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# HISTORY OF SANDBACH
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# #HT.TERRITORIAL DRILL HALL (Middlewich Road)

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Built on the Middlewich Road for the Territorial Drill Hall in the 1930's it was also used for the Sandbach Badminton Club.
Still in use today it is the home of the Army Cadet Force (Sandbach Detachment).

Feb 2014 Army Cadet Hall.

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# THEATRICAL GROUPS IN SANDBACH. (Theatre / Actors)

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## CREMONA MUSIC UNION

The above was a show with various musicians. Mr Henry Taylor said that the show was the same people who performed in-front of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales with the Duke of Sutherland and a Party of dignitaries at Trentham.

| **Date** | **Venue** |
|---|---|
| 11 Dec 1885 | SANDBACH LITERARY INSTITUTE |
| | Under the Patronage of Mr G.W. Latham Esq. M.P. |
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A report in the 8 May 1875 Chester Observer showed that Mr Snape BRITANNIA THEATRE had applied to erect a theatre on the Common which had been rejected despite having been to the town before.
In 1889 the company again came to the town.

**The Snapes "BRITANNIA" Theatre started a second season of plays at Scotch Common Sandbach.**
**LIST OF PLAYS PERFORMED**

| | |
|---|---|
| (Mon) 16 Sept 1889 | The Dark City |
| (Tues) 17 Sept 1889 | From the Ranks |
| (Wed) 18 Sept 1889 | My Sweetheart |
| (Thurs) 19 Sept 1889 | Hamlet |
| (Fri) 20 Sept 1889 | Colleen Brawn |
| (Sat) 21 Sept 1889 | Tiger Slayer |
| (Mon) 23 Sept 1889 | Dick Whittington and his Cat |
| (Tues) 24 Sept 1889 | Ragged Jack |
| (Wed) 25 Sept 1889 | Hazie Kirke (Wednesday the Fashionable Night) |
| (Thurs) 26 Sept 1889 | See Bills |
| (Fri) 27 Sept 1889 | Buffalo Bill |
| (Sat) 28 Sept 1889 | The Skeleton Hand |
| As Above | Jack Robinson and his Monkey |
| (Mon) 30 Sept 1889 | Shaun the Post |
| (Tues) 1 Nov 1889 | The Barnes of New York |
| (Wed) 2 Nov 1889 | Our German Cousin |
| (Thurs) 3 Nov 1889 | See bills |
| (Fri) 4 Nov 1889 | As in a Looking Glass |
| (Sat) 5 Nov 1889 Forest of Bounty | |
| As Above | The Dumb man of Manchester |
| (Mon) 7 Nov 1889 | See Bills |
| (Tues) 8 Nov 1889 | Rip Van Winkle |
| (Wed) 9 Nov 1889 | Monte Christo |
| As Above | Oliver Twist |

**LOCAL NEWS 1890**
**The "English Barnum's Greatest Show on Earth" is performing in the area.**

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| Tuesday 18 March 1890 | Crewe (Lunts Field) |
| Wednesday 19 March 1890 | Sandbach |
| Thursday 20 March | Middlewich |
| Friday 21 March | Winsford |
| Saturday 22 March | Northwich |

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SANDBACH ENTERTAINMENT
**17 February 1906 Crewe Guardian Page 4.**
23 Feb 1906 MR F.R. BENSON'S SHAKESPEARIAN COMPANY
Were performing at Sandbach on this date.

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# 1894 to 1910 = SANDBACH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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They performed a number of plays and donated the profits to local charities. However they seemed to have disbanded in 1910 and are not connected to the group of the same name started in 1945. They did do their plays at the Town Hall just like its successors.
In 1914 the Sandbach Urban District Council discussed using the surplus funds from the Dramatic Society to be donated to the War Relief Committee.

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# 1930's to unkn = PANTOMIME GROUP

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I don't know at the moment when the group started but it was organised by the

Parish Church to entertain the children of the area and like the previous drama group gave its profits to charity and the local churches.
For many years they performed an annual Pantomime.
Among the production performed were;-

Little Red Riding Hood

3 Picture from Little Red Riding Hood.

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# 1930 to 1948+ = HOPE STREET CONGREGATIONAL DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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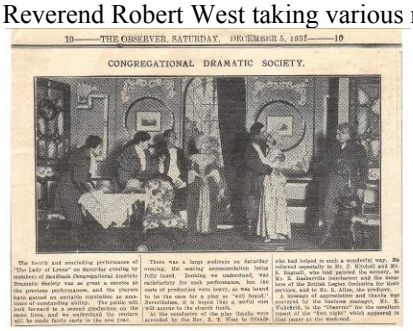
In 1930 The Sandbach Congregational Amateur Dramatic Society was formed and performed their shows at the Sunday School building in Hope Street. Set up for the Younger members of the congregation they performed such plays as “The Prince was a Pauper” (1931), “The Lady of Lyons” (24- 28 Nov 1931) and “Rob Roy” (1932) with the Reverend Robert West taking various roles in the productions.



10——THE OBSERVER, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1931——10

CONGREGATIONAL DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

The fourth and concluding performances of "The Lady of Lyons" on Saturday evening by members of Sandbach Congregational Amateur Dramatic Society was as great a success as the previous performances, and the players have gained an enviable reputation as amateurs. Everything went well, and the play took forward to a second production, on the same lines, and we understand the curtain will be made fairly early in the new year.

There was a large audience on Saturday evening, the seating accommodation being fully taxed. Booking, we understand, was satisfactory for each performance, but the costs of production were heavy, so we hope to be the case for a year or "well found" production. Such a play as "Rob Roy" would still appeal to the theatre fans.

At the conclusion of the play thanks were extended by the Rev. R. F. West to friends who had helped in such a wonderful way. He referred especially to Mr. F. Mitchell and Mr. E. Ingnall, who had painted the scenery, to Mr. E. Baskerville (orchestra) and the members of the British Legion Orchestra for their services, and to Mr. Hamilton, who had given a lecture on Napoleon and Waterloo was a great success. By the business manager, Mr. E. Wakefield, to the "Observer" for the excellent report of the "first night" which appeared in that paper at the week-end.

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# 1945 to 2006 = SANDBACH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY / SANDBACH PLAYERS

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Formed in 1945 by local enthusiasts they staged their first play “Without the Prince” in 1946.
Their first and last plays were performed at the Town hall but in 1977 they moved into the Hope Street School Room with the play “I’ll Get My Man” and then in 1992 to Sandbach School and the play “Dry Rot”.
After a short season at Bradwall Village Hall the Players moved back into the Town Hall in Dec 2005.
The societies final show was on the 24 June 2006 and was “Proscenophobia” by Bettine Manktelow.
(***Full History available on Request / available on this website***)

THE CAST OF "WITHOUT THE PRINCE"

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## 2016 to Date = SANDBACH AMATEUR DRAMATIC AND OPERATIC SOCIETY / sados

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Founded on the 6 April 2016 by Jon Ranwell. With the first meeting and an initial 46 members.
Next meeting 13 April at the Limes in Sandbach.
The Society has performed a number of plays around the town and at play festivals with their latest productions being performed at the Market Tavern on the Market Square, Sandbach School's Theatre and Sandbach Cricket Club (2019).
1st Play in Sandbach CONFUSIONS by Alan Ayckbourne April 2017.

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# TOWN HALL

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**ORIGINAL TOWN HALL**

An engraving by W. Alexander, F.S.A. in 1810 showed the original Town Hall next to the Saxon Crosses. It was positioned where the War Memorial now stands on the Square. The Upper Floor was for assemblies while the ground floor was for Prison Cells and Shops. The stocks were placed besides the wall of the town hall.

(1st Town Hall / Original Pre 1888)

In 1882 **Thomas Hughes** (.b. 20 Oct 1822 .D. 22 Mar 1896 - The writer of Tom Brown's Schooldays) was appointed to a County Court Judgeship in the Chester District in July of that year an appointment that included Sandbach and worked out of the Town Hall.
During an archaeological survey in 2009 it discovered the foundations of the original Town Hall with its High Street Stalls under the piers of the building for selling food and included a butcher's.

1888 (2nd)

**2nd TOWN HALL**
Built in 1888 on the same site as the original Town Hall it was a much larger building with a large upper story meeting room, with a caretakers office and barber's shop at street level. The Surveyor and Sanitary or Nuisance Inspector had an office in the west end in the building.
The building was demolished in 1891 following the opening of the present Town Hall in 1889.

**3rd TOWN HALL**
The site that the current town hall is built on was the original site of the "Crewe Arms Hotel". The place below the tower is the position of the house that the Peover family owned. The building was also on the site of a Barber's Shop (On the Corner) which was demolished to make way for construction.
In 1889 the Rt Hon. Hungerford, Lord Crewe of Crewe Hall donated the land for the new building along with the right to all Market tolls.
The foundation stone was laid on the 2 July 1889 and was designed by the architect Thomas Bower of Nantwich who was in charge of overseeing the project and who used locally built bricks made at the Ancient Britain yard in Congleton Road with construction of the building by John Stringer.
(Some books say that Sir George Gilbert Scott designed building but it is more likely that he was the architect of the 1888 -1891 building -2nd Town Hall)
The cost of the Market Hall and Town Hall was £5,000.
Mrs Jane Court of Wheelock House presented the Main Clock, with Gas illuminations in memory of her relatives the Peover family who owned the house that had been below the tower.
When the hall was completed Lord Crewe erected at his own expense the two statues either side of the main entrance (Above the doors). One is named "Bigot", he was the first Norman who held the manor of Sandbach, under Hugh Lupus, the Earl of Chester and the nephew of William the Conqueror.
The Second statue is that of Sir Randulph Crewe, Sergeant-at-law, an ancestor of Lord Crewe who lived in the reign of King James 1 (Accession 1603 - 1625). He bought the manor of Sandbach from John Radcliffe and became Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He built Crewe Hall about 1620.
In October 1890 the Town Hall was officially opened.
In 1902 the Town and Market Hall was looked after by John Wood (Keeper) and by 1914 Jessie Wood was "Hallkeeper".
By 1914 the Market in the hall was held on a Thursday and a Saturday as well as the outside market.

The single bell in the tower was once used as a Fire alarm as the Fire station was situated behind the Town Hall building (Pre 1917).

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**3 Feb 1915**
The Crewe Parliamentary Division Recruiting Committee applied to the Sandbach Urban District Council on the 21 Jan 1915 to hold a recruiting meeting on the 3rd Feb 1915 at the Town Hall (Free of Charge).

**Sept 1915**
A detachment of the 3/7th Territorial Battalion Cheshire Regiment under Major Taylor visited Congleton on the Monday in connection with a Recruiting Rally of the Western Command after marching from Macclesfield.

On the Tuesday morning (28 Sept 1915) they visited Sandbach and were given a "Grand Military Smoking Concert" in their honour at the Town Hall in the presence of the Mayor of the Town. There will also be a boxing competition and local personality Ex-Sergeant, now Pioneer Noah Kennerly, of the Cheshire Regiment depot appeared in new patriotic sketches.

**8 Dec 1915**

On Wednesday the 8 December 1915 the Headmaster of Sandbach School, Sidney Wallace Finn MA was officially appointed "Attesting Officer" under Lord Derby's Scheme to recruit soldiers in the area.

**Dec 2015**

Khaki Armlets were distributed to the men of Sandbach who had attested under Lord Derby's Scheme in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening.

The Town Hall was full of those who waited their turn to receive the symbol of Patriotism.

The first wave of recruits under the Derby scheme were encouraged to join up in December 1915 and had until the 29th January to report to their unit.

If they needed more time before joining up they had until the 30 December 1915 to lodge an appeal to be placed in a later group of recruits.

(Reprinted in Sandbach Chronicle 31 Dec 2015)

Lord Derby was appointed British Minister of War between 1916 and 1918 and had been brought into the wartime Coalition Government in 1915 when he was given the job of being the public face on the issue of Conscription after he had proved his support in Liverpool during August 1914 when he encouraged the idea of the PALS BATTALIONS where men from a town could all serve together in one unit.

Asquith appointed Lord Derby as Director-General of Recruitment in 1915 and he unveiled what became known as the DERBY SCHEME which was a recruitment policy where young men could give their "Assent" to being called up if needed with Single men being called up first and the government promising to only call up Married Men last.

