

SHADOXHURST



The parish war memorial is in the form of a church clock. This is disappointing because none of the men's names are recorded...

The Great War

1914 -1919

BINGHAM G.H

Private G/247530 or G/24573 George Henry BINGHAM. 2/4th Battalion, Queen's (Royal West Surrey Regiment). Formerly (9573) The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died Egypt 5th November 1917 aged 36 years. Born Shadoxhurst. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Shadoxhurst. Son of George and Eliza Bingham of Martin House, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent. Buried in the Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel. Grave reference O.66.

This local man appears to have been forgotten because Shadoxhurst has no war memorial.

The Ashford Absentee Voters List for 1918 gives -

Martin House, Shadoxhurst

Private 203934 William Thomas BINGHAM. 4th Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment).

The 1901 census gives this rather confusing information –

Oriol Farm, Shadoxhurst

George	BEECHING	44	Shepherd	Shadoxhurst
Harriet		44		Shadoxhurst
George H	BINGHAM	22	Agricultural Labourer	Shadoxhurst
May R	BEECHING	19		Shadoxhurst
Edward T		17		Westwell
Charles W		15		Woodchurch
Edwin A		12		Shadoxhurst
Bessie M		10		Great Chart
Harriet		8		Great Chart
Jesse A		6		Great Chart
Ernest A		4		Great Chart

George is listed as a son of George BEECHING!

HARE P.H

Private G/13030 Percy Herbert HARE. 7th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died 3rd May 1917 aged 42 years. Born Seveoaks, Kent. Enlisted Sevenoaks, Kent. Son of Francis George and Margaret Hare of "Oakwood", Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent. Husband of Mary Hare of 2, Lyndhurst Cottage, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, Kent. Percy has no known grave. His name appears on the Arras Memorial, Arras, France. Panel reference – Bay 6.

HART S.C

Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society War Memorial

Sergeant Mechanic 220626 Sydney Charles (known to most as Charles Sydney) HART. Royal Air Force (RAF). Formerly (LMRH) Royal Naval Air Service. Died _____ & Pneumonia Septic (Cardiac Failure) 4 days 21 July 1919 aged 26 years at Kent County Orphalmic Hospital, Maidstone, Kent. Born Shadoxhurst 3rd January 1893. Resided Water Villa, Water Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent. Husband of T.F.J Hart of Water Villa, Water Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent. Son of Thomas George Hart (Farm Labourer) and Mary Ann Hart (nee Spain) of Kingsland, Egerton, Kent.

Charles had close links to the villages of Shadoxhurst and Egerton.

DEATH CERTIFICATE

Charles Sydney HART

September Qtr, 1919, Maidstone, 2a,766

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2. Peumonia Septic (Cardiac Failure) 4 days

Death registered by his wife T.F.J Hart of Water Villa, Water Lane, Egerton, Ashford, Kent 21st July 1919.

Before the outbreak of war Sydney was employed in the Ashford area as a Coach Joiner and Wheelwright.

Enlisted into the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) 13 September 1916 for the duration of the war and went to HMS Pembroke Chatham for basic training. On 23 February 1917 Sydney was sent to HMS Daedalus at this time he was still serving in the RNAS. Later in 1917 he went to RFC Cranwell (27 Wing) for specialist air mechanic training.

In April 1917 Sydney was promoted to 1st Class Air Mechanic (Royal Naval Air Service). On 6 July 1918 Sydney was posted to 27 Wing, Royal Air Force at RAF Cranwell. On 10 July 1918 Sydney was promoted to Sergeant in the newly formed Royal Air Force (RAF).

When Sydney was discharged from the Royal Air Force his home address was recorded as –

Water Villa
Water Lane
EGERTON
Ashford
Kent

On 10 May 1919 Sydney was examined by a RAF medical officer and his service papers state – A1 fit. He was there still serving at this date. He appears to have died only 2 months later following discharge!

National Archives lists him as a RN man –

F20626 Sydney Charles HART. RN. Born Ashford (Kent). REF: ADM188/601 . 03 January 1893.

Sydney's name was referred to in the Kentish Express as being an Shadoxhurst man who lost his life in the Great War. Then we found his name on the now lost Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society war memorial. This used to hang in the branch office in Regents Place (now demolished).

The Ashford 1918 Absentee Voters List gives –

Kingsland, Egerton

L.M.R.H 220626 Sydney Charles HART. Royal Air Force.

The 1901 Census gives –

Shadoxhurst

Thomas G	HART	48	Agricultural Labourer	Tenterden
Mary A		49		Woodchurch
Louisa		15		Shadoxhurst
Sydney C		8		Shadoxhurst

LUSTED A.P

Lance Corporal L/7772 Arthur Percy LUSTED. 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Died 20th June 1915. Born Kennington. Enlisted Ashford. Resided Ashford. Son of William and Pricilla Lusted. Husband of Olive E. Lusted of "Rose Cottage", Shadoxhurst, Ashford. Buried in the Potijze Chateau Wood Cemetery, Belgium. Grave reference B.4.

The day that Arthur died his battalion was in the vicinity of Poperinghe. It was not in action.

WALLACE J.R

Sergeant 551154 James Robert WALLACE. "A" Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse. Canadian Expeditionary Force. Died 30th March 1918 aged 39 years. Son of John and Elizabeth Wallace of Westville, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, Canada. Husband of Grace Wallace of "Fairhaven", Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent. James has no known grave. His name appears on the Vimy Memorial, Vimy, France.