

Men and Women from East Farndon who Served in World War 2

The village had a 'Welcome Home Committee', and at the end of the war they gave a grant of £10/6s (half a guinea) to 36 men and women in the village who had served. The following are some of these men and women:

Roy Allen

James Edward (Ted) Andrews

Ted was born in 1913 and lived in The Lealand



Ted at his father's war memorial in Thiepval, France, where he fell in 1917 when Ted was 4.

William Michael John (Mick) Belton

Mick was born on 14th January 1926.

He joined the Royal Navy in 1944 before D-Day. He had tried to join up before, but had been rejected due to his eyesight. At the second attempt to enlist, he was by then a partially-trained civilian electrician, and so they took him and continued his training as an electrician.

He was posted to Portsmouth just before D-Day and was on standby to pilot a landing craft,

but fortunately was not required to perform that duty.

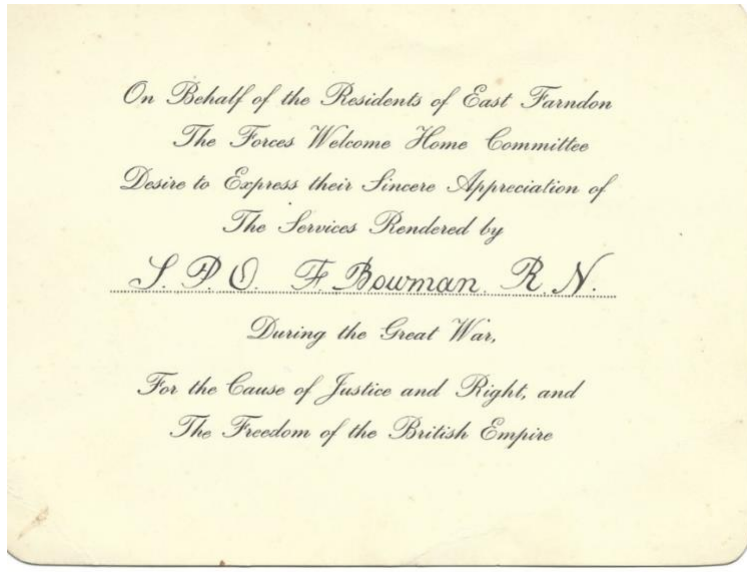
He was then posted to HMS London (part of the Pacific Fleet). HMS London was involved in attacking some land-based targets. On Japan's surrender, a Japanese admiral boarded HMS London to conduct a surrender ceremony. Some comedian filched the admiral's flag and the admiral refused to sign the surrender until the flag was returned (thus jeopardising world peace). See photos below.

After that, Mick spent some time in Australia, having delivered a landing craft there. Finally, he served as the electrician on a mine-sweeper off the Burma coast.





Fred Bowman



Fred was married to Margaret (Marg) Wintersgill, and they lived at 3 The Lealand for many years. He served in the Royal Navy.

Ray Clifford

Served in the RAF

Leonard Dunkley



It was reported in the local paper on 29th December 1944 that Private Leonard Dunkley, whose home address was the Council Houses, East Farndon, but now of Dalton, Rotherham, was honoured by the United States by receiving the Presidential Citation Ribbon from Lt. Colonel Maurice E Parker of the 15th A.A.F.

Mr Dunkley was attached to the celebrated group of the A.A.F. for special duty, and was probably the only man in the British army to be awarded this ribbon, signifying that his unit was cited by the President of the United States “for heroic duty against the enemy”. The ribbon is the only American award worn on the right breast.

William (Bill) George Haynes

WILLIAM (BILL) GEORGE HAYNES

ARMY No:-10559414

RANK:-PRIVATE

D.O.B 02.10.1921

D.O.D.20.08.1994

Born in the village at Fern Cottage and then lived at New House Farm and lastly at Sunny bays.

He enlisted on 31.07.1941 and was assigned to No 5 Training Battalion R.A.O.C based in Halifax Yorkshire.