In the Spring of 1915 enlistment averaged 100,000 men per month but this figure was dwindling and it was soon decided to raise the upper age limit in May 1915 from 38 to 40 years old. On the 15 July 1915 the Government passed the National Registration Act to discover how many men were between the age of 15 to 65 and who were eligible to be enlisted. The act, like the census of 1911 asked for occupations so the Government could decide who were needed on the home front and who could be asked to join up. By Mid-September 1915 the results showed that there were 5 million males of military age who were not in the forces or in "Starred" (or Protected, High or Scarce skill) Jobs.

On the 11 October 1915 (Edward George Villiers Stanley) Lord Derby's Scheme (or officially the "Group Scheme") started to recruit single men to join the war and men aged between 18 to 40 with events in public places to recruit those who wanted the chance to enlist voluntarily or attest (Sign up) with an obligation to be called up later with the last date of the scheme to sign up being the 15 December 1915.

Once signed up the volunteers were segregated into groups. Those who volunteered but wanted to defer service were put into "Class A" while those who wanted to join immediately were put into "Class B". Class A men were paid a day's army pay for the day they Attested and were given a grey armband (or Khaki Armlets) with a red crown on it to signify that they had volunteered and were officially transferred to the Section B Army Reserve before being sent home to await their call up. Those who were Called up were done so according to age groups from Single Men born in 1897 = Group 1 to those born in 1875 = Group 23 and Married Men born from 1897 = Group 24 to those born in 1875 = Group 46. They were then mobilised between (Group 1) the 28 Mar 1916 and (Group 46) the 13 June 1916.

(See also http://www.1914-1918.net/derbyscheme.html)

In some areas like Sandbach the scheme was popular however it didn't produce enough men to satisfy the demand with only 350,000 putting their names forward and so in January 1916 Conscription was introduced via the Military Service Act.

**18 Jan 1918**

On Friday the 18th January 1918 the Children of Sandbach School were taken by their teachers to a lecture and picture show in the afternoon by Mr Mock at the Town Hall on "War in the Air".

**25 Oct 1918**

On Wednesday afternoon (23rd October 1918) all the boys from the school and all other students from the town were taken to a Lantern Lecture at the Town Hall given by Mr Mock on the subject of "War on the Land".

EXTRA INFO.

This would have been like a slide show with a narrative given by the lecturer and possibly as it was a lantern show some of the glass slides may have had animated parts to them allowing a moving illustration to the lecture rather like an early form of animation.
**On the 11 November 1918 War officially ended at 11am** with a cease fire.

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The 1961 Annual Police Ball was held at Sandbach Town Hall with music provided by Ralph Cowdall with various policemen attending including PC Bailey, PC Barlow, PC Clarke, PC Jones and PC Wright.
In January 1966 Councillor Ernest Condliffe held his Chairman's Ball at the Town Hall with music by Cath Jones (who owned the Music Studio / Record Shop on Congleton Road). So good was the dancing that a piece of 8 foot square plaster fell from the ceiling of the boardroom below, thankfully no-one was in the room at the time.
In 1982 the hall was refurbished and in 1986 the building was completely refurbished.
In 2002 a third refurbishment was undertaken and in 2013 alterations were again made to the hall with a retractable stage, new sound system and new bar area being added. The new look Town Hall opened officially on the 19 February 2014.
On the 8 July 2016 the BBC Political Debate show on Radio 4, "ANY QUESTIONS" broadcast live from Sandbach Town Hall with Jonathan Dimbleby in the chair.
With the political situation in Northern Ireland at this moment in time the"Any Questions" producers at BBC Radio 4 decided a new venue should be found to host the live programme on the 8 July 2016. Sandbach Town Hall was the perfect venue for the broadcast and Lisa Jenkinson the producer of the programme set about organising the event.
Jonathan Dimbleby as usual was in the chairman's seat with Liberal Democrat leader Tim Farron, Conservative Dominic Grieve, Labours Gisela Stuart and Daily Telegraph columnist Liam Hagan on the panel.

(3rd Town Hall April 2004)

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# TRANSPORT FESTIVAL history

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**BEFORE THE SANDBACH TRANSPORT FESTIVAL**

27 Nov 1986 The Sandbach By-Pass was officially opened.

1989 By 1989 the Sandbach in Bloom committee decided to plant daffodils alongside the route. A decision was made to hold a one day event to celebrate the heritage of transport vehicle production in Sandbach.
The committee approached Joe Wilson who had arranged lorry runs for Fodens and had many contacts, to put together a parade of vehicles both motorised and horse drawn.
Joe approached Fodens and ERF to see if they would help fund the parade and take part. By this time Fodens had been purchased by Paccar Inc. of U.S.A. and ERF by the Western Star group, a Canadian company.
Fodens' historic vehicles had been sent to the Science Museum near Swindon.
The two Sandbach companies did put into the parade their latest range of trucks.
However E.R.F. 1 and the oldest known operating Foden Diesel owned by Eddie Timmins.
Joe Wilson also approached Rolls Royce who were at the time still based in

Crewe and like the Sandbach firms asked them to help with funding and for them to take part in the event.
Joe was very surprised when they offered to bring along their "1905 Silver Ghost" which they brought in a specially enclosed vehicle and unveiled it to the public before letting it go into the parade (The car also appeared in 1993).
One of the high spots of the Festival's history.

**SANDBACH TRANSPORT FESTIVAL**

April 1990 The First Transport Festival was held in Sandbach under the name "DAFFODIL SUNDAY" a reference to the planted daffodils along the by-pass.
Some people called it a "Horse Parade" as it included a number of horses and horse drawn vehicles alongside Foden and ERF trucks, Rolls Royce Cars and others.
The original event had only 50 vehicles in the parade.
Over the years the number has increased until it became impossible to cater for all the requests and so it became a lottery to decide who came to the Transport Festival.
Funding for the early festivals included Car Boot Sales and collections around the town on the day of the event, in addition to sponsorship by local companies.
REGULAR PARTICIPANTS
Leading the procession for many years were a couple on bikes,
Sylvia and Michael Scutcheon who took us back in time to 1934 with Sylvia on a District Nurses bike (Dressed in Uniform) a Standard Victory Loop Frame.
Michael on the other hand rode a 1930's Robert Gorst Loop Frame Bicycle dressed as a French onion seller. They were featured in the 2004 Festival Programme having taken part in every procession since the first one.
**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1990 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

1991

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1991 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

1992 1) This year the festival committee decided to issue a Plaque to celebrate the Year of the festival competitors took place. They were originally produced in brass and latterly in plastic.
2) Taking part in the parade was a brass band that turned off when they arrived at the Market Square to perform to the waiting crowds.
3) 1992 was also the year that Dennis Robinson, decked out in his Town Crier costume sat on the back of a truck inviting the public to throw money onto a red tarpaulin.

4) Signal Radio broadcast from the event with Mel Scholes interviewing local people, including the organisers and Nigel Stonier, a local musician who arranged the musical entertainment for the event.

5) The event also had music provided by the local schools and Sandbach Folk Club members on the back of an articulated lorry on the Market Square.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1992 tba

Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
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18 Apr 1993

1) Rolls Royce Cars based in Crewe brought its 1907 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost to the festival along with the 1993 Bently Brooklands and the 1993 Rolls Royce Silver Spur.

2) This year's festival included the **Town Criers Competition** with guest Judge **Alan Garner (Weirdstone of Brisingamen)** and his wife.

1) The entertainment for 1993 included a Punch and Judy show on the Market Square.

2) Giant Rode Puppets entertained the public along the high street.

3) The Normid 2000 Brass Band lead the procession and play on the Common.

4) The Galliford Horse drawn Double Decker Omnibus attended.
Driven by Alan Tillier with a pair of Grey Shire Horses it was originally used on the Ross on Wye Route about 1880 it was restored in 1985.

5) Other attractions included a Market with Charity Stalls and a Car Boot Sale on the Safeways Car Park run by the Sandbach Lions Club.

ORGANISERS 1993

| | |
|---|---|
| Parade Organiser | Joe Wilson, Jim Rootes and Tony Bull |
| Parade Leader | John Moore |
| Programme Compiler | Joe Wilson and Vera Shallcross |

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| | | (+ Impressions Print) |
| | Marshalls | Miles Devlin |
| | Commentators | Joe Wilson and Alan Colinson |
| | Town Cryers Competition | Dennis Robinson and Roy Sutton |
| | Publicity | Mike Mate |
| | Entertainment | Nigel Stonier and Mike Mate |
| | Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross and John Moore |
| | Treasurer | Keith Ludlam |

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1993 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

17 Apr 1994 1) Vehicles included the last bus made by the Foden Company.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1994 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

23 Apr 1995 1) The event this year included a lot of Military / War Vehicles as part of the anniversary of VE Day.
On the 6 May 1995 the Town also held a VE Day Celebration on the Market Square.
2) Findle Dindle entertained around the town.
3) Cheshire Police Band played outside the Town Hall.
4) An Army Lynx Helicopter made a flypast down the High Street at 1.20pm.
5) The Dave Brown Big Band played on the Cobbles.
6) Sandbach Leisure Centre held a Train and Toy Collector's Fair as part of the festival.

ORGANISERS 1995

| | |
|---|---|
| Parade Organiser | Joe Wilson, Jim Rootes and Tony Bull |
| Parade Leader | John Moore |
| Marshalls | Miles Devlin and Andrew Webb |
| Commentators | Joe Wilson and Roy Sutton |
| Town Cryers Competition | Dennis Robinson and Roy Sutton |
| Publicity | Mike Mate |
| Entertainment | Nigel Stonier and Mike Mate |
| Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross, John Moore and Keith Rodgers |
| Treasurer | Keith Ludlam |
| Secretary | Tracie Rootes |

Programme produced by Maxwell Publications, Clwyd.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1995 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show

Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

21 Apr 1996 **ADVERTISED AS THE 5th SANDBACH TRANSPORT FESTIVAL**.
1) Music from Audley Brass Band.
2) Findle Dindle entertained around the town.
3) Tony Ashmore (Sandbach) "Razenburg Dance Organ" built in Holland in 1964.
4) Sandbach Leisure Centre held a Train and Toy Collector's Fair as part of the festival.
5) An entry from the Saxon Sandbeck Ltd Company was entered into the show. It was their 1996 new Saxon Fire Engine.
ORGANISERS 1996

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|---|---|
| Parade Organiser | Joe Wilson, Jim Rootes and Tony Bull |
| Parade Leader | John Moore |
| Marshalls | Miles Devlin and Catherine Wilson |
| Commentators | Joe Wilson and Roy Sutton |
| Town Cryers Competition | Dennis Robinson |
| Publicity | Mike Mate |
| Entertainment | Nigel Stonier and Mike Mate |
| Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross, John Moore and Keith Rodgers |
| Treasurer | Dennis Fricker |
| P.A. and Office Control | Catherine Wilson |

Programme produced by Maxwell Publications, Clwyd.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1999 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

1997

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1997 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

19 Apr 1998 1) BBC Northwest turned up to do a feature on the event with producer Paul Craven and presenter Martin Henfield.

2) Audley Brass Band played outside the Town Hall
**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1998 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

Apr 1999 1) A Brass Band played at a Concert on the Market Square.
**AWARDS / WINNERS** 1999 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

16 Apr 2000 1) Celebrating 100 Years of vehicles the "Sandbach Festival of Transport" brought together Horse Drawn Carriages plus Steam engines, Cars and Lorries telling the story of 100 years of travel.
2) The cars included an appearance by the original film car "**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**" owned by Pierre Picton (.b. 26 June 1934 .D. 10 Nov 2016).
Pierre was exhibiting in the area in the days before Sandbach and rang Parade Organiser Joe Wilson to see if he would like the car at the Festival.
At a special price Joe was keen to have the vehicle on show and with the added attraction of a Corgi cars display trailer which also sold models of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, it was something that couldn't be missed.
Competitions were run for children to be driven in the car during the parade and Offley Road School ran a competition for a pupil to be photographed in the car.

3) The event also had the North West Town Crier's Competition.

