

Riby St Edmond's

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THE VALIANT

The War memorial erected inside the church-yard gate, is a fine cylindrical column of Rubislaw granite with a highly polished surface marked out in three panels. The first contains the words: "The Riby people give praise to the God of Victories and erect this monument in memory of their dear ones who gave their lives in the Great War 1914 – 1918." The other two panels record the names of the twelve men who returned not when the struggles were over: Captain Edward Buckley, Second Lieut. Roy Buckley, Sergt. Alfred Cox, Lance-Cpl. Fred Goodhand, Privates John J. Ball, Walter Lee, Wm. H. Lee, Chas. H. Pattison, Benjamin Smith, Chas. Webster, Gunner Fred Webster and Pte. Fred Wilson. The service of unveiling and dedication was held on Sunday afternoon. Appropriate hymns and prayers were used, and a special lesson was read by Mr. Matthew Addison. The Rev. J. S. Jobling of Grimsby, gave a suitable address. Mr. Addison as chairman of the Memorial Committee, asked Mr. Pretyman (of Orwell Park and Riby Grove) to unveil the column, and the Vicar read the sentence of dedication and other prayers. After the Benediction, a few words were spoken by Mr. Addison, Mr. Pretyman and Mr. Buckley (the oldest person in the parish at the moment, and the father of two of the men commemorated) and the service ended with one verse of "God Save the King." The cost of the memorial has been defrayed by voluntary contributions.

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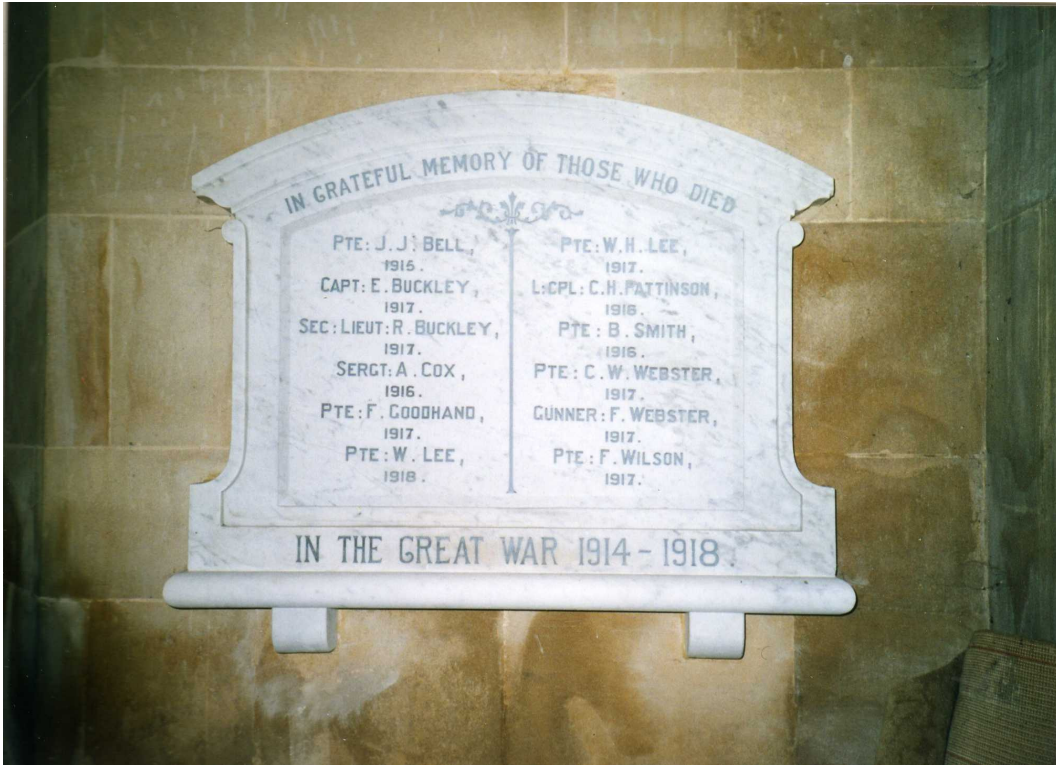
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THESE DIED FOR US

Pte JOHN J BELL Seaforth Highlanders	Sep 1915
Capt EDWARD BUCKLEY York & Lancasters	Sep 1917
Sec Lt ROY BUCKLEY Manchesters	Jan 1917
Sergt ALFRED COX Lincolns	July 1916
Pte FRED GOODHAND Australians	Apr 1917
Pte WALTER LEE Lincolns	Sep 1918
Pte WILLIAM H LEE Lincolns	Apr 1917
L/Cpl CHARLES H PATTINSON Lincolns	Sep 1916
Pte BENJAMIN SMITH Lincolns	July 1916
Pte CHARLES W WEBSTER Duke of Wellingtons	May 1917
Gunner FRED WEBSTER RGA	Sep 1917
Pte FRED WILSON Lincolns	Apr 1917

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White Marble tablet erected in the South West corner of the nave, 74cm high by 107cm wide by 10cm deep., formerly erected in the former Methodist Chapel (now a private house)



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**Lincolnshire
RIBY
St Edmund's Church**

A large glazed oak frame approximately 140 cm in height by 85 cm in width, containing two further oaken frames the uppermost of which contains a card on which are recorded the names of The Fallen and a lower one bearing the names of Those Who Served in the form of a ' Roll of Honour '.

