

## **Aigburth People's Hall Stories**

**Frank Lewis** was a private in the 18<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Regiment. Born in Liverpool, before the war he was a chorister at St Anne's Church, Aigburth. He enlisted in 1914 and landed in France in November 1915. He was one of the many who were killed in action on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 (the first day of the Battle of the Somme).

**George Kewley** was a private in the 18<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Regiment. Born in Liverpool, before the war he worked for Booth S.S Company. He enlisted at St George's Hall in Liverpool on 2nd September 1914 and spent some time working in the City Depot before embarking for France in July 1916. He was wounded in action on 8th May 1918 with gunshot wound to the arm and leg. His leg was amputated the next day. He succumbed to his wounds at 55 General Hospital, Boulogne on 27th May 1918 at 10.50pm.

**George William Cliffe** was a private in the Gordon Highlanders. Before the war he worked as a gardener and his sister Harriet married Private Francis James Guy. Having survived the Battle of the Somme in 1916 as part of the machine gun corps he was killed on the opening day of the First Battle of the Scarpe when a major British assault was launched on an area north of Arras.

**John Wooler** was a private in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Regiment. John was a cowman on his father's farm before enlisting and was killed in action on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1918. John's brother Stephen Wooler enlisted in the Army Service Corps on 27<sup>th</sup> June 1918. He was forty-five years old.

**Joseph Barker** was a private in the 18<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Regiment. Born in Liverpool, before the war he worked as a gardener. Joseph was a keen amateur footballer with Valkyrie in the I Zingari League and had a trial for Liverpool Football Club. He enlisted on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1914 and arrived in France in November 1915. He was killed in action on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1916 aged 31 when he was hit by a shrapnel bullet and was buried in Bronfay Farm Military Cemetery, Bray-Sur-Somme, France. Joseph's brother Robert was also killed in action while serving with the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1917.

**Thomas Whittle** was a private in the 10<sup>th</sup> Kings Liverpool Regiment. Before the war he worked as a salesman in a drapery business. He enlisted in November 1914 and embarked for France in March 1915. Less than three months later he was killed in action on 16th June 1915 at the Battle of Bellewaarde (The Battle of Hooge). Losses for the regiment neared 400 killed, wounded and missing.

**William Foxley** was a private in the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry. Before the war he was a Liverpool Corporation Park keeper. In 1908 William married Matilda Alice Flood. They had two children. On 28th December 1917 William died in Egypt. The cause of death was inflammation of the brain. It is unclear whether this was caused by a trauma or an infection. His brother James fought in World War One and was gassed but did survive to return to Liverpool.