4) Fodens Band (Fodens Courtois Band) played at the Opening Concert at Sandbach School on the 15 April (Saturday).
The concert was dedicated to one of the Festival Organisers **Mike Mate** who had died earlier in the year on the 9 January 2000.
5) Sandbach School Band played on the Cobbled Square.
6) The New Orleans Parade Band were at the front of the parade this year.
ORGANISERS 2000

| | |
|---|---|
| Parade Organiser | Joe Wilson, Jim Rootes |
| Parade Leader | John Moore |
| Marshalls | Miles Devlin andrew Webb and Catherine Wilson |
| Commentators | Joe Wilson |
| Town Criers Competition | Dennis Robinson |
| Safety Officer | Roy Sutton |
| Publicity and Admin | Alastair Bain |
| Entertainment | Fabrizio Agostini (A Go Go's Roadshow) |
| Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross, John Moore and Keith Rodgers |
| Treasurer | Reg Shallcross |
| Secretary | Tracie Rootes |
| Programme produced by Maxwell Publications, Clwyd. | |

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2000 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

2001 The **festival was cancelled due to the outbreak of "Foot and Mouth"** and it was decided that the movement of people and vehicles (Including farm tractors) would potentially spread the disease across the country. Sandbach's Festival was not the only event not held this year as the Middlewich Folk and Boat Festival was also cancelled.

21 Apr 2002 CELEBRATION OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II.
1) **Batman's Car (Batmobile)** and Batcycle made an appearance along with Batman and Robin. The Batmobile was the only roadworthy prop of eight cars made for the Adam West TV Series and was renovated in 1989 after being in a sorry state of repair in Florida.
2) The event also had Helicopter Rides from Offley Road School's grounds.
3) The New Orleans Parade Band were at the front of the parade this year.
4) The Middlewich Paddies (Folk Singers) also took part (Founders of the Middlewich Folk and Boat Festival)
ORGANISERS 2002

| | |
|---|---|
| Parade Organiser | Alastair Bain |
| Parade Leader | John Moore |
| Horse Parade Organiser | Sharon Goodwin |
| Marshalls | Miles Devlin |
| Commentators | Joe Wilson |
| Town Cryers Competition | Dennis Robinson and Ruth Robinson |
| Safety Officer | Roy Sutton |
| Publicity and Admin | Alastair Bain and Miles Devlin |
| Entertainment | Joe Moore |
| Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross and Keith Rodgers |
| Treasurer | Reg Shallcross |
| Secretary | Tracie Rootes |
| PA and Office Control | Tony Harrison and Barbara Rogers |

Programme produced by Maxwell Publications, Clwyd.

13 Apr 2003 1) Teddy Bear Parachute Jumps took place at Sandbach Fire Station.
2) Churches Together in Sandbach held a service to celebrate Palm Sunday on the corner by the Swan and Chequer Hotel. This would become an annual event at the Festival.
3) Martin Rigby provided the tauliners for the entertainment.
4) The Festival organisers arranged for the Pipes and Drum of the Clan Urquhart Highlanders to take part in the entertainment and parade.

ORGANISERS 2003

| | |
|---|---|
| Parade Organiser | Miles Devlin |
| Parade Leader | John Moore |
| Horse Parade Organiser | Sharon Goodwin |
| Marshalls | Miles Devlin |
| With | Sandbach Lions Club and Rotary Club |
| Commentators | Joe Wilson |
| Town Cryers Competition | Dennis Robinson and Ruth Robinson |
| Safety Officer | Roy Sutton |
| Publicity and Admin | Mike Marshall |
| Entertainment | Fabrizio Agostini (A Go Go's Roadshow) |
| Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross and John Moore |
| Treasurer | Reg Shallcross |
| Secretary | Tracie Rootes |
| PA and Office Control | Keith and Barbara Rogers and Jo Bain |

Programme produced by Maxwell Publications, Clwyd.

**BEST VEHICLE IN SHOW**

Best Foden

18 April 2004 1) Gary Tiplady appeared at the festival as a "**Jaws**" (007 villain) lookalike.
2) The **Starchaser Rocket** made an appearance. This was Britain's attempt to get a man into space.
3) Bentley cars brought along its latest vehicle.
4) Town Criers Competition
5) The event also had the Round Table Hog Roast.
6) Corgi Cars had their display vehicle at the festival.
7) There was also an appearance by the Yellow Submarine a 60 foot Adventure playground.

ORGANISERS 2004

| | |
|---|---|
| Chairman | Reg Shallcross |
| Parade Organiser | Miles Devlin |
| Parade Leader | Tba |
| Horse Parade Organiser | Sharon Goodwin |
| Marshalls | Miles Devlin |
| With | Sandbach Lions Club and Rotary Club |
| Commentators | Joe Wilson |
| Town Cryers Competition | Dennis Robinson and Ruth Robinson |
| Safety Officer | Roy Sutton |
| Publicity and Admin | Mike Marshall |
| Entertainment | Fabrizio Agostini (A Go Go's Roadshow) |
| Market / Charity Stalls | Reg Shallcross and John Moore |

| | |
|---|---|
| Treasurer | Reg Shallcross |
| Secretary | Tracie Rootes |
| PA and Office Control | Keith and Barbara Rogers and Jo Bain |

Programme produced by Maxwell Publications, Clwyd.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2004 tba

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | |
| Best Car in Show | |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | |
| Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) | Mr E Timmins |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | |
| Best Foreign Truck | |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | |
| Best Motor Cycle | |

*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

April 2005 The **Sandbach Transport Festival was cancelled** when it's volunteer committee were unable to find time to sort out all the arrangements.

23 April 2006 1) The Sandbach Transport Festival returned with over 10,000 spectators.
2) The theme of the event was "**Farewell to Fodens**" established in 1856 and employed at its peak 3,000 people.
The event had 30 Foden trucks in the parade including a 1908 and 1925 steamer.
3) Organiser Reg Shallcross said the event also had an art exhibition in the Town Hall, a performance by the Lion's Youth Brass Band and a chance to have your Teddy bear parachuted from the top of the Fire Station training tower.
4) Marshalls for the event was provided by members of the Rotary Club of Saxon Crosses and the Sandbach Lions.
5) The Lion's Youth Brass Band led the procession through the town.
6) A Glen Miller Tribute band also appeared at the event.
7) This was **Reg Shallcross's last event as Chairman**, handing over the organisation for 2007.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2006 tba

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | |
| Best Car in Show | |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | |
| Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) | |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | |
| Best Foreign Truck | |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | |
| Best Motor Cycle | |

*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*

22 Apr 2007 1) **Graham Alcock** took over as Chairman of the Transport Festival.
2) Music included in the festival was by the Sandbach School Samba Band and Sandbach School Brass Band along with an Unplugged Session and The Norsemen.
3) The **Sandbach Art Club** started holding an Art Exhibition in conjunction with the Festival at the Masonic Hall on the Common.
4) By now the annual Church Service held on the Sunday outside the Town Hall was accompanied by the Lions Youth Brass Band.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2007 tba

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | Mr W A Briggs (1908 Foden 5 Ton) |
| Best Car in Show | |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | |
| Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) | Mr D Barlow (1956 International B250) |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | Mr S Passoni (1938 ERF OE4) |
| Best Foreign Truck | |

Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)

19-20 Apr 2008 1) The Sandbach Transport Festival became a two day event for the first time.
2) The Festival celebrated **75 years of ERF Trucks**.
3) Fodens Band and the Lions Youth Band also held a concert on the Friday night (18th) to launch the festival.
4) Lions Youth Brass Band led the Procession.
5) Celebrity **Claire Sweeney** attended the Transport Festival as part of the Caldwell's Children's Charity.
6) The Band of the Cheshire Constabulary played on the Saturday outside the Town Hall.
7) There was also a Hovercraft ride at Sandbach School.
8) This was the **first year of the Festival Queen** with Claire Sweeney crowning the winner on the Saturday.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2008 Tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
*Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy Started 2009)*
**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2008 - Tba

18-19 Apr 2009 1) Irish Boxer "**Big Joe Egan**" was the Special Guest at the event.
2) Roy Sutton the Vice Chairman of the Transport Festival died during the year and a tribute was made to him in the programme and event as he was one of the founders of the event and a committee Member for 18 years.
Roy was also a councillor with Sandbach Town Council for 27 years and the Chairman of the "Sandbach in Bloom" and "Christmas Light's Committee".
In 2010 the Roy Sutton trophy as launched to celebrate a person connected with the festival.
3) Foden's Band held a concert at Sandbach School (17 April 2009) to celebrate the opening of the Transport Festival. It was also the first year that they led the procession through the town.
4) Dave Coates Motor Cycle Stunt Rider appeared on the Saturday of the Show.
5) Transport Festival Queen for 2009 was Kirstie Orr.
6) The Band of the Cheshire Constabulary played on the Saturday outside the Town Hall.
7) South Cheshire Singer Chloe Chadwick sang at the festival.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2009

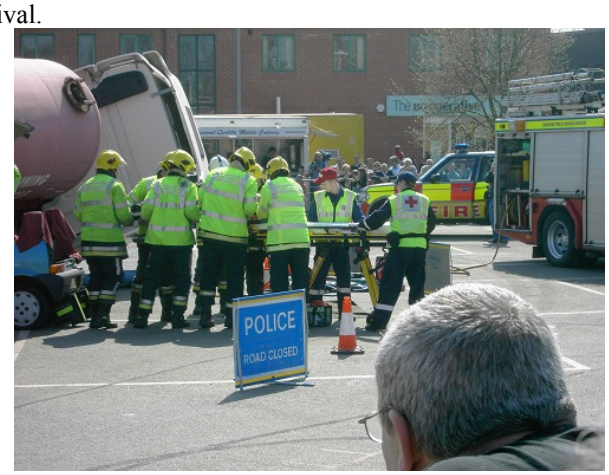
| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | Mr McManus (1935 Alvis) |
| Best Car in Show | Mr Would (MGA 1500 Roadster) |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | Mr Newbrook (1937 Morris CS11 40F) |
| Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) | Mr Kimberley (?) |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | Mr Smith (?) |
| Best Foreign Truck | Mr Barry Proctor (Kenworth W900) |

Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) Mr and Mrs Scutchen for their Bycicles
**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2009 - Kirstie Orr
**TOWN CRIERS COMPETITION**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1st Place | Trevor Heeks (Trowbridge and Longleat) |
| 2nd Place | Peter Taunton (Stafford) |

3rd Place Roy Goodwin (Ilfracombe)
BEST DRESSED TOWN CRIER
1 st Place Geoffrey Russell (Market Drayton)

17-18 Apr 2010 1) A record breaking 20,000 people turned up for the event.
2) Irish Boxer "**Big Joe Egan**" was the Special Guest at the event his 2nd year.
3) CBeebies presenter **Alex Winters** also made a guest appearance.
4) Dave Coates Motor Bike Stuntman.
5) There was also a major incident reconstruction on the 17th April involving all the emergency services and an overturned oil tanker.
6) Foden's Band held a concert at Sandbach School (16 April 2010) to open the festival.




7) After this year **Steam engines stopped taking part** in the parade once the speed humps had been added to the High Street outside the Old Hall and they couldn't get round them, they could only go over the top making it difficult to control and so it was felt that they shouldn't take part the following year for safety reasons. Luckily the organisers did decide to keep them in the festival with displays on Congleton road and at the Old Hall where they provided a backdrop for the outdoor Fodens Band concert.

