



66 Men of Grandpont 1914-18

Children's trail

One hundred years ago, 66 men from Grandpont went to fight and sadly didn't come home. In our project we have found out about their lives by looking at lots of documents, such as censuses, registers of births, marriages and deaths, employment and army records. We have discovered where they lived, where they went to school, which job they did, and sometimes much more. We've found out about their parents, brothers and sisters, whether they got married or had children. Now it's your turn to discover who lived in your local area (or possibly even your house) long before any of us were born.



Got a pencil? You're ready for the trail...

Start on **any** road in Grandpont, find a poster with a poppy on it, look up the surname of your man, and then answer the question in this booklet. If you are asked to draw a picture, use the blank page in the middle. Then, move on and find the next poppy.

We hope you enjoy following the trail and finding out about our 66 men. If you want to know even more about them, google *66 men of Grandpont* and take a look at the project's website, or contact liz@lizwoolley.co.uk, 01865 242760.

ABINGDON ROAD

Lucas: Albert's daughter, Yvonne, was a pilot (like her father) and flew planes in the Second World War. Perhaps she had been inspired by her dad. Who has inspired you in your life?

Tallett: In the picture Horace is wearing his Rifle Brigade uniform, and on his hat is a cap badge to identify his section in the army. Copy his cap badge.

BUCKINGHAM STREET

Castle: Charles and his dad were gardeners. Draw your favourite plant.

Cross: Arthur's brother was a shepherd. Do your best impression of a sheep!

CHILSWELL ROAD



Belcher: Arthur's dad was a postman. Design your own stamp.

Coppock: Bertram worked in a fabric shop. What types of fabric are you wearing that hadn't been invented in 1914?

Dolley: Arthur worked at the gasworks in St Ebbes. What do you think a gasworks would have smelt like?

Phipps: Arthur's father was a builder but he started off as a bricklayer. Look at the houses and garden walls around you, can you sketch different patterns of bricks?

Tyrrell: When Walter lived here the house was almost brand new. Do you know when your house was built?

COBDEN CRESCENT

Tyrrell: George was a member of several choirs. Sing 'It's a long way to Tipperary' as you walk to the next house:

It's a long way to Tipperary,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Tipperary,
To the sweetest girl I know.
Goodbye Piccadilly,
Farewell Leicester Square,
It's a long, long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there.

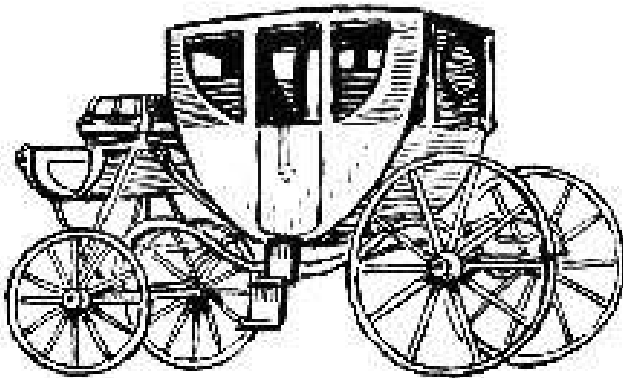
EDITH ROAD

Jago: Ernest worked at the Oxford University Press. Describe or draw your favourite book character.

Norgrove: Reginald was baptised at Holy Trinity Church (close to the playground at Friars Wharf). It was demolished in 1957. Draw a picture of how you imagine it would have been.

Richardson: William's parents lived in this house in Edith Road. The road is possibly named after Sister Edith, a nun at a convent near the railway station. Can you think of any other roads named after people?

Webb: Ernest's brother John was a coach painter in 1911. Decorate this coach with 21st century paintwork.



HINKSEY PARK RAILINGS

(for men who lived outside Grandpont or whose addresses we don't know)

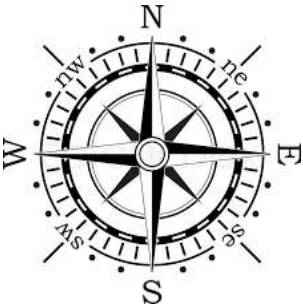
Benson: John came to Oxford to work as a butcher at Eastwyke Farm, where the Four Pillars Hotel is now. Close your eyes and imagine herds of cows being walked from Gloucester Green down Abingdon Road.

Cox: George's father-in-law worked as a carter. Do you know what a carter is?

Edens: Percival lived on Abingdon Road. Which river does Abingdon Road cross?

Merry: William's father lived until he was 95 year old! Name the oldest and youngest people in your family.

Palmer: Percy's brother Cyril was a picture framer. Draw a cool frame for one of your pictures.



Revell: Frederick lived in Cold Harbour, near where Weir's Lane is. If you were to walk from here to there, which direction would you need to walk: north, south, east or west?

Rough: When Henry was a child he lived in a house on the river. Name some animals he would regularly have seen from his bedroom window.

Venables: Vernon lived at the house with the long balcony on the corner of Lake Street and Abingdon Road (next to the park). Draw a picture of Vernon on his balcony.

