

## Llanddewi Rhydderch Memorial Meadow.

The discovery of a small card containing the names of those who died in the war was discovered in the church and it was assumed that it was from the First World War, so it was decided that we would research these names as the sacrifice they had made had been forgotten. It was soon discovered that not all the names were from WW1 and we started to worry that we had received a grant from the National Lottery on the basis of 20 names, some of whom were from WW2. Bringing the number of names down significantly. However upon the start of the research it was evident that a number of names had not been recorded and subsequent research has rediscovered more names than on the original card. The research proved so interesting and absorbing that we have also included information of those who survived and are obviously now departed due to the passage of time.

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**In Memory of  
Soldiers From  
Llanddewi Rhydderch  
who tragically  
lost their lives  
in World War 1**

**Pte. George Coley 2089 Mon. Regt.**  
**Pte. Allen Edgar Edwards 3303 Welsh Gds.**  
**Albert James Ireland 2416 Mon. Regt.**  
**Jack Jones (currently researching)**  
**Pte. Charles G. Painter 108698**  
**Machine Gun Corps.**  
**Albert Powell (currently researching)**  
**Pte. Charles Powell 3739 Mon. Regt.**  
**Pte. Victor John Price 108697**  
**Machine Gun Corps.**

**Soldiers who returned home after ww1**

**Herbert Boyt Canadian Exp. Force**  
**Albert Cale Canadian Exp. Force**  
**Tom Collins Canadian Exp. Force**  
**Pte. Charles Henry Green**  
**of 6<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards**  
**Pte. Wyndham H Lewis S.W.B.**  
**Sgt. Oliver Powell S.W.B.**  
**L/Cpl F. John Prosser S.W.B.**  
**Pte. William Thomas Stansfield**  
**of Royal Air Force.**  
**Sgt. Caleb Taylor S.W.B.**  
**Pte. George Taylor S.W.B.**  
**Pte. Ivor Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon. Regt.**  
**Pte. Tom Walby R.Welsh Fusiliers**

**L/Cpl. Willia J. Watkins  
of Royal Glos. Hussars.**

**Pte. William Arthur Williams  
of 3<sup>rd</sup> Monmouthshire Regt.**

**Pte. William Mervyn Williams S.W.B.**

**Albert Edgar Cale  
46<sup>th</sup> Saskatchewan Rifles**

**Albert Cale was born in 1889 in Coed y Brain, Gweheliog. His father John George Cale was farmer and butcher of Llansoy at New House Farm.**

**During 1909 Albert left home for Canada to work on the land.**

**He signed up in Regina with the Canadian Over-seas Expeditionary Force during WW1 and returned to Britain with the 46<sup>th</sup> Saskatchewan Rifles.**

**During WW1 he was based at Camp Bramshott, which was a temporary camp set up by the Canadian Army in the Aldershot command area.**

**During his time there he had leave to marry his bride Annie Emma Davis on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1915 at St David's Church, Llanddewi Rhydderch.**

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**The Abergavenny Chronicle ran a story about the marriage (see separate sheet).**

**Annie Emma Davis was the organist of St David's Church at the time of her marriage and came from Coed Morgan. The couple had two children, Nabor Keith Cale born in 1916 and William Raymond Cale born in 1922, both were baptised at St David's Church.**

**After the war Albert Cale settled down with his family as a farmer and in 1922 he was farming his father's farm at Llansoy.**



**Pte. William  
Mervyn  
Williams3329  
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Wales  
Borderers**



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**Private William Arthur Williams**  
**3469 3/3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion**  
**Monmouthshire Regiment.**

**William Arthur Williams was born in 1868 in Wrexham, Denbighshire.**

**He married Eliza Alice in 1901 and was a butler in London before moving to Llanfapley.**

**William and Eliza had had five children by 1911, although only three were recorded in the census, as two had sadly died.**

**The 1911 census shows the family living in Sunny Bank Cottage, Llanfapley and William as the head of household, with the occupation as butler.**