(2010)

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2010 tba

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | Mr Kelly (1978 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow) |
| Best Car in Show | G McManus (1935 Alvis Speed 20 SD) |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |

Best Truck in Show Mr Pessoni (1938 ERF OE4)
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) Mr Sanderson (1958 KG5/14 Tanker)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) REVS' 1989 EC11
Best Foreign Truck Hough Green (Kenworth Recovery Vehicle)
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) Martin Rigby
**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2010 - Agnieszka Slanina (Aged 16)

16-17 Apr 2011 1) Events included a truck pulling competition and Motorbike stuntman Steve Colley along with the Backdraft Fire Engine.
2) Heartbeat actor **Jack Marsden** made a guest appearance at the festival taking over from Irish Boxer "Big Joe Egan" who was filming and unable to appear for a 3rd year.
3) Foden's Band held a concert at Sandbach School (17 April 2011) to open the festival the last time they held a fund raising concert for the event. They also played in the procession.
**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2011 tba
Best Vehicle in Show
Best Car in Show
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield)
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy)
Best Foreign Truck
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Best Motor Cycle
Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy)
**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2011 - Agnieszka Slanina (Aged 17)

21- 22 Apr 2012 1) 21st Anniversary of the Transport Festival
2) Heartbeat actor **Jack Marsden** made his 2nd guest appearance at the festival again taking the place of the advertised Joe Egan. .
3) The ERF portable museum made an appearance at the festival.
4) Foden's Band played before the Parade, Marching at the Front of the Parade and for the first time they played outside the Old Hall with the backdrop of Steam engines.
5) The programme for the weekend was replaced by a brief **leaflet** available from the library and other locations before the event and on the day free of charge.
**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2012
Best Vehicle in Show Elizabeth Nuttall – 1957 Morris Minor 1000 Convertible
Best Car in Show Elizabeth Nuttall – 1957 Morris Minor 1000 Convertible
Best Classic Post War Car
Best Classic Car
Best Truck in Show Matthew Jones – 2007 DAF CF85 (Massey Brothers)
Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) Clive Bailey – 1963 Foden S21
Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) Graham Dale – 1960 KV 8 Wheeler
Best Foreign Truck Mike Denny – 2008 Volvo FH12 (James Lynch)
Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy)
Brian Burgess – 1954 Bedford Green Goddess
Best Motor Cycle Pete Curbishly – 2011 Triumph Rocket
Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) Mike Steele – 2007 Volvo FH480 (Arclid Transport)
**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2012 - Georgina Bell

20 - 21 Apr 2013 1) The Transport Festival Parade was dedicated to Peter Foden (E.R.F) and Derek Jennings (Jennings Coachbuilders based at ERF) who had died during the year and had both been an integral part of the development of the ERF trucks.
2) This was the last time the festival held the **Town Cryers Competition**.

Originally organised by Dennis Robinson (Sandbach Town Cryer) he had handed the organisation of the event over to the staff at Sandbach Town Council but with personal problems and commitments in other areas of the town it was becoming more difficult to arrange the event.
3) Tha Backdraft Fire engine made an appearance on the Saturday along with the Cumberland wrestlers.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2013

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|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | Elizabeth Nuttall (1957 Morris Minor 1000) |
| Best Car in Show | Paul Wilson (8 Litre Bentley) |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | Matthew Jones (2007 DAF CF850 (Massey Brothers) |
| Best Foden | W. P. Shore (1953 Foden 4LK) |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | Graham Turner (2001 ECX Turners (Hoole) Ltd) |
| Best Foreign Truck | Andy Griffin (2008 DAF XF105 Arclid Transporter) |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | Joe Bell (Russian Cross Country vehicle) |
| Best Motor Cycle | Malcolm Halliwell (Moto Guzzi Le Manns MK1) |
| Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) | Imperial Commercials |

**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2013 - Leci Boullen

26- 27 Apr 2014 1) The format of the show changed with the introduction of a Classic car show on the Saturday and a Music Festival on the Cobbles. Nantwich Town Band entertained the public on the Common during Saturday while Fodens band led the procession and played at the Old Hall.
2) Music included performers Tom Seals and Nick Bayes.
3) A Lanchester 40 Car which had been at Jefferies Garage on Scotch Common returned for the first time to the area since it had been restored.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2014

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | Dave Elsby (Sandbach) – 1936 Austin 12 Pick up |
| Best Car in Show | |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | |
| Best Foden (Alf Barlow Shield) | |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | |
| Best Foreign Truck | |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | |
| Best Motor Cycle | |
| Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) | |

**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2014 - Leci Boullen

(Lanchester 40)

18-19 Apr 2015 1) The Parade was cancelled due to improvement roadwork's at junction 17 of the

M6 Motorway.
2) Foden's Band decided to do a March through the town to the Old hall where they played an hour long concert.
3) With the loss of the Police budget the organisers had plenty of money to spare on giving children free rides in the park including a popular Thomas the Tank Engine.
4) A 25th Anniversary Tumbler was given to all the winners and some of the organisers.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2015

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | |
| Best Car in Show | Alison Gratton (Car unkn) |
| Best Classic Post War Car | Eddie Howell – 1954 Rolls Royce Silver Dawn |
| Best Classic Car | Jane and Paul Dawson – 1972 Ford Mk1 Capri |
| Best Truck in Show | Steve Passoni – 1938 ERF |
| Best Foden | |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | |
| Best Foreign Truck | |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | |
| Best Motor Cycle | |
| Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) | Joe Wilson for his work with the show and as one of the Founders 25 years ago. |

**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2015 - Leci Boullen

Apr 2016

1) Due to the price of Policing the event and the success of the event last year it was decided that the 2016 parade would also be cancelled with the exception of a march by Foden's Band. It was felt by the organisers that they didn't lose many visitors during the festival and that they were spread across the whole day rather than the hour of the parade and then disappeared. So the parade was cancelled in favour of holding more events in the park and town centre to make the whole day special.
2) There was however a parade of vehicles when the event closed on the Sunday with a leaving Parade from the common to the Crewe Road Roundabout with them dispercing to their own destinations. This proved popular and will be repeated in 2017.
3) The event also marked the death of Martin Rigby (Haulage) who had been killed in a motor cycle accident on the Isle of Man. In respect hundreds of Bikers turned up at the festival for a ride through just after Foden's band had started playing at the Old Hall after their march from the town centre.
It was part of an annual ride for charity and like the end of day parade proved popular with the public and their Bike Parade has been booked for the next festival in 2017.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2016

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|---|---|
| Best Vehicle in Show | |
| Best Car in Show | |
| Best Classic Post War Car | |
| Best Classic Car | |
| Best Truck in Show | |
| Best Foden | |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | Paul Dutson (A168AHW) |
| Best Foreign Truck | |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | |
| Best Motor Cycle | |
| Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) | Ken Berresford |
| Special Award | Robert Leach (Haslington) |

**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2016 -

22-23 Apr 2017

1) The year of the Spare Parts Festival which shared funding with Crewe and Fleetwood to provide entertainment with a local feel, tailored to the event. Sandbach had the theme of Transport and included various exotic forms of transport including a stegosaurus built out of metal and suitcases. Other features included a Urban Astronaut who moved down the high street in thin air and the 'Granny Turismo' a husband and wife team who played Old Ladies on

Turismo shopping trollies. They entertained the crowds on the Common and during the procession with musical inspired items including a Motor Racing (Fleetwood Mac – The Chain) race on Congleton Road.
2) The SMART MOTORWAY Joint Project builders supplied barriers, office space for marshals, toilets and radio communication for the event, saving hundreds of pounds for the project.

**AWARDS / WINNERS** 2017

***SATURDAY AWARDS***

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Classic Car | Triumph Vitese Mk 2 |
| Best Vehicle in Show | N/A |
| Best Classic Pre War Car | 1934 Riley 9 Monaco |
| Best Classic Post War Car | John Holdcroft - 1964 Jaguar |
| Best Motor Cycle – Saturday | Norton Comando 1972 |

***SUNDAY AWARDS***

| | |
|---|---|
| Best Truck in Show | J Leech – Dodge Cattle Wagon |
| Best Foden | Harold Lomas – Pochin Tractor Unit |
| Best ERF (Ken Beresford Trophy) | John Cook – ERF E16 |
| Best Foreign Truck | N/A |
| Best Military Vehicle (John McAlinden Trophy) | (153) Rober Lo2002a |
| Best Motor Cycle – Sunday | (098) 1940 Triumph |
| Best Bus (NEW) | Gordon Weston - Leyland Pops L9766 |
| Best Emergency Vehicle (NEW) | (139) Brian Burgess – RAF Bedford |
| Best Car in Show | Dave Woodward – Sunny Yellow Triumph |
| Best Livery – Martin Rigby Trophy (NEW) | (060) Andy Hulme – Foden Gardner 180 |
| Special Award | Foden's Band |
| Star of the Show (Roy Sutton Trophy) | Corillia Ker (Joint Project – Smart Motorway) |

**CARNIVAL QUEEN** 2017 - Elaine Gynp

OTHER EVENTS (Dates Tbc)
1) Horses in the parade were stopped after one decided it was not going to be as calm as it should have been outside the Market Square near the George.

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GEORGE WAKEFIELD (Motor Engineer)
Motor Engineer and Garage Proprietor they has a business in 43 High Street Sandbach.
Established at the end of the 19th Century (1898) by Fred Wakefield who ran a Cycles and Motorcycles establishment on the site it became George Wakefield by 1933. As Motor engineers they had a Garage and were also the local representatives for Morris, Austin, Leyland and Wolseley Cars.
In the 1930's they also has a wireless and cycle depot opposite the garage.
FAMILY at Market Square, Sandbach. Details from 1901 and 1911 Census.

| NAME | BORN | TOWN BORN |
|---|---|---|
| Fred Wakefield | .b. 1866 (1901-1911 Rural Postman and Shoemaker) | Sandbach |
| Clara Wakefield | .b. 1867 (Mother) | Dunkirk Staffordshire / Sandbach |

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|---|---|---|
| Emma Wakefield | .b. 1887 (Daughter) | Sandbach |
| George Wakefield | .b. 1890 (Son) (Engineers Fitter) | Sandbach |
| William Wakefield | .b. 1891 (Son) (Cycle Repairman) | Sandbach |
| (Married Florence Dunn at St Mary's Sandbach in 1920) | | |
| Charles Wakefield | .b. 1897 (Son) (Messenger Telegraph) | Sandbach |
| Dorothy Wakefield | .b. 1898 (Daughter) | Sandbach |
| Annie Wakefield | .b. 1900 (Daughter) | Sandbach |

1911 Census (Extra names).

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Harry Wakefield | .b. 1901 (Son) | Sandbach |
| (Married Marjorie Lydia Harding at St Mary's Sandbach in 1927) | | |
| James Wakefield | .b. 1909 (Son) | Sandbach |
| Clara Hopwood | .b. 1892 (Servant) | Sandbach |

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# WATER FOUNTAIN **Grade 2 Drinking Fountain, Hightown,**

**(EH Ref: 1330396 27/04/1978) Designed by Thomas Bower of Nantwich.**

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In the middle of the roundabout between the Literary Institute and the Wheat sheaf Hotel in Sandbach town centre there is a fountain designed for the use of horses outside the literary institute which at the time was used as a Market and Corn exchange where farmers would buy and sell animals and produce. The fountain stands on land that was originally a large garden area and it was donated in 1890 by Rt Hon. Hungerford, Lord Crewe of Crewe Hall who owned most of the centre of Sandbach. It was designed by Thomas Bower of Nantwich and built by Mr John Stringer and on Monday the 19 September 1892 the fountain was handed over officially to Lord Crewe.
In 1897, the area became a focal point for the celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and in In 1978, it was granted Grade 2 status and is still one of the prominent features of the town centre. Workmen turned up on the 26 November 2014 to start cleaning the moss and dirt off the Water fountain in Sandbach as part of the Sandbach Town Councils plan to clean the town's features.In 2013, work finished on the restoration and improvement of the Town Hall and both last year and in 2014 the War Memorial also had a facelift with the Saxon Crosses acquiring new information boards in an attempt to attract more visitors to the town.

By the 14 August 2016 part of the structure had fallen off into the road with the result that it ws now in need of restoration. Cheshire East put up signs that planting of the flower beds around the fountain will be carried out after the work had been completed in about two weeks and scaffolding was added to the structure for work to repair the fountain to begin. Large amounts of stone were dropped off on the roundabout which means that the usual blooms that are planted on the site had been removed and the stone was used to cover the island ready for top soil and replanting.

GRADE 2 Listed.

(Water Fountain 19 May 2004)

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# WATER / WATER TOWER (Demolished)

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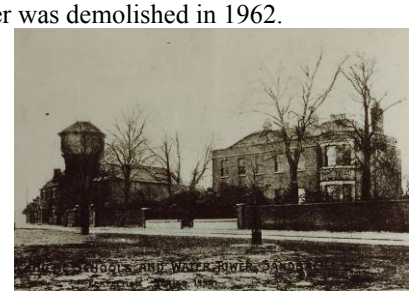
Built on land near Marriott House the Water Tower was constructed about 1891.
In 1891 the Water tower was constructed near the Common and was designed by William W Wyatt Senior Civil Engineer of Whitchurch. His son was also responsible for the water mains and tower at Arclid Infirmary. It was built by John Stringer (District Surveyor and Engineer) to a design that according to some resembled Windsor Castle.
Mr Walter Lea at Dingle lake built an artificial lake on this site in 1891 to bring water from natural springs at Taxmere.
A Water works was built nearby to supply water to the Town's Water Tower and
The Water Tower was demolished in 1962.