JUBILEE TERRACE

Oliver: Albert worked next door (on the corner) at the boat builders, Harris and Son. How long do you think it would take him to walk to work?

Walcroft: Arthur and his brother Percy ran a greengrocers in Jericho. What is your favourite fruit and favourite vegetable?

KINETON ROAD

Wallis: Arthur's father was originally a blacksmith. Do you know which metal blacksmiths work with, and can you name any other types of 'smith'?

MARLBOROUGH ROAD

Ash: William was a dairyman. What do you think a dairyman did?

Collett: We think you will agree, Charles had an impressive moustache. Draw a face with a fancy moustache.

Cherrill: Richard's oldest brother worked in Frank Cooper's marmalade factory. Which famous book character likes marmalade sandwiches?

Drury: Cyril's brother-in-law worked for the Great Western Railway Company. Draw a picture, or do your best impression, of a train.

King: Look at the houses on either side of this one. Do you think they were all built together? Now look at number 64, how can you tell it was built separately?

Little: Frederick Little worked as a college servant at Christ Church. Can you point in the direction of Christ Church's Tom Tower?

Margetts: Albert's mother was from the Bossom family, who were famous boating people in Oxford. List as many types of boat as you can.

Marriott: James' father was a porter at Christ Church from 1907 to 1946 (when he died). Can you calculate how many years he worked there for?

Phipps: Walter's sister was a dressmaker, a very common occupation for women of the day. Design and draw an awesome outfit you would love to wear.

MARLBOROUGH ROAD (continued)

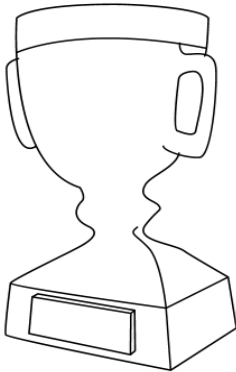
Pitcher: Albert is one of the most common names on the memorial: eight men had that name. What is the most popular name amongst your friends and family?

Prestidge: Two of James's siblings, Marjorie and Sidney, were twins. Do you know any twins?

Rennie: Alexander was one of ten brothers and sisters. What is the biggest family you know?

Reynolds: Albert's sister Evelyn married a man called Herbert who sold coal for a living. Why would people want to buy coal?

Ryman: This road is named after the Duke of Marlborough, because he owned a lot of the land in the area. Have you ever been to his Palace in Woodstock?



Saunders: Harry was a very keen footballer, and in 1907 he was on the winning team for the Oxford City Junior Football Cup. Decorate the trophy for something you are good at.

Scragg: Horace was 5 foot 7 inches tall, how tall are you?

Simpson: George's father was born in St Thomas, near the railway station. If you could fly, which direction would you need to go in to get there?

Whiting: The house that Edward actually lived in was knocked down and replaced with this block of flats. Can you tell when they were built?

Woodley: William and his father were rag dealers. What do you think a rag dealer was?

Wright: Arthur and Ernest's father worked as a river dredger. A dredger removes rubbish from the bottom of rivers. How do you think they did this in 1914?

NEWTON ROAD

Collinson: Percy was in the YMCA football club. Draw a picture of yourself doing your favourite sport.


Ingram: William was probably around 8 years old when he travelled by ship from South Africa to England. What's the longest journey you have ever made?

Taylor: Albert lived on Newton Road, probably named after the famous scientist and mathematician. What do you know about Sir Isaac Newton?

WESTERN ROAD

Cobb: Albert was a paperhanger. Draw a design for wallpaper.

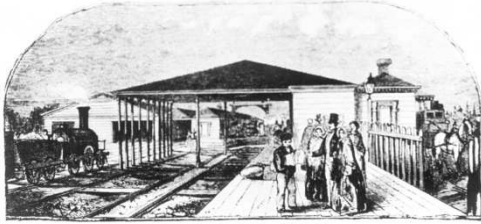
Hook: Edgar's wife Winifred was a telegraph clerk sending telegrams. Do you know what a telegram is?

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Irwin: All the houses look different in Western Road, because they were built by lots of different people. Which is your favourite house, and why?

WESTERN ROAD (continued)

Reynolds: Leonard was 14 when he left school to become a bookbinder's errand boy. Can you draw a picture of a hardback book?



Oxford Old Station, looking North, 1852

Robinson: Reginald lived in this house, very close to the site of Oxford's first railway station. (Western Road is called Western Road after the Great Western Railway.) The first train to arrive was

described as 'one of those rampageous, dragonnading fire-devils'! How would you describe a train to someone who had never seen one?

A Smith: Eight of our 66 men were called Albert, a popular name of the time because Queen Victoria's son was called Albert Edward. Do you know any baby Georges, inspired by William and Kate's son?

J & E Smith: John lived at this house until he left for France. If he could see his house now, what would he recognise (and what do you think might have changed?)

Stevens: Ronald's father had a grocery business, do you know what a grocer sells?

Townsend: Thomas had a friend who worked at the stables at The Randolph Hotel. Why would a hotel have a stable?

WHITE HOUSE ROAD

Brooks: Ernest was a keen rower, have you ever rowed in a boat?

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