

6. Details of the Men who died in the Second World War 1939 - 1945.

Despite the First World War being known as the war to end all wars, war broke out in Europe in 1939 with Germany invading Poland. The Second World War commenced on the 1st September 1939 when Germany invaded Poland and the subsequent declaration of war on Germany by Britain and France on the 3rd September 1939. The war in Europe lasted until the 8th May 1945 and in Asia until the 15th August 1945 following the dropping of atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima on the 6th August 1945 and Nagasaki on the 9th August 1945.

Three members of our village died in the Second World War.

John Crawford Atty 1925 – 17.06.1944

John was born in Sheffield in 1925 the son of Richard and Gertrude (maiden name Lamb) Atty.

He joined the 73 Anti Tank regiment of the Royal Artillery as a gunner, army number 14583625.

The regiment was involved with the D Day landings in June 1944 and it is during this event that he was killed in action on the 17th June 1944 aged 19.

He is buried in the Hottot – les – Bagues War Cemetery in Normandy 14 km south east of Bayeux.

He is also commemorated at Prestbury Church and at Kings School Macclesfield where it is safe to assume he attended.



George Edward Powell 06.06.1927 - 09.08.1944.

George was born on the 6th June 1927 the son of Edward and Alice Powell, (maiden name Deakin) who were married in 1921.

George had 3 brothers George born 1926, Albert born 1928 and Michael born 1932. He also had 2 sisters, Ivy born 1922 and Irene born 1934.

George Edward served in the Home Guard and died aged 17 when delivering dispatches.

George Proudlove 04.11.1910 – 14.09.1944

George Proudlove was born the son of George and Ada (maiden name Dutton).

George attended Mottram St. Andrew School in Priest lane when the family were living at the Old School House.

He married May Hodgkinson in Crewe in 1938. They had a daughter Jean born on the 12th December 1939 who attended Mottram St. Andrew School.

He served as a rifleman in the 1st battalion London Irish Rifles (Royal Ulster Rifles) in Italy, army number 1635305.

He was killed in action on the 15th September 1944 and is buried at the Gradara War cemetery in Italy. The cemetery is located in the commune of Gradara in the province of Pesaro. It is located 1.5 km south of the SS16 road midway between Pesaro and Riccione.

The cemetery contains the graves of casualties incurred during the advance from Ancona to Rimini, in which the Irish Rifles were involved, which broke the German heavily defended Gothic Line which was taken by the allies on the 21st September 1944 following heavy fighting around Rimini.

7. Sources of information.

The National Archives for census information, details of war diaries, medal cards and service records.

Office for National Statistics for births, marriages and deaths.

Headstone photographs supplied by The War Graves Photographic project.

Mottram St.Andrew School.

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The following web sites were used.

www.ancestry.co.uk

www.twggp.org (The war graves photographic project).

www.findmypast.co.uk

www.freebmd.org.uk

www.1914-1918.net

www.forces-war-records.co.uk

www.uboaat.net (Details of ships sunk).

www.cwgc.org (The Commonwealth War Graves Commission).

www.carlscam.com (Details of war memorials).

www.genesreunited.com

www.stockport1914-1918.co.uk

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