(Water Tower and School)

TOWN WELLS
1) Under Folk's bar.
2) Under Boots the Chemist
3) By the side of St Mary's on Front Street.

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# WARBURTON AND CO.

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This was an agricultural and engineering company run by Mr Roy Warburton and his partners Mr E Birch and Mr A Wright. They also serviced cars in the 1930's.
By 1933 (to 1938) they were based in Bradwall Road.

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# WAR MEMORIAL

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Built on the site of the original Town Hall (See Town Hall) it was unveiled on Sunday the 16 April 1922 at 3pm by Lt Col. John Kennedy, C.M.G., D.S.O., of the Black Watch. He was the son of Colonel and Mrs Kennedy of Brookside, Arclid. It was erected by Messrs Haigh and Son of Chester at a cost of £900.
The site was also the place for the Stocks in the town.
GRADE 2 Listed Monument.

(April 2004)

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# C WELSBY LTD (adapted from a Sandbach Chronicle article)

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*1 Crewe Road, Sandbach. Tel 205 Chemists and Opticians / High Street, Sandbach.*
In 1945 Clifford Welsby and his wife Bessie moved to Sandbach where Mr Welsby joined a Chemist business. In 1948 he acquired the shop in 1 Crewe Road and opened his own business. In 1962 The shop became a Limited Company. Cliff Welsby would work from 9am till 10pm while Bessie would serve on the counter while at the same time studying to be a pharmacist.
Tony Welsby was educated at Crewe Grammar School before going into the family business. From the age of 15 he worked along side his mother and father in the shop joining the business on a full time basis in 1963. By the 1980's the company had expanded to two shops with the second being in 1, High Street. By 1983 it was also a Photo Market shop adding 1 hour developing to the Crewe Road Site in the late 1980's -90's.
In January 1997 (10 Jan Sandbach Chronicle Page 44) Tony Welsby decided to close the Pharmacy side of the shop and would concentrate on the Photographic side of business in the High Street.
Now in the hands of new owners the business continued until 2016 when at the end of November 2016, the shop moved to High Town ending a connection with the original shops owned by Clifford Welsby but continuing the name.

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# WESLEYAN CHAPEL (Wesley Ave)

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Wesley Avenue, Sandbach CW11 1DG
Founded in 1788 on Middlewich Rd.
Rebuilt in 1871 at Wesley Avenue and opened in 1872.
Records available from 1834-1838 at the Cheshire Records Office.

# HISTORY

There had been a Wesleyan Society in Sandbach since the late 1700's with 20 Members of the congregation attending the service in 1785.
In 1792 a Sunday Service was established and hels at the one o'clock at the home of Mr Thomas Mann at Brook Bridge.

By 1807 the congegation had increased to 100 and so a new venue was needed to house them. The Services were moved to a room at the Commons Silk Mill (Factory). At this time it was part of a circuit of chapels with Sandbach, Lawton, Hassell Green, Smallwood, Rookery, Sandbach Heath and Bradwall included in the ministers duties.
In 1856 Sandbach was made a separate Circuit District and plans were put in place to build its own chapel in Wesley Avenue.
The Wesley Avenue (Between Middlewich Road and Bradwall Road) church was built in 1872 by architect Mr John Stringer.

GRADE 2 Listed Building.

**MINISTER**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1856 to 1858 | Reverend W Parkinson |
| 1859 to 1860 | Reverend J Bolam |
| 1861 to 1863 | Reverend G Patterson |
| 1874 to 1865 | Reverend J Gregory |
| 1866 | Reverend T Jones |
| 1867 to 1869 | Reverend F Toyne |
| 1870 to 1872 | Reverend J Cooke |
| 1873 to 1875 | Reverend A Lockyer |
| 1876 to 1878 | Reverend J.B. West |
| 1879 to 1881 | Reverend J Ritchie |
| 1882 to 1884 | Reverend J Kent |
| 1885 to 1887 | Reverend A Baxter |
| 1888 | Reverend J Sutton |
| 1889 to 1891 | Reverend W Cumberland |
| 1892 to 1894 | Reverend E Parry |
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| 1960's | Reverend R Warner |
| | |
| To 2015 | Rev'd Kim Stilwell (to 1 Aug 2015) |
| 2015 to Date | Reverend Jeremy Tresise (1 Sept 2015 to date) |

# WESLEYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL (Church Hall)

Behind the church on Chapel Street (It also has an entrance via the church car park) is the Church hall. It holds many meetings as well as being the home of the Sandbach Scout movement for many years before they moved into their own hall next door (See Providence School). It was built in 1871 as a Sunday school.
In 2004 the church wanted to knock down this building and create a new hall. However its Grade 2 status and public opinion changed the plans and a refurbishment and adaptation was put into place.
On the 3 May 2006 local children sealed up a time capsule in the new building which Ann Winterton the MP for the area opened on the 6 May 2006. It is now known as "The Wesley Centre".

(View from Chapel Street 19 May 2004)

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# WHEAT SHEAF HOTEL

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Built in 1890 as a replacement for the Crewe Arms Hotel (See Town Hall), by Rt Hon. Hungerford, Lord Crewe of Crewe Hall. It was designed by Thomas Bower of Nantwich and built by Mr John Stringer. The building was used as a stop off point for the daily Manchester Run of the old stage coaches and when the railway station was built at Elworth a shuttle service ran from just outside the hotel.

The District Bank next to the Wheat sheaf was built at the same time. Mr William Twigg was the first Bank manager.

In 1834 the Post Office moved to "The George" Public House and was then passed on to the "Wheat sheaf" prior to 1932 when it moved to Bradwall Road.

In 1988 the pub was listed in the Good Pub Guide.

In 2016 the building was purchased from Marstons Pubs by Andrew Pear who owns the Pecks Restaurant in Moston Near Congleton. They then gave the building a £500,000 makeover which was opened on the 1 December 2016 by the Local MP Fiona Bruce.

**COACHES**

WHEAT SHEAF 1834 Timetable

| | |
|---|---|
| 7.30am (Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat) | To Manchester – ROYAL WILLIAM via Middlewich. |
| 8pm (Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat) | To Nantwich – ROYAL WILLIAM. |

**LANDLORDS**

1834 = Joseph Fox
1899 – 1914 = James Henry Rowbotham
1933 = H E Odber
1938 = Harold Breakell
1982 = Tom Wilde and Jim Goodwin (Father in Law)
In 1988 the pub was listed in the Good Pub Guide.
1980's = Sue Thomas
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2009 = Tracy Morley
2011 - 2015 = Marstons Pub
2016 = Andrew Pear (of Pecks Restaurant, Moston, Nr Congleton)
(Officially opened on the 1 December 2016 by Fiona Bruce after a refurbishment)

(Wheat sheaf Hotel April 2004)

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# WHEELOCK

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A district of Sandbach it was originally a village in its own right. The name comes from the old word for winding "Chevel-og", which the river does at this point.
Wheelock has had a Salt works , cotton factory and a brewery.
The Manor of Wheelock was released by Roger Mainwaring to Hugh de Wheelock about 1160-1180. It passed down his family tree until 1459 when Richard Leversage took over the line. The residence of the family was "Wheelock House" which was demolished in 1921.
The road from Wheelock to Malkins Bank was built by Mr James Blackwell to transport salt from his works one of which was called the "Whitehall Works".
In 1831 there were 458 inhabitants in the village with the principal work being Cotton Manufacture which later changed to Silk Throwing.
In 1837 Wheelock Church (Christ Church) was opened. It was designed by Eden Nesfield of London and was built by Samuel Cockbain a local bricklayer who also built the schoolroom section of the Baptist church and the Hassall Church. The Christ Church was officially opened with a service of consecration on the 20th February, 1843. A glass stained window on the east side was dedicated to the memory of the Rev. R.J. Milward, M.A. vicar of the parish for many years.

**FORGE**
The village had a Forge owned by the same people who ran the local Salt processing factory next door on the south side of the river.

**SALT WORKS**
Situated on the South Side of the River near the Forge was the “Wheelock Iron and Salt Company” which used the power of the river to provide electricity. The Salt made by the company was distributed to farmers locally who used it to make cheese and the salt was sent as far afield as Nantwich.

**SOAP COMPANY (see also Zan)**
Situated in the old Foundry on the North Side of the River was the “Wheelock Chrystaline Dry Soap Company” which produced a soap powder which was starting to be used in the area as mains Hard Water was being piped into homes in the area.

**WHEELOCK MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS.**
One tradition of the Village was the May Day Celebration. I’m not sure when it started but it was certainly around in the mid 1800’s as pictures from 1866 showed it being held at St Mary’s Football Ground in Wheelock. The procession that year was headed by the Sandbach Band (A forerunner of the Foden’s Band of Elworth) which stopped off at Green Bank and then moved on to Sandbach where large crowds waited for them.
In 1921 there was a procession and a picture from 1923 shows the parade passing D and H Hockenhull Printers of 510 Crewe Road, Wheelock, heading towards Crewe and one photograph heading towards Sandbach.
There was also a May Day Festival in 1925 but it wasn’t until the 1970’s when its popularity came into its own again and was visited on a regular basis at the time by BBC Radio Stoke who sent its smaller OB Unit to the event.
Like many such celebrations the area had a MAY QUEEN who would be crowned on the day and in the early days was paraded in an open topped, Horse drawn carriage from the local church.
By the 1970’s the events parade went from Sandbach Town Centre to Wheelock (Not a round trip like the one in the 1920’s) and had various floats decorated by the locals and various groups. In 1977 the Sandbach Players took part in the Parade and I think in later years as well during the 1980’s.
Again not sure when the last event was held but it seemed to lose out in the 1980’s to the Sandbach May Day with its Ox Roast and events.

**MAY QUEEN’S (To be updated)**
1975 Deborah Cassidy (Married Name in 2015)
1976 Liz Paddock ?
1977
1978
1979 Jen Neary (Married Name? in 2015)

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# WOOLWORTH (Hightown)

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This shop owned by the Woolworth chain and occupied a building constructed in 1936 as one of the original 3d and 6d (Woolworth) shops.
When the company went into liquidation in December 2008 the building was reopened in 2009 by WH Smith.

(Woolworth store 19 May 2004)

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# WHITTLE BROTHERS

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In 1878 two brothers T and N Whittle started a Coach Building business in Sandbach. They produced all kinds of wheeled vehicles. In the 1920's the four sons of Mr T Whittle took over running the company and it became "Whittle Brothers". With the loss of the coach business the company moved into painting, upholstering and general repairs of motor cars and dis many repairs for insurance companies.

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# WRIGHT'S PRINTERS

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In 1896, the business known as Wrights Printers had been formed in Sandbach by George Wright and over the years produced leaflets and publications for the town as well as many national companies like Bentley.
The company had originally produced twine and paper with George living at 9 Middlewich Road (Now 9 Old Middlewich Rd), along with his family and the printing shop was built behind his house and towards Bradwall Road. The house and works were originally to be demolished to make way for flats in the early plans but have now been saved for a while as the new plans only uses the area of the Hollies garden and the old warehouse.
In Kelly's Directory of 1902, George Wright and Co were Wholesale Paper Merchants, Paper Bag Manufacturers, Twine Dealers and Printers.
On the 17 October 1928, the business was registered as being incorporated as a Registered Company with company's house. There were 4,000 shares issued at £1 each by Managing Director Aaron Wright for "Wright's (Paper)" on the 11 October 1928. Aaron Wright lived at Broomcroft, Smallwood, Sandbach.
The Memorandum of Association of Wrights (Paper) Limited said that the company were in the business of printing, stationary manufacturers, bookbinders, paper merchants, paper bag makers, twine dealers.
The first directors of the company in 1928 were the following;-

Samuel Wright (Printer – "Mayville", Offley Road, Sandbach.)
Aaron Wright (Printer - "Broomcroft", Smallwood, Sandbach.)
John William Barkley (Printer – 114 Bradwall Road, Sandbach)
Arthur James Breeze (Commercial Traveller – "Mere Cottage", Alsager, Stoke on Trent)

In 1961, Graham Galway (.b. 26 May 1946) started working for the company and on his first day the 8 August 1961 met up with Kathleen (.b. 1943) who he was later to marry. Graham started as an apprentice compositor at the age of 15 in 1961 and started working up the ladder until in the 1970's he became foreman and was made a Director of the Company in the early 1980's and eventually became Managing Director a job he continued until his retirement in November 2008.