UPPER FRAME

Some 40cm wide and 34cm in height with a 4cm border.

On a white card is printed, in red

' Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'

In Black manuscript is recorded

Pte F WILSON	2nd Lt Roy BUCKLEY
Pte C H PATTERSON	Capt Edward BUCKLEY
Pte J J BELL	Pte W H LEE
Sgt Alfred COX	Pte Walter LEE
Pte B SMITH	Pte Fred GOODHAND
Pte Fred WILSON	Pte Charles WEBSTER

Underneath these names is printed, in red

' Eternal rest grant to them O Lord '

LOWER FRAME or ROLL of HONOUR

A white card bearing an illuminated heading and border

ROLL of HONOUR

' For King and Country '

RIBY

Written in black manuscript in three columns are the names

G M T Prettyman	W Scoffin	G Goodhand
E Buckley	J E Brown	A Evison
R Buckley	J T Richardson	G Traves
B Wilson	T Suddaby	R Addison
H Fairweather	E Harrison	H Barker

A McEwan	C Webster	H Brown
H Borrill	F Webster	D F Bell
H B Buckley	H Upton	J Blakey
Richard Addison	C Lamming	F Webster
J Bullivant	E Wallis	George H Holderness
H Lee	H Smith	John R Holderness
R Smith	J Drury	William Holderness
H Higson	C H Patterson	Walter Hackford
F Buckley	F Goodhand	G H Johnson
(unclear)	(uncl)	Charles Hackford
H Wilson	(uncl)	William Briggs
(unclear)	(uncl)	George Cheffings
I Bell	(uncl)	
Harry Brackenbury	(uncl)	



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The following is a brief review of the memorial to the fallen of the Great War at Riby, Lincolnshire. Personal details of the twelve men commemorated thereon are drawn from the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) and 'Soldiers Died in The Great War 1914 - 1919' Volume 15.

John James Bell served as Private S/7456 in the 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders. He was killed in action in France on the 25th September 1915 and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial in the Pas de Calais, France.

Edward Buckley, the son of J R Buckley of Riby, was killed on the 30th September 1917 whilst serving as a Captain in the 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment. He is buried in the Loos British Cemetery, Pas de Calais. and Cleethorpes-M.H.F. School

2nd Lieutenant **Roy Buckley** died of wounds on the 9th January 1917 serving with the 4th Battalion Manchester Regiment and is buried in the Varennes Military Cemetery on the Somme.

Alfred Cox, Sergeant 683 in the 10th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment (The Grimsby Chums), was killed on the First Day of the Somme, July 1st 1916. He was the son of Charles and Betsy Cox of Stallingborough where he had been born and was 22 years of age at the time of his death. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, The Somme.

Fred Goodhand, the son of Henry and the late Elizabeth Goodhand of Riby enlisted on the 6th April 1916 as Private 6270 in the 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was killed in action in France aged 32 on the 11th April 1917 and is commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.

Walter Lee served as Private 240682 in the 1/5th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment and was killed aged 21 on the 15th September 1918. He was the son of Henry and Betsy Ann Lee of Sturton Yard, Baumber, Horncastle and is buried in the Roisel Communal Cemetery on the Somme.

William Henry Lee, brother of the above, was born in Riby and enlisted in Grimsby. He was killed on the 12th April 1917 aged 24 whilst serving as Private 1565 with the 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. He is buried in the Bailleul Road East Cemetery in the Pas de Calais.

Charles Harold Pattinson was killed in action on the 20th September 1916 whilst serving as Lance Corporal 21675 with X Company of the 2nd Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. Then aged 25 he was the son of John and Lavina Pattinson of Annesley Street, Grimsby and the husband of E Pattinson of the Laurels, Riby. He is buried in Vermelles British Cemetery. and Grimsby St. James.

Benjamin Smith is recorded as a member of the Lincolnshire Regiment who was killed in July 1916. Four members of the Regiment with this name are recorded in 'Soldiers Died' Vol 15 but none died in July 1916 and none appear on the CWGC Database.

Charles W Webster, the son of Alfred and Anna Maria Webster and the husband of Annie Ann Webster of Beelsby, served as Private 241743 in the 2/5th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment. He was killed on the 3rd May 1917 aged 30 and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais. and Grimsby St. James.

Fred Webster died on the 24th September 1917 in India whilst serving as Gunner 89188 with the 79th Company, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was then aged 22 and was the son of Alfred and Annie Webster of Clixby Top, Grasby, Lincs. He is commemorated on the Kirkee 1914 -1918 Memorial, India.

Fred Wilson was also born at Riby and enlisted at Habrough. He was killed on the 23rd April 1917 whilst serving as Private 22774 with the 7th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. His home was then recorded as being at Caistor. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais.

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