In December 1941 Japan entered the war, the Allies were concerned that India was in danger from Japanese advances.

20.03.1942:- Bill embarked from Pembroke dock, South Wales as part of the 2ND Infantry Division, bound for India.

17.05.1942:-Disembarked India and proceeded to Karachi.

He drove convoy lorries from India into Burma. (See picture)

Bill was severely injured (burns) 15.04.1945 when a phosphorus grenade exploded in the back of the lorry he was driving.

He returned to the U.K on 03.12.1945 after 3 years and 259 days abroad. .

Discharged to army reserves: - 30.12.1946.

Medals 1939-45 War Medal

1939-45 Burma Star

1939-45 Star

1939-45 Defence Medal



Dick Hill

Dick served in Bethlehem and brought back a statue for his brother's wife, Greta Hill.



Ernest (Ernie) Hill



Gordon Hill



Herbert Hill



Herbert served in the RAF. He was injured while loading ammunition, and didn't serve abroad.

Leonard (Len) Hill



Joe Nichols

Son of Mrs C Nicholls of the Post Office, East Farndon. In a letter to the local paper printed on 24th May 1946, Mrs Nichols said that he was still serving in the Forces in Leeds.

Peter Nichols

Served in the Royal Navy. Son of Mrs C Nicholls of the Post Office, East Farndon. In a letter to the local paper printed on 24th May 1946, Mrs Nichols said that he was still serving in Shanghai.

(Hubert) Jim Shellard

Son of Mrs A Shellard of White Cottage, East Farndon (now Spring View). Served in the Far East.

Nancy Shellard

Daughter of Mrs A Shellard of White Cottage, East Farndon (now Spring View). Served in the WAAF and was subsequently demobbed.

Raymond Shellard

Son of Mrs A Shellard of White Cottage, East Farndon (now Spring View). Served in India.


Victor Shellard

Son of Mrs A Shellard of White Cottage, East Farndon (now Spring View).

Sir Alex Stanier

It is thought that Sir Alex Stanier lived at The Limes, East Farndon during WW2

Alexander Stanier

Birth name	Alexander Stanier
Nickname(s)	"Sammy"
Born	31 January 1899 Market Drayton, Shropshire, England
Died	10 January 1995 (aged 95)
Allegiance	 United Kingdom
Service/branch	 British Army
Years of service	1917–1948
Rank	Brigadier
<u>Service number</u>	13863
Unit	Welsh Guards
Commands held	2nd Battalion, Welsh Guards 223rd Independent Infantry Brigade 3rd Parachute Brigade 183rd Infantry Brigade 231st Infantry Brigade 69th Infantry Brigade
Battles/wars	World War I World War II
Awards	Distinguished Service Order (22 October 1940 ^[1]) & Bar (29 March 1945 ^[2])

[Military Cross](#) (1 April 1919^[3])

Commander of the [Order of Leopold II](#)
(Belgium; 1948^[4])

[Croix de Guerre](#) with Palm (Belgium;
1948^[4])

[Silver Star](#) (United States; 20 June
1944^[5])

[Legion of Honour](#) (France; 1988)

[Brigadier Sir Alexander Beville Gibbons Stanier, 2nd Baronet of Peplow Hall](#) [DSO](#) & [Bar](#), [MC](#) (31 January 1899 – 10 January 1995) was a [British Army officer](#) who fought in [World War I](#) and [World War II](#), particularly distinguished for his actions at [Boulogne](#) in 1940, on [D-Day](#) in 1944, and in the Rhineland in 1944

Peter Tailby

On the 1939 Register, Peter was living with his parents Frank (55) and Charlotte (51), and his sister Alice Jean (12).

Norman Ward

Norman lived at Farrar Farm and then moved to Twin Elms on Marston Lane. He served in the Air Force.

John (Jack) Wintersgill

He was born on 3rd August 1924, and on the 1939 Register he was working as an apprentice at an aircraft factory. John's father (John) served in WW1.

Written by Judy Hodgetts – January 2021