By the 1970's "Letterpress" or "Hot Metal Printing" as it is known (Printing with Blocks) ceased being used by printers. Wright's moved with the times and by 2008 had the latest desktop computers with direct to plate imaging and a Press Room with 1, 2, 4 and 5 colour presses and a modern fully equipped finishing department.
The company had continued to grow over the years with major companies using their facilities to produce booklets.

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS 1989

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|---|---|
| W F Parsons | 1,530 Shares |
| Mrs A Parsons | 252 Shares |
| F D Hayward | 1,154 Shares |
| Mrs O M Hayward | 600 Shares |
| P H Hayward | 1,450 Shares |
| G F Galway | 2,924 Shares |
| D A Sehne | 3,382 Shares |
| Mrs P M Bennett | 1,081 Shares |
| Mrs B A Roberts | 126 Shares |

On the 29 August 1990 the registered office of the company changed its address to 9 Old Middlewich Road, Sandbach due to changes in the road structure in the town.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY 25 Oct 1995

Graham Frederick Galway (.b. 26 May 1946 - Director)
William Eric Parsons (.b. 19 Oct 1916 – Director)
David Andrew Sehne (.b. 12 Aug 1956 - Director)
David Andrew Sehne (Secretary)

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY 13 Sept 1999 / 16 Aug 2000

Graham Frederick Galway (.b. 26 May 1946 - Director)
David Andrew Sehne (.b. 12 Aug 1956 - Director)
David Andrew Sehne (Secretary)

On the 17 November 2003 Companies House was informed about the resignation of Graham Galway as a Director of the company. However, on the 18 March 2004 a new Director was appointed (Companies House document) and this was Graham Frederick Galway back in his old position but this time he is listed as Director and not his occupation as Printing Manager.

On the 16 May 2006, Mr Peter Harry Bell (.b. 30 Jan 1954) was appointed as a Director of the company (Document signed on the 1 and 8 May 2006).
Daniel Richard Bennett (.b. 22 June 1967) was appointed Director (and Printer) on the 1 June 2007.

In 2007 plans for a A3 Restaurant and 22 apartments on the site were rejected by Congleton Borough Council and in May 2008 revised plans were also rejected.
On the 31 May 2008, accounts for the company showed a turnover of £1,850,000,oo with assets amounting to £1,25,000.oo with all printers virtually paid for with a healthy, debt free business with a large customer base.

In September 2008 plans were again submitted to Congleton Borough Council to build houses on the site which were again declined and a year later amended plans now submitted to the newly formed Cheshire East who also rejected the proposals.

In November 2008, when Graham Galway retired, control of the company passed to the two sons of the late Chairman F W Conn.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY 8 Aug 2009 (Annual Return document).

Peter Harry Bell (.b. 30 Jan 1954 – Director 1)
Daniel Richard Bennett (.b. 22 June 1967 – Director 2)
Graham Frederick Galway (.b. 26 May 1946 – Director 3)
David Andrew Sehne (.b. 12 Aug 1956 – Director 4)
David Andrew Sehne (Secretary)

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS 2009

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs P M Bennett | 11,617 Shares |
| D M Hayward | 16,020 Shares |
| W E Parsons | 7,650 Shares |
| G P Roberts | 504 Shares |
| D A Sehne | 10,799 Shares |
| D R Bennett | 2,895 Shares |
| G F Galway | 9,444 Shares |
| K M Hillier | 1,008 Shares |
| Mrs B A Roberts | 126 Shares |
| Mrs A Parsons | 1,260 Shares |
| R Swinson | 576 Shares |
| J B G Bennett | 600 Shares |

On the 6 November 2009, Peter Harry Bell resigned as Director of the Company followed on the 18 November 2009 by the resignation of David Sehne as Secretary of the Company "Wright's (Sandbach) Limited" although he stayed as a Director.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY 8 Aug 2010 (Annual Return document).
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On the 4 May 2011, Daniel Richard Bennett resigned as Director of the Company and on the same day Graham Frederick Galway also resigned leaving David A Sehene as sole director.

By 2011, creditors were knocking on the door asking for money and in an attempt to pay them plans were redesigned and again put forward to Cheshire East Council to redevelop part of the site by converting part of the existing building into flats which should have paid back money to unsecured creditors. This time Cheshire East approved the proposals after consulting with other interested bodies. On the 8 August 2011, minutes of the Sandbach Town Council show they had approved plans for a more traditional building to be built on the site of the old warehouse / shop which had closed between 2003-4 while at the same time leaving the printing works alone.

On the 20 June 2012 the company went into administration when Stephen Clancy and Sarah Bell of Financial Advisors "Duff and Phelps" were appointed administrators following a winding up petition from paper supplier the "Howard Smith Group".
Director at the time David Andrew Sehne said he had been paying a percentage of what was owed to the paper company since January and said at the time that the "company may have lost patience after six months of incomplete payments".

On the 3 July 2012, “Wright’s (Sandbach) Ltd” was sold back to Mr Sehne for the sum of £25,000 as a “Going Concern” via the newly incorporated “Wright’s Printers Limited” (Incorporated 19 June 2012) and at the time rented the property from the administrators.
Clancy and Bell told Sehne that he was unable to move forward while the Winding-up Petition was outstanding and the new companies accounts were frozen by the Royal Bank of Scotland and Nat West by the time it took Andrew to drive from the offices of “Duff and Phelps” to the printing works in Sandbach.
David Andrew Sehne said that almost 100% of clients were happy to deal with the new “Wright’s Printers” with some of them having dealt with the company for the last 70 years but dealing with suppliers was another matter. Having shown round a number of potential buyers David Sehne was unaware of any real offers and had decided to buy back his company so it would not be relocated to other parts of the country or abroad.

However, on the 31 July 2013 the company known as “Wright’s (Sandbach) Ltd” went into liquidation for a second time and this time closed its doors for the last time ending 117 years of business.
This is not the end of the story as “Wright’s Printers Limited” who had purchased the assets under David Sehne now had controle of the site and by April 2017 plans had been put into operation to build the flats on the site of the old warehouse and the renovation of the Hollies (White Building on the land) with backing from Mr and Mrs P Hitchen.

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MANAGING DIRECTORS

Samuel Wright (Printer – “Mayville”, Offley Road, Sandbach.) 1928
Aaron Wright (Printer - “Broomcroft”, Smallwood, Sandbach.) 1928
John William Barkley (Printer – 114 Bradwall Road, Sandbach) 1928
Arthur James Breeze (Commercial Traveller – “Mere Cottage”, Alsager, Stoke on Trent) 1928

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|---|---|
| (Bill) William Eric Parsons (.b. Oct 1916) | Resigned 21 October 1997 (Director) |
| Frank Derek Hayward (.b. Feb 1928) | Resigned 12 January 1993 (Director and Company Secretary) |
| Graham Frederick Galway (.b. May 1946) | Resigned 24 October 2003 (Director and Printing Manager)<br>Re-appointed 26 February 2004 /<br>Resigned 21 March 2011 (Director) |
| Daniel Richard Bennett (.b. 22 June 1967) | Appointed 1 June 2007 (Director and Printer)<br>Resigned 31 December 2010 |
| Peter Henry Bell (.b. 30 Jan 1954) | Appointed 3 May 2006 (Director and Printer)<br>Resigned 6 Nov 2009 |
| David Andrew Sehne (.b. 18 May 1993) | Appointed Secretary 18 May 1993<br>Resigned as Secretary 18 Nov 2009 |
| Frank Derek Hayward | Appointed Secretary (Unknown)<br>Resigned as Secretary 12 Jan 1993 |

Frank Conn (Not Listed at Companies House)
Joseph Fleming (Not Listed at Companies House)

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STORE WAREHOUSE in Wesley Avenue.
7 February 2018

ANOTHER SANDBACH HISTORIC BUILDING BITES THE DUST

At the start of February, the building used by Wright’s Printers as a warehouse and shop on Wesley Avenue was demolished by builders as part of a new development to build two sets of flats on the site, totalling 10 apartments. The development is funded by Mr and Mrs P Hitchen and Mr David Andrew Sehne who in 2012 took over the printing works and soon found creditors from the paper suppliers demanding payments which put the company into liquidation. In a bid to pay back what is owed Mr Sehne agreed to the sale of the land to develop new houses in a bid to reimburse those owed by the printing company.
In 2007, plans for 22 apartments and a Class A3 restaurant were put before Congleton Borough Council but rejected followed in May 2008 and September 2008 by amended plans which were also turned down. In 2009, Cheshire East came into being and another set of plans were submitted in February 2010 which went to Sandbach Town Council for approval on the 8 August 2011 these plans

for a more traditional design incorporating features used in the Literary Institute were approved by members and on the 26 July 2012 Cheshire East approved the new designs and gave the go ahead for the demolition of the warehouse at 5 Bradwall Road and the renovation of The Hollies an old building next to the Wesley Avenue Chapel.
On the 3 July 2012, David Andrew Sehne agreed with creditors to buy back his business for £25,000 giving him access to start the development however a year later on the 31 July 2013 the business went into liquidation closing the printing works and making the staff redundant.
Empty since the 31 July 2013 the warehouse building has been a part of Sandbach life since the 1920's having had a variety of uses starting in 1921 when the land was earmarked by Mr Jack Beech (of The Cottage, Middlewich Road) to build a Cinema. However, the foundations were found not to be strong enough and it was decided to abandon the project in favour of a new location in Congleton Road where it remained for many years as the Palace Cinema and later a Bingo Hall.
The next stage was to build a garage on the site which didn't survive long and by 1938 the building became Sandbach's first shopping mall and housed a number of businesses including Percy Ryder (Hairdresser) at the front of the building to the left and a Betting Shop.
By 1962 the building had been purchased by Tom Painter a local decorator, funeral director and building contractor who also had a shop over the road next to the Post Office. A picture from 1962 showed the building in the background of a civic march which clearly shows he was using the structure to house his workshop. By the 1980's it had been sold to Wright's (Paper) Ltd in Sandbach (established in 1896) who used the building as a warehouse for its paper and as Wright's Printers Shop.
In 2003-4 the shop closed but the printing and paper works continues behind the Wesley Ave / Middlewich Rd shops.
After many applications for redevelopment on the 26 July 2012 plans were approved for flats to be built on the site of the Hollies and Wright's warehouse.
By April 2017, work had started clearing the area with garages backing onto the Wesley Centre being demolished and renovation work on the Hollies started to put it back as a house. With work progressing on the renovation the next stage was to clear the rest of the site and the demolition of the warehouse.

THE NEW SUPER CINEMA FOR SANDBACH.

Proposed Cinema

Building before demolition

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# #HY. YEOWOOD FARM

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The earliest reference to Yeowood Farm is on the 1841 Tythe Map for Sandbach and was under the ownership of Lord Hungerford of Crewe except for three acres to the North East owned by C I Ford and the area around the site was owned under the name Lord Crewe.
There was also a tiny plot of land owned by George Sumner who had a house and garden to the north of the farm. The remaining land in the area was occupied by Matthew Hassall.
There was a field known as Big Yeowood (1043) on the map.
By 1897 little had changed to the farm but a Methodist Chapel (church) had been built nearby.
In 1917 Yeowood Farm was put up for sale by John T Hassall (possible relative of Matthew Hassall) with 3 loose boxes, calf cote, bull shed, trap house, implement shed, a five horse stable and tying for 40

cows, a barn and 5 piggeries as well as a large implement shed with granary over the top and a lean to Poultry shed.
By the 1950's the buildings were falling down and were replaced by new buildings which are still standing despite a development on the site proposed in 2013 and in 2015 started to built 375 houses.