**Eliza gave birth to their daughter, Elsie May on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1915.**

**On 19<sup>th</sup> May 1915, William Arthur Williams went to Abergavenny to sign up with the Monmouthshire Regiment Territorial Force. On his Attestation Papers he gave his address as Brook Cottage, Llanfapley and occupation as Butler and Valet. He was 47 years of age, 5ft 7 inches tall and of good physical fitness.**

**He was posted as part of the British Expeditionary Force in France initially with the 3/3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. Monmouthshire Reg, then from 24<sup>th</sup> October 1915 with the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Mon.**

**Reg. Later on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1917 he was posted with 1<sup>st</sup> Reserves of the Territorial Force.**

**He was discharged as no longer physically fit for War Service on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1918 whilst posted at Rouen, at the age of 50 years, suffering from nephritis.**

**He returned home to Llanfapley and worked as a gardener.**

**Two of their children were baptised in St David's Church, Llanddewi Rhydderch, whilst the family were living in Llanfapley, namely daughter Elsie May who was born just before William was posted with the army. She was baptised whilst he was in active service on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1916.**

**Baby Kathleen Alice was baptised in 1918.**

**Lce/Corporal**  
**William James Watkins**

**1583 3/1<sup>st</sup> Royal Glos. Hussars Yeomanry.**

**William James Watkins was born in 1887 at Duffryn Farm, Llanfapley.**

**Son of John Watkins, farmer of Duffryn Farm, and Mary (maiden name Parry).**

**He was baptised at St David's Church on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1887.**

He signed up at Abergavenny, to join the Territorial Force of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Yeomanry on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1908, age 21.

From his medical inspection, he was 5ft 9 inches, had grey eyes and dark hair and of good physical development.

He was based at Abergavenny from 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1908 to 9<sup>th</sup> April 1915.

He joined the Expeditionary Force on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1915 and was sent to Egypt, disembarking at Alexandria on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1915.

William was then sent with his battalion to Gallipoli on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1915.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 1915 William was invalided to England via Malta suffering from rheumatism.

Pte. Charles Powell

3739 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion  
Monmouthshire Regiment.

Posted on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1916.

Died on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1916  
age 19

at Prees Heath Military Hospital , Whitchurch nr.  
Oswestry.

Son of  
Enoch and Ellen Powell  
Yew Tree Cottage  
Llangenny

**Pte. Charles Henry Green**



**7849 6<sup>th</sup> Dragoon  
Guards**

**Served in WW1**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1914 to  
29<sup>th</sup> May 1918**

**1889 ~ 1945  
Postman of  
Llanddewi  
Rhydderch**





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## THE OPENING CEREMONY .

The Llanddewi Rhydderch Memorial Meadow which was made possible by a generous grant from the National Lottery was officially opened on Saturday 4h July 2015.

The day started with much activity from our team of volunteers arranging parking and last minute preparations for the opening.

Half an hour before the proceedings began the Blaenafon Town Band played, which set the scene perfectly. Their playing throughout and after the ceremony was indeed a real treat to listen to and the playing of the Last Post was beautifully done by one of the band.

Marianne Nichols, who heads the research team, gave a brief history of one of the soldiers, followed by the blessing of the meadow and memorial by the Bishop of Monmouth The Right Revd Richard Pain with additional prayers by The Venerable Ambrose Mason, Archdeacon of Monmouth.

Representatives from the Royal Welsh Regiment, The Former Monmouthshire Regiment, South Wales Borderers and the Royal British Legion with their Standards took a very important and moving part in the proceedings. 18

Wreaths were laid by: Sir Simon Boyle Lord Lieutenant of Gwent on behalf of the Sovereign and Nation. The Royal British Legion & Mr Robert Doyle of Llanddewi Rhydderch on behalf of the Church and Community.

This perfect day would not have been possible without all those present and without the National Lottery Grant as well as those who worked so hard, and continue to do so. Last but not least the food and other refreshments were of the usual high standards provided by our local caterers. The fixing of the memorial itself has been achieved through the hard work of our expert volunteers.

It was a joy to see so many people enjoying themselves



thanks to all those who made it possible, not forgetting those whom we came to remember.



