | 2.0 | Mr H. Rich | 2.0.0 |
| Mrs Clark | 2.0 | Mrs H. Bennett | 2.0 | Rev C.H.T. Wright | 10.6 |
| Miss H. M. Dicker | 2.0 | E.M. | 2.0 | Mr Edward Smith | 10.0 |
| Miss Elsie Fill | 2.0 | Mr N. Nation | 2.0 | Mr Levi Clutterbuck | 5.0 |
| Mrs J. Hill | 2.0 | Miss Riddle | 2.0 | Mr Garn | 5.0 |
| Miss Lansdown | 2.0 | Mr Sampson | 2.0 | Mrs Garn | 5.0 |
| Miss Porter | 2.0 | Mr W. Young | 2.0 | Mr C. Smith | 5.0 |
| Mrs Screen | 2.0 | Mrs T. Young | 2.0 | Mrs Joe Underhill | 4.0 |
| Miss White | 2.0 | Mr G. Jefferies | 1.6 | Mrs G. Ball | 3.0 |
| J.D. | 1.0 | Mr Pearson | 1.6 | Mr J. Day | 2.6 |
| Mrs Hawker | 1.0 | Mr A. Prosser | 1.6 | Mr W. Ingram | 2.6 |
| E. H. | 1.0 | Mrs H. Brown | 1.0 | Mrs Allen Pearce | 2.6 |
| Mrs W. Maishment | 1.0 | Mr W. Holpin | 1.0 | Mr W. Huggins | 2.0 |
| Mrs Taylor | 1.0 | Mrs Liddiatt | 1.0 | Mr A. Iles | 2.0 |

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| Mrs A. Pearce | 6 | Mr W. Longman | 1.0 | Mr J. Iles | 2.0 |
| Miss Meyer | 2 | Mr W. Penduck | 1.0 | Mr S. Plaisted | 1.0 |
| Total | £69.12.2 | Mrs W. Pinnell | 1.0 | Mr Albert Rugman | 1.0 |
| | | Mrs Underdown | 1.0 | Total | £41.8.0 |
| | | Mr A. Wilkes | 1.0 | | |
| | | Mr G. G. | 6 | | |
| Collected by Messrs Weatherhead & Talbot | | Mr A. Gingell | 6 | | |
| Mr & Mrs C. H. Ross | 7.0.0 | Mr W. Legg | 6 | Collected by Mr E. J. Perkins | |
| Messrs Tucker Bros | 5.5.0 | Mr H. Savery | 6 | Mr Thomas Ball | 10.0 |
| Mr & Mrs F.H. Burchell | 5.0.0 | Total | £6.11.0 | Mr E. Perkins | 5.0 |
| Mr & Mrs F. K. Howell | 5.0.0 | | | Mr A. Cook | 2.6 |
| Mrs Till | 5.0.0 | | | Mrs H. Ball | 2.0 |
| Miss A. Alpass | 3.3.0 | | | Mr H. Cullimore | 2.0 |
| Mr E. Cullimore | 3.0.0 | Collected by Mr G. Jenkins | | Mr H. Gabb | 2.0 |
| Mr & Mrs L. Rogers | 3.0.0 | Mr William Jenkins | 1.0.0 | Mrs Joyce | 2.0 |
| Mr H. D. Boulton | 2.2.0 | Mr E. S. Hunt | 1.0.0 | Mr Gilbert Mills | 2.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Crane | 2.2.0 | Miss E.M. Isaac | 7.6 | Mrs C. W. Riddiford | 2.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Pegg | 2.2.0 | Mr & Mrs Godwin | 5.0 | Mrs Chandler | 2.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Phelps | 2.2.0 | Mr & Mrs G. Summers | 5.0 | Mr A. Hinder | 1.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Dennis | 2.0.0 | Mrs Exell | 3.0 | Mr C. Howell | 1.0 |
| Mr & Mrs F. H. Grace | 2.0.0 | Mrs Ashman | 2.6 | Mr W. Payne | 1.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Jack Williams | 1.1.0 | Mr Clarke | 2.6 | Mr T. Stinchcombe | 1.0 |
