

War Memorial



Introduction

The site for the War Memorial at the end of Yorkersgate was recommended by the Malton War Memorial Committee. At that time at the same spot was the Cannon enclosure, historically containing the Sebastopol cannon but more recently a German cannon too. A small number of trees grew on the site and their potential removal to make way for the memorial was a topic of discussion! A proposal to remove the Sebastopol cannon to a site at the top of Newbiggin was made, and one to move the German cannon, the popularity of which was mixed,

to an island site in the river - Yorkshire Gazette, 29 May 1920.

Oral history suggests both canons remained and would co-habit the site with the war memorial until the war effort for the Second World War when the cannons and the surrounding railings were taken for scrap.

The architect was a Mr. Leslie Moore and the builder a Mr. Oldfield and it was unveiled on Sunday, 13th March 1921 by Earl Fitzwilliam.

Unveiling

The Yorkshire Gazette of 19th March 1921 carries an account of the unveiling ceremony containing a list of all those who laid wreaths and names those to whom they were in memory of.

The following account of the unveiling of the war memorial is taken from the The Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer, 14 March 1921:

EARL FITZWILLIAM UNVEILS THE MALTON MEMORIAL.

Earl Fitzwilliam, Lord of the Manor of Malton, yesterday afternoon unveiled the Malton war memorial, in the presence of a large company The memorial takes the form of a handsome cross, 26ft. 6in. high, and has been erected in what is known as the Canon Enclosure, which occupies a prominent position at the York Road entrance to the town Behind the cross is a wall, on which are five tablets, bearing the names of 82 men from Malton who fell in the war. The memorial, which cost about £1,000, has been raised by public subscription. All sections of the public life of Malton were represented at the unveiling ceremony The Countess Fitzwilliam placed a lovely wreath on the steps of the cross, on which a large number of other floral tributes were deposited. The service was conducted by the Rev. H.L. Ogle, vicar of Malton, assisted by local ministers of all denominations, and after the singing of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" and the offering of a prayer by the Rev. James Haigh, the memorial was unveiled. Earl Fitzwilliam said it was an affecting occasion for him, for the last opportunity he had of visiting Malton was on the morning of 4th August 1914. Since then some of the best of their young in England had paid the extreme penalty for liberty and for honour, and few places had suffered more grievously than Malton. He thought the hundred years of peace preceding the war was a rather dangerous thing, for we could not realise that we had to fight for our existence. Earl Fitzwilliam went on to review the splendid work of the Regulars and of Kitchener's Army during the war, and said the memorial would remind the rising generation that those whose names were recorded on the memorial had made a sacrifice which it was hoped the rising generation would never be called upon to make. (Applause.) Alderman R. Metcalfe, on behalf of the War Memorial Committee, formally handed over the memorial to the Malton Urban Council The "Last Post" was sounded by Buglers Rollinson and Stockdale, and the singing of the National Anthem concluded the proceedings. ...

List of Those Named – First World War

Atkinson, A	Harrison, R	McAdorey, J, Lieut.	Spencer, GH
Bowes, S	Haykings, E	McDonald, F, Corpl.	Stabler, TA
Boyes, E	Haynes, G	McIntyre, T	Stephenson, JR, Sergt M.
Boyes, W, Sergt.	Hodgson, E	Nicholson, J	Stubbs, RM
Brown, W	Hornsey, Sarah E, VAD	Perrin, H	Swales, F
Bullous, A	Jackson, A	Perryman, AH	Tasker, H
Cattle, WV	Jackson, EW	Pickering, H	Taylor, GH
Coates, J, Lieut.	Jennings, AS, Corpl.	Piercy, GW	Thompson, H
Cockerill, T, Sergt.	Johnson, J	Postill, H	Thomson, JA Raymond,
Craven, AV	Johnston, HM, Capt.	Read, C Stanley, Lieut.	Lt Col DSO Croix de
Dale, GF	Kendall, P, Sergt.	Robinson, A	Guerre
Dale, WE, Sergt.	Kirby, GE, Lieut.	Shaw, B	Trotter, AD, Capt MC.
Dresser, EE	Knott, J	Simpson, A	Ward, R
Ellis, E	Lapish, WR, CRO RN.	Simpson, J	Wardell, E, Sergt.
Fowles, R, RNR	Lawty, WJ	Sissons, GR	Wardill, C
Galtry, RD, Lieut.	Lightfoot, W, RN.	Sleightholme, AR, Sergt.	Ware, F
Gibson, H, Sergt.	Little EA	Smith, F	Whiting, G
Grandy, W	Longster, WE, Lieut.	Smith, W	Wood, CA
Halliday, CG, RN.	Ludlam, C	Smith, W	Wood, GW
Harrison, GW	Manning, T, Sergt.	Smithson, H	Wood, TR
Harrison, JW	Mason, J, Corpl.	Sollitt, GW, OM RN	

Details of the Fallen

Malton and Norton Rotary Club have researched all the [individuals listed](#) on the Malton War Memorial using the Commonwealth War Graves Commission site, local media records, census records and documents, letters and photos from the local community. Wherever possible places of burial,

regiments, parents and sibling relationships are shown. A book has also been produced 'Malton Goes to War' by John M. Howard detailing the history of the men and woman commemorated on the Malton War Memorial 1914 – 1918.

Norton War Memorial

Norton does not have a war memorial in the same sense as Malton. However, in the memorial chapel at St. Peter's church is an illuminated book listing the names of the men and women of the town who had died in the conflict.

The West Window was also installed and dedicated in 1921 in the memory of those named in the memorial book. The book has been digitised and can be seen at [Europeana 1914-1918](#)

Other Memorials

St. Michael's has a memorial listing 35 members of those who worshipped at the church and gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919

Old Malton War Memorial Hall list a further 33 who gave their lives.

The memorial in St. Leonard's lists 38 parishioners who gave their lives.

St. Mary's in Old Malton has a memorial listing 32 names.

The memorial in the Methodist church, Saville street lists 17 members of the congregation who gave their lives.

In addition there are a small number of servicemen buried in the Malton and Norton cemeteries.

There are 27 names of staff and former pupils who gave their lives in the two world wars listed on the Malton School memorial.

The names of those on all the above memorials can be seen at [The War Memorials of Malton, Old Malton and Norton](#)