

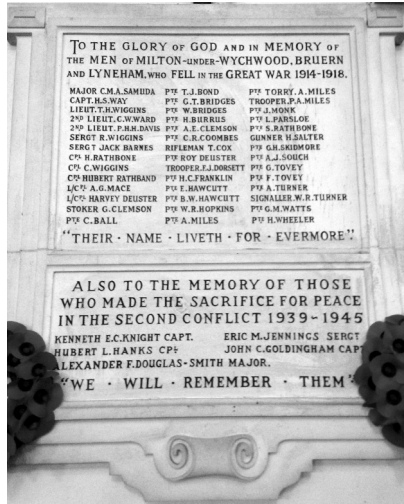
## We Will Remember Them

It can have escaped no-one's notice that this year we are commemorating 100 years since the start of the First World War in 1914.

Milton has no obvious war memorial to the dead of the two World Wars, but there is a memorial plaque attached to the wall inside at the back of the church of St Simon and St Jude in Church Road, where the remembrance service is held each year. Here are recorded the names of 42 servicemen who died as a result of the First World War. To this have been added the names of five servicemen who died in the Second World War.

### Not to be Forgotten

It is correct to say 'died as a result of WW1' as many servicemen died after returning home, as a result of wounds received in combat. In the Milton churchyard there is one distinctive Commonwealth War Grave commission headstone recording the death of one of those named on the memorial plaque, Gunner E Hawcutt, who died on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1919 aged 27 years. Research shows that Esau Hawcutt died of wounds at the Cambuslaird Military Hospital in Scotland. Of the 42, only he could be commemorated with such a headstone in Milton as he was in the UK when he died. His compatriots, mentioned on the memorial plaque, all died on the



battlefield, mostly in France or Belgium, or at sea. Their bodies were not allowed to be repatriated.

They therefore either have graves in the countries where they fell or, if their bodies were not recovered or identified, are commemorated at one of the communal memorials on the continent such as the Menin Gate in Ypres

or at the Thiepval memorial on the Somme in Northern France.

### Milton Plans

The church in Milton, on behalf of the whole village, will be organising a commemoration, of the men who died in the First World War. We would welcome further information or photographs so we can create as full a picture as possible of these men and any others there may be who are not included on the memorial. We are planning to put together an exhibition in the church to coincide with **Remembrance Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> November**. In addition we are hoping to arrange an evening of WW1 music and readings on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November** to celebrate their bravery and sacrifice. If you would like to be involved in this project or have any interesting information or material to add to our display we would very much like to hear from you. Please contact Janet Wallace on: 01993 831059 or Liz Watts on: 01993 831759 or [elizabethw@bfocus.co.uk](mailto:elizabethw@bfocus.co.uk)  
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