

Men and Women who Lived in East Farndon and Served in the Community during WWII

BROUGHTON, John (Jack)

John was born in East Farndon in 1886 and known as Jack. On the 1939 Register, he was married, aged 54 and worked as a general labourer. He lived in East Farndon with his mother Elizabeth, a widow aged 73. John served as an ARP (Air Raid Precaution) Warden.

During World War 1 he served with the Coldstream Guards and was injured on 11th September 1917.



BROUGHTON, William

William was 37 and a gardener. He lived in East Farndon with his wife Frances Mary (28). He served in the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

CLIFFORD, John

John was married, aged 40, and worked as a carpenter and joiner. He lived in East Farndon with his wife Ellen (39). He served as a Special Constable (not sworn in at the time of the 1939 Register).

During World War 1, John enlisted in 1917, aged 17. He was awarded two medals and a 'wounded stripe', which is understood to be from his stay in hospital during his time in France – he was wounded in Vermelles in 1918. He became a Lay Reader in 1946, and he was granted the title of Reader Emeritus of the Diocese in 1981. There is a memorial plaque to John on a bench in the graveyard of St John the Baptist, East Farndon.



COX, Edward G

Edward was 29 and a director of M F & R Corsetry. He lived in East Farndon with his wife Dorothy (30). He served as an ARP Factory Control Officer.

COX, Geoffrey Gooding

Geoffrey was single, aged 26. He was a director of R & W H Symington & Co Ltd. He lived in East Farndon with his father Frederick (65 and Managing Director of R & W H Symington & Co Ltd) and his mother Florence (61). He enrolled for CAG (Civil Air Guard).

FAIRBURGH, Ruth

Ruth was aged 22 and married. She lived in East Farndon with Sydney Fairburgh (possibly her brother-in-law). She served in the ANS (Auxiliary Nursing Service) in London.

FAIRBURGH, Sydney

Sydney was aged 31 and single. He lived in East Farndon with Ruth Fairburgh (possibly his sister-in-law). He was the manager of a pen works. He served in the AFS (Auxiliary Fire Service) in Leicester.

HART, John

John was aged 41 and lived in East Farndon with his wife Doris (42). He was a dairy farmer, and served as an ARP Police Messenger.

HUGHES, Margaret

Margaret was a widow aged 69 and lived in East Farndon with her daughter Dorothy, aged 34 and her son Robert, aged 27. Margaret was an ARP Warden.

KING, Harold

Harold, aged 37, lived in East Farndon with his wife Lucy (35), son Edmund (2) and parents Joseph (76) and Isobel (77). He worked as a chief cashier in a bank and served as an ARP stretcher bearer.

MERRIMAN, Thomas

Thomas was aged 49 and a Clerk of the Holy Orders. He lived in East Farndon rectory with his housekeeper, Evelyn Hanwood (46). He was the rector of St John the Baptist Church. He was as a Reserve in the RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corps), Class Z.

(The Class Z Reserve was a Reserve contingent of the British Army consisting of previously enlisted soldiers, now discharged).

O'FLAHERTY, Thomas

Thomas was 58 and lived in East Farndon with his wife Mary (65). He was a tailor/journeyman. He served as an ARP Warden.

SANDERS, Nancy

Nancy was aged 41 and lived at East Farndon Manor with her husband Brigadier Denis C. W. Sanders. She served as a First Aider.

On 30th June 1944 the Northampton Mercury reported the death of Brigadier D.C.W. Sanders. He was aged 49 and was the head of Fisher Sanders in Market Harborough (now Fisher German).

SEAGE, William

William was aged 50 and lived in East Farndon with his wife Dorothy (47). He was a master builder and contractor, and served as the Chief ARP Warden.

WARD, Florence

Florence was aged 53 and lived in East Farndon with her husband Harry Ward – a dairy farmer, aged 54. She served as an ARP First Aider.