| Miss Saniger | 1.1.0 | Mr & Mrs G. Grove | 2.6 | Mrs Alfred Bennett | 6 |
| Mr & Mrs A. Bartlett | 1.0.0 | Mr H. W. H. Northover | 2.6 | Mrs W. Bennett | 6 |
| Mr & Mrs C.H. Davis | 1.0.0 | Mr A. Sealey | 2.6 | Mrs W. Lanfear | 6 |
| Mr J. Poole | 1.0.0 | Mr Allen | 2.6 | Total | £1.17.0 |
| Mr W. H. Ponting | 1.0.0 | Anon | 2.0 | | |
| Mr Marshall | 10.6 | Mrs Lansdown | 2.0 | Paid to Hon. Treasurer | |
| Mr F. Bishop | 10.0 | Mr & Mrs Longman | 2.0 | Mr & Mrs R. A. Bennett | 25.0.0 |
| Mr W.J. Shepherd | 10.0 | Mrs J. Pritchard | 2.0 | Hon Mrs Gillett | 25.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs T Woodman | 10.0 | Mrs Rea | 2.0 | Mrs Luke Turner | 25.0.0 |
| Mr H. Allen | 5.0 | Mr F. Watkins | 2.0 | Mr & Mrs J.G. Wicks | 25.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs S Smith | 5.0 | Mr Shute | 1.6 | Miss Bennett | 20.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Juggins | 5.0 | Mrs Davis | 1.0 | Major Howard | 20.0.0 |
| Miss Q. Sainsbury | 3.0 | Mr J. Davis Jun. | 1.0 | Mrs Jenner Fust | 20.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Beames | 2.6 | Mr G. Fowler | 1.0 | Major F.T. Neale M. C. (in memory of Capt George Gillett | 20.0.0 |
| Mr T. Clarke | 2.6 | Mrs Hughes | 1.0 | Rev Canon Cornwall | 15.0.0 |
| Mrs Gallop | 2.6 | Miss King | 1.0 | Mrs Cornwall | 10.0.0 |
| Mr J. Parker | 2.6 | Miss Neale | 1.0 | Capt G. Williams | 5.5.0 |
| Mrs C. Reeves | 2.6 | Mrs Rugman | 1.0 | Mr Alan Cornwall, Mr John Cornwall & the Misses Cornwall | 5.0.0 |
| Miss M. Worsley | 2.6 | Mr George Smith | 1.0 | Mr John Cullimore | 5.0.0 |
| Mrs Dixon | 2.0 | Mrs Thorne | 1.0 | Miss Gillett | 5.0.0 |
| Mr J. Baker | 2.0 | Mrs Watkins | 1.0 | Rev E.A. Gillett | 5.0.0 |
| Mrs F. Ball | 1.0 | Mrs Clarke | 6 | Capt & Mrs Jenkins | 5.0.0 |
| Mrs Cotton | 1.0 | Mrs Harvey | 6 | Hon Robert & Mrs Rodney | 3.0.0 |
| Mrs H. Mills | 1.0 | Mrs Hill | 6 | Mrs Farmer | 2.2.0 |
| Mrs S. Mills | 1.0 | Mrs Jefferies | 6 | Mr H. V. Gillett | 2.2.0 |
| Mrs Monks | 1.0 | Mrs Little | 6 | Mrs Gerard Daman | 2.0.0 |
| Mr & Mrs Morris | 1.0 | Mrs Saunders | 6 | Mr C. de C. Vaughan | 2.0.0 |
| Mr A. Thorn | 1.0 | Mrs Driver | 3 | Mrs L.H. Williams | 1.1.0 |
| Miss F. Thorn | 4 | Total | £7.4.9 | Major Wrenn | 1.1.0 |
| Total | £59.6.10 | | | Mrs Raymond Maude | 1.0.0 |
| | | | | Mrs Talbot Ponsonby | 1.0.0 |
| | | | | Mrs Vaughan | 1.0.0 |
| | | | | Total | £251.11.0 |

The Grand Total of the Contributions came to £579.17.0