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# YEW TREE FARM (Murgatroyd Club)

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Grade 2 (English Heritage Listed Number = ID 56394 Ref; NGR SJ9324962809) CW11 3PZ
Built on the Middlewich Road in Moston this former Murgatroyd Club was known as Yew Tree Farm and was built possibly in the 16th Century with 19th century alterations oncluding Oak Frame with plaster panels which were partly rebuilt with brick.
In 1985 the building interior was renovated and repaired including the 19th Century corner fireplaces.
On the 5 December 1986 the building was awarded Heritage Grade 2 Listed status.
The Yew Tree Farmhouse was the Directors meeting place and bar of Murgatroyd's with the adjacent Murgatroyd Club house being a new building next to the black and white one which at the end of its life suffered a fire that destroyed the building and so it had to be knocked down in a move that would make way for the site to be developed.
In 2013 Taylor Whimpy put forward plans to develop the site with 371 houses and by 2015 work had started on building the estate.

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# #HZ. ZAN LIMITED

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In the 1700's the area around Wheelock was salt producing with springs on both sides of the Wheelock River. To the South is the main brine salt works and on the left bank of the river was Wheelock Hall a half timbered, black and white building later used as a farmhouse (No longer a B and W building it is the "Farm Shop" on the Wheelock Roundabout).
To the North is a curious building now owned by the ZAN Company with a building in the middle called "The Mill". But what was it? Salt, Cotton (Mill further up the road towards Sandbach), Grain or flower or could it be a Foundry and later a soap company.
Situated in the old Foundry on the North Side of the River was the "Wheelock Chrystaline Dry Soap Company" which produced a soap powder which was starting to be used in the area as mains Hard Water was being piped into homes in the area.
The answer is by 1882 the building was a Silk Mill run by Mr Lomas who lived at Fernside, Wheelock. It also was a Fustian Cutters (specialist cloth cutters) like the Town Mill and Commons Mill.
The building then became a Phosphoric Acid producer prior to 1919 when it was taken over by ZAN.
One story of its time as a Phosphoric Acid manufacturer was that the acid was produced on the ground floor but the vapours from the baths of acid started to eat away at the floorboards and eventually they became so thin when a lady wearing a large hooped dress was walking over the floor carrying a tray she fell through only escaping death when her dress and the tray stopped her inches from the top of the vat below. Phosphoric Acid was used to add bubbles to soft drinks and was exported to America during this time.
In the field behind the Mill was the Wheelock Old Salt Works (Now demolished) with a wharf on the canal (Now a Restaurant) and a smithy further down the canal towards what is now the motorway.
On the opposite side of the road down Hind Heath Road were Wheelock Forge and the Salt Works

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Established in Glasgow in 1911 by two brothers Mr R.B. and Mr E.L. Hovey from Yorkshire who in the First World War were both awarded the Military Cross.
Mr Robert Baldwin had been an apprentice in his families Gas business "Demsters" which was based in Scotland.
The brothers decided to start a firm in Glasgow under the name HOPOL but during the 1914-18 conflict they left it to be run by their Manager who unfortunately failed to keep the company going so when the brothers returned from fighting they had no business to return to.
Robert had been in the Signals Corps as a dispatch rider (Motorbike).
At this time Mr Robert Baldwin Hovey (Married Joyce B Dutton at St Mary, Bowdon Nr Trafford in 1920) and Mr Ernest L. Hovey (Married Mildred Broady at a Civil Marriage at Bucklow nr Trafford in 1920) had relatives in South Manchester and on a visit to them they met their future wives (from
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Manchester). With this Lancashire link now established the brothers wanted a factory South of Manchester to restart the business and it was then that they looked at places in Cheshire.
The firm was transferred to Wheelock, Sandbach in 1919 to a building called Wheelock Mills and this continues to be the Registered address of the company now into the 21st century.
Richard Hovey the Grandchild of the original owners of Zan tells us that "the main building was built as a Silk Mill with a saw mill situated round the back of the site which could be the source of the plural (two) mills".
Once married Richard Hovey's Grandparents lived at Fernside at the entrance to the Zan Works where Richard's father was born. He and his wife (Richard's Parents, Robert and Mildred) moved back to Fernside in 1977 and stayed there the rest of their lives.
The ZAN company produced Soaps, Polishes and disinfectants and are managers for the Ozone Chemical Company Ltd. The (OCC Ltd) company produced bitumen paints for ironwork as well as insecticides for fruit trees, gardens and glass houses.
Zan Ltd also produced all sorts of items for cleaning and disinfection.
In 1920 the name of the firm was added to the King's Roll.
In 1922 the Hopol company took out a Patent for "Improvements in and relating to apparatus for measuring liquids and emulsions".
In 1929 Hopol were a listed Exhibitor at the British Industries Fair as "Manufacturers of Hopol Powder for manufacturing Liquid Metal Polish, "Zan" Polishes and Soaps, Fumigating Lamps and Disinfectants, Cleaning Cloths (Sterilized Rags) for Printers, Engineers, etc.; Special Brooms, Squeegees and other Cleaning Appliances, Distilled Water. (Stand No. M.3)".
In 1931 the company made the first of its building extensions and during 1933 the company opened a new department for the manufacturer of brushes and mops.
A catalogue from 1924 had only eight pages while one in 1933 showed 44 pages of items made at the factory in Wheelock.
An Engineering Department under the name of "Hopol Ltd" offered special services in installing apparatus for Central Heating, Feed Water Heaters for Steam Boilers and a grinding and drying plant.
(1955 Advert - Hoptol Ltd, Heating engineers and Makers of Crusoe Polish for Floors and Linoleum Tel; Wheelock 184)
In 1934 when the nearby Brunner Mond Works closed the family acquired the clock that was on the factory building and installed it on the ZAN building where it can still be seen today.
**Below are some of the company names and products made at the Zan Industrial Park.**
EXTRA INFO
Louisa Hovey married Edwyn Charles Hart at St Mary's Sandbach in 1924.

**ZAN LTD**
Polish – For Parquet, Limoleum or Tile floors.
Brushes – Supplied to hospitals for scrubbing without kneeling.
Solvent Soap – Recommended by several Rubber companies for washing Rubber floors.
Hovey's Crystals – Used by British Super Power Stations and several Atlantic Liners for scale prevention in boilers.
Mops
Brushes Cleaning Cloths – For Dust Extraction, Sterilizing etc. Used by the War Office, Newspaper offices, Garages, Electrical Works and Collieries.

**DURALITE (Brand name for ZAN Aluminium products)**
Aluminium Pans etc.

**HIBBERTS (Bought out by ZAN)**
Brush Making Tools

**HOPOL LTD**
Heating Apparatus
Feed Water Heaters
Steam Boilers
Grinding machines
Drying Plant

**MERITAS MANUFACTURING COMPANY (Bought out by ZAN)**
Polishes

**OZONE CHEMICAL CO LTD. (Zan Ltd)**
*This company used to operate in Talke (Near Kidsgrove) and was bought out by Zan.*
Paints
Creosote
Remer Belt Dressing
Insecticides – For Fruit Trees, Gardens and Greenhouses.

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# GEORGE WAKEFIELD

(Relative of the Hovey Family who died in the 1914-18 war)
Private 11743 George Wakefield of the 9th Battalion, Cheshire Regiment .b. 1892 (Ref SA/46/5 Cheshire BMD) .D. 20 November 1916 aged 24 at home (In Chelsea Hospital) from injuries sustained during the war.
The son of Margaret Ann Wakefield (known as Annie) and the late Frank Wakefield (Died 29 Nov 1909 aged 39) he is buried in the North East Corner of St John's Church, Sandbach Heath in the family grave.
When the war started George who had been working for Brunner Mond in Wheelock as a General Labourer, travelled to Chester to join the Cheshire Regiment and was posted to the 9th Battalion which had been raised on the 13 September 1914 and was part of Kitchener's Second New Army which was joined to the 58th Brigade, 19th (Western) Division. They moved to Salisbury Plain for training and went into billets in Basingstoke in December 1914 for the winter, returning to Salisbury Plain in March 1915. They proceeded to France on the 19th of July 1915, landing at Boulogne where the division were concentrated near St Omer. Their first action was at Pietre in a supporting role at the Battle of Loos. On the 1 July 1916 they were in action during the Battle of the Somme, capturing La Boiselle (1 July) and were involved in the attacks on High Wood (14 July 1914 to the 15 September 1914), The Battles of Pozieres Ridge (Mainly Australian Troops 1 July to the 4 Aug 1916), the Ancre Heights (Nov 1916) and the Battle of the Ancre (13 to the 19 Nov 1916). It was during one of these attacks that George was wounded and he was eventually sent home to the Chelsea Hospital where on the 20 November 1916 he died.
FAMILY
1901 Census.

146 The Heath (Sandbach Heath)

| NAME | BORN | PLACE BORN |
|---|---|---|
| Frank Wakefield | .b. 1871 (Father) (.D. 29 Nov 1909 aged 39) | Sandbach Heath |
| Margaret Ann Wakefield | .b. 1870 (Mother) (.D. 27 July 1946 aged 76) | Sandbach Heath |
| Ethel Wakefield | .b. 1891 (Daughter) (.D. 3 Mar 1979 aged 87) | Sandbach Heath |
| George Wakefield | .b. 1892 (Son) (.D. 20 Nov 1916) | Sandbach Heath |
| Rose Wakefield | .b. 1896 (Daughter) | Sandbach Heath |
| (Married John William Matthews at St John's Sandbach Heath in 1922) | | |
| Agnus Wakefield | .b. 1897 (Daughter) | Sandbach Heath |
| Frank Wakefield | .b. 1900 (Son / or .b. 1907) | Sandbach Heath |
| (Frank Possibly two babies with the same name .b. 1900 and 1907) | | |
| (Married Hilda Mason at St Mary's Sandbach in 1926) | | |

By the 1911 Census only three members of the family lived at 146 The Heath.

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|---|---|---|
| Margaret Ann Wakefield | .b. 1870 (Mother) | Sandbach Heath |
| George Wakefield | .b. 1892 (Son) (General Labourer) | Sandbach Heath |
| Frank Wakefield | .b. 1900 (Son Cheshire BMD ref SA/53/45) | Sandbach Heath |

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https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/records/8041894/private-g-wakefield-cheshire-regiment/
**9th (Service) Battalion**
Formed at Chester on 13 September 1914 as part of K2 and came under orders of 58th Brigade, 19th (Western) Division. Moved to Salisbury Plain and by December 1914 was in billets in Basingstoke. Returned to Salisbury Plain in March 1915.
19 July 1915 : landed at Boulogne. 7 February 1918 : transferred to 56th Brigade in same Division.
1-4 July 1916 BATTLE OF THE SOMME 9th Battalion

**1-4 July 1916 BATTLE OF THE SOMME 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment**
The Battle had opened at 7.30am on 1 July and, apart from in the south of the battlefield, there had been a failure to make any significant advance. The 9th Cheshires had been held in reserve all day
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but were finally ordered forward to make another attack on **La Boiselle** at 10.30pm.

It occupied the original British front line trench although this was now very badly damaged by enemy shellfire and was full of the dead and wounded from the original attacking battalions. Of the original troops, 60 were holding the lip of a crater (now known as Lochnagar Crater) created when a British mine had been exploded just before zero hour in the morning. Another 200 men had captured part of the German front line, adjacent to the crater and were still managing to hold it. The Cheshires' "D" Company immediately went to support these troops in case there was a German counter-attack. It was now 9.40pm and too late to re-organise to undertake the attack. Colonel Worgan, Commanding Officer, reported this to the Brigade and subsequently gave orders to consolidate the current position. The Regimental History notes that "The scene beggars description. Every shell-hole held a killed or wounded man. The whole area was littered with all the debris of a battle with equipment, clothing, timber, stores and dud shells." During the day, **Henry Monks** had been killed.

Revised orders came at 2.30am, on 2 July, that the Battalion was to attack at once. However, as the men were now very scattered and the trenches had to be cleared of the wounded before the Cheshires could get ready, it was some time before they were fully assembled. At 4pm, the definite orders arrived. The Battalion was to attack the village and clear all the enemy dug-outs with the use of grenades. At 4.30am, the men went "over the top" and charged across the open to the German support trench. A deep, wide communication trench held up the advance but most of the troops made it unscathed. Grenade throwers were now sent left and right up the trench system to clear a way forward, but it was slow progress and the Battalion was effectively pinned down some considerable way short of its objective.

Through the day and the next night, the Cheshires very cautiously made their way through the maze of trenches but, by 8.30am on 3 July, were obliged to stop and consolidate, still some 300 yards short of La Boiselle. Only two officers were still at duty. Sometime during the 2nd, **William Currie** was killed

At 2.45 on 4 July, orders for a further advance were issued and, an hour later, the Cheshires continued their progress through the trench system, supported by the Battalion's specialist grenade throwers ("bombers"). It was impossible to attack "over the top" as there were no troops on either side of the Cheshires who could give covering fire. The ground was swept by German machine gun fire and there were fours rows of barbed wire in front of the German position.

The Regimental History records "During this attack, a small party was detached to bomb a post, but the party was driven off and one man was left wounded and prisoner. He was taken down into a dug-out where there were twenty-five Germans. There he remained until a commotion overhead and the explosion of a bomb at the end of the dug-out told him the British were advancing again. He was quick to act. He seized a bomb in one hand and a revolver in the other and under this threat his captors more of less cheerfully consented to become the captives. His comrades found him in charge of twenty-five Germans when they started "mopping up".

These bombing parties continued until they gradually met stronger parties of Germans who drove them back some way. At this point the Battalion consolidated until it was relieved. During the day, **Alfred Goodall, Edward Harrison and Timothy Harrop** were killed. **Edward Berry** was fatally wounded and died very close to where the attack place, probably at the Regimental Aid Post. **Frank Canovan** was also wounded and died on 4 July.

Of the seven men, only Frank Canovan has a known grave.

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Battle of Messines and the Third Battles of Ypres. On the 7th of February 1918 they transferred to 56th Brigade in same Division. In 1918 they fought on The Somme during The Battle of St Quentin and The Battle of Bapaume and in the Battles of the Lys at Messines, Bailleul and The First Battle of Kemmel Ridge. They fought in The Battle of the Aisne and during the Final Advance in Picardly they were in action in The Battle of the Selle, The Battle of the Sambre and the passage of the Grand Honelle. At the Armitice were were in billets near Bavay. Demobilisation began in December 1918 and the final cadres returned to England on the 27th of June 1919.
15th Jul 1917 9th Cheshires in action 9th Cheshires are in action at Oostaverne near Ypres.
- See more at:
http://www.wartimememoriesproject.com/greatwar/allied/battalion.php?pid=489#sthash.VChcJ76l.dpuf

**10th (Service) Battalion**
Formed at Chester on 10 September 1914 as part of K3 and came under orders of 75th Brigade in 25th Division. Moved to Codford St Mary and by November 1914 was in billets in Bournemouth. Moved to Aldershot in May 1915. 26 September 1915 : landed at France.
26 October 1915 : transferred to 7th Brigade in same Division
21 June 1918 : reduced to cadre strength and main body of **personnel transferred to 9th Bn**. Cadre returned to England and moved to Aldershot.
July 1918 : absorbed by 15th Bn, South Wales Borderers at North Walsham

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The Cheshire Regiment had 38 battalions and during the first World War was awarded 75 Battle Honours and suffered 8,911 fatal casualties during the conflict. At the outbreak of the war the 3 reserve Battalions were based in Chester and the four Territorial Force Battalions were closely associated with Birkenhead, Chester, Stockport and Macclesfield.
Apr 20th - WIPPENHOEK - "The day was spent in re-organising and cleaning" 9 Officers reported for duty
Apr 21st - "Bn moved off at 6:50 ... for TUNNELLERS CAMP...billeting completed 1:00 pm".
Apr 22nd - TUNNELLERS CAMP - "Training and Baths. 148 OR replacements arrived"
Apr 23rd - "Training"
Apr 24th - Working party of 9 Officers and 400 ORs constructed defences in front of POPERINGHE "Remainder of Bn spent the day training"
Apr 25th - "Training"
Apr 26th - Marched to OUDERDOM.
20th Sept 1917 - the 9th Bn went into action at Potsdam Farm / Hessian Wood - strength 20 Officers, 556 ORs
Casualties sustained = 1 Officer & 14 ORs - Killed : 5 Officers & 110 ORs - Wounded : 29 ORs - Missing : 1 Shell Shock
23rd Sept - Bn withdrawn to LITTLE KEMMEL CAMP and then BOIS CARRÉ where they undertook training.
29/30 Sept - 58th Bde (incl 9th Cheshires) relieved 56 Bde in the line.
30th Sept - "Intermittent shelling by the enemy, causing 3 casualties".
1st & 2nd Oct - Patrols sent out. No action or casualties reported.
3rd Oct - Bn relieved & moved to Support in SPOIL BANK.

MAMBERS OF THE 9th BATTALION
Best Robert Tennant. Pte. (d.20th Sept 1917)
Brown G. E.. Pte. (d.7th Jun 1917)
Colvin H 2nd Lt VC : Photo
Cuthbert James. Pte. (d.6th May 1916)
Fleet W Cpl 12752 : Obituary
Gibbs MC.. Thomas Charles. Lt. (d.31st May 1918)
Gibson William Riddel. Pte. (D. 29th Sep 1918)
Gidman F Signaller 7268 : Obituary
Hall Percy James. Pte. (D.6th Jun 1918)
Howell A Pte : Obituary
Larkin A B Pte 72116 : Photo
McHugh Michael. Pte.
McHugh W Pte 12530 : Obituary
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Molyneux George Henry. Pte. (D.21st Nov 1916)
Moon Frederick. L/Cpl. (D.26th July 1916)
Nutter James. Pte.
Parry C Pte 50179 : Obituary
Payne R Pte 33648 : Obituary
Pearce J Pte 32742 : Short Obituary
Pollard W Pte 15912 : Photo
Sowden John Richard. Pte. (d.17th Sep 1917)
Spilletts W L/Cpl 944 : Obituary
Sutherland MC.. Norman. 2/Lt.
Thomas G Pte 211447 : Photo
Thomas R Pte 11771 : Photo
Wallis N V 2nd Lt : Photo
Woods G A Pte 44264 : Photo
Woodworth J H Pte 50195 : Photo
Wright James Arthur. Pte. (d.7th Jun 1917)

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# #05. TOWN COUNCIL INCLUDING LIST OF MAYOR'S.

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Formed in 1974 during the Government reorganisation as a successor to the SANDBACH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
It consisted of 18 members made up of elected Councillors every 4 years.
Meetings were originally held in Westfields before it was demolished and they moved into the Literary Institute.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICTS**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1875-1894 | Sandbach Urban Sanitary District |
| 1894-1974 | Sandbach Urban District Council |
| 1974 – 2009 | Congleton Borough Council |
| 2009 to Date | Cheshire East (County Council) |
| + | Sandbach Town Council (Town Council) |

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**MAYORS OF SANDBACH**

SANDBACH URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT 1875- 1894
1875
1876
1877
1878

SANDBACH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MAYORS 1894-1974.

**CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1895 | Rev J.R. Armitstead |
| 1896 | Rev J.R. Armitstead |
| 1897 | Rev J.R. Armitstead |
| 1898 | George Venables |
| 1899 | William Jinks |
| 1900 | Harry Billyard |
| 1901 | James Buckley |
| 1902 | J Bebbington |
| 1903 | Edwin Foden |
| 1904 | A.E. Poole |
| 1905 | M. H. Eardley |
| 1906 | George Newall |
| 1907 | Edward Holland |
| 1908 | George Venables (2nd term of office) |
| 1909 | Harry Billyard (2nd term of office) |
| 1910 | James Buckley (2nd term of office) |

1911 Edwin Foden (2nd term of office)
1912 George Boulton
1913 Charles Wardle
1914 A.E. Poole (2nd term of office)
1915 James Proudlove
1916 George Wright (of Wrights Printers)
1917 M. H. Eardley (2nd term of office)
1918 George Newall (*Elected Monday 22 April 1918*)
1919 Edward Holland (2nd term of office)
1920 Alfred Price
1921 Ralph Ruscoe
1922 Edward Butler
1923 William Nock
1924 George Wright (2nd term of office)
1925 M.H. Eardley (3rd term of office)
1926 Thomas Platt
1927 Jas. E Buckley
1928 Alfred Price (2nd term of office)
1929 Ralph Ruscoe (2nd term of office)
1930 Jas. Warburton
1931 Sydney Bailey
1932 George E. Norris
1933 William A Hobbs
1934 Thomas Platt (2nd term of office)
1935 George Booth J.P.
On the 5 May 1935 Mr George Booth J.P a prominent member of the Hope Street congregation was elected to the role of Chairman of the Sandbach U.D.C. and decided to hold his Civic Ceremony not at St Mary's Church but his own Church in Hope Street.
1936 Edgar Newall
1937 John H Jennings
1938 Herbert Price
1939 Ralph Ruscoe (2nd term of office)
1940 Sydney Bailey (2nd term of office)
1941 R.B. Hovey M.C.
1942 John Waddilove
1943 Thomas Platt J.P. (3rd term of office)
1944 Thomas J Alcock
1945 George Booth J.P. (2nd term of office)
1946 F.T. Blease
1947 William Gibson
1948 Edgar Newall c.c.
1949 John Waddilove (2nd term of office)
1950 Thomas Platt M.B.E. J.P.
1951 John Shaw J.P.
1952 Mrs Irene Lea
1953 Samuel A Riley
1954 Mrs Eileen Hernshall B.A.
1955 Ernest Condliffe
1956 William Gibson
1957 E Maskelyne B.Sc.
1958 Thomas Platt M.B.E.J.P. (2nd term of office)
1959 John Shaw J.P.
1960 Mrs Irene Lea M.B.E. (2nd term of office)
1961 Gordon K Bennett
1962 William Antrobus
1963 Joseph Alcock
1964 Mrs Eileen Henshall B.A. (2nd term of office)
1965 Ernest Condliffe (2nd term of office)
1966 G William Gott

1967 Lt Col E.C. Dunkley T.D.
1968 Irene Lea M.B.E. C.C. (3rd term of office)
1969 Charles H Kelly
1970 Kenneth Twiss
1971 Bert Johnson
1972 John F Edwards
1973 Mrs Eileen Henshall M.B.E. B.A. (3rd term of office)

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL / CONGLETON BOROUGH COUNCIL 1974- 2009
**CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL**

1974 Roy Davies (May to Sept)
1974-5 Ernest Condliffe (Sept to May)
1975-6 Lawrence Yarwood (.b. Dec 1916 in Sandbach .D. 19 July 1994)
1976-7 Donald Broad
1977-8 Robert G Holmes
1978-9 Nigel J Dale
1979-80 Joseph Alcock
1980-1 Leslie Morris
1981-2 Godfrey I Goodwin
1982-3 David R Hinde
1983-4 Lawrence Yarwood (2nd year of office)
1984-5 Claudia E.R. Coupe
1985-6 Lawrence Yarwood (3rd year of office)
1986-7 Mrs Wendy Fuller
1987-8 Roy W Sutton
1988-9 David Lloyd Griffiths
1989-90 Leslie Morris (2nd year of office)
1990-1 Michael J Wood
1991-2 Richard J McMillan
1992-3 Dennis Robinson
*1992-3 Mrs T.E.S Jones (Congleton Borough Mayor)*
1993-4 Claudia E.R. Coupe (2nd term of office)
1994-5 J.M. Goode
*1995-6 Mr John A Turner (Congleton Borough Mayor)*
1995-6 B.R. Edwards
*1996-7 Mrs Ann Thomson (Congleton Borough Mayor)*
1996-7 John J. Moore
1997-8 Mrs Dorothy Flint
1998-9 A.J. Walker
1999-2000 Mrs D.R. Frost
2000-1 R.W. Sutton
2001-2 Jack Iddon
2002-3 Mrs Elsie Alcock
*2002-3 Trish Barlow (Congleton Borough Mayor)*
2003-4 John Keeling B.E.M. (Died in Office in 28 January 2004)
*2003-4 Doug Parker (Congleton Borough Mayor)*
2004-5 Mrs Michelle Smith (36 Year Old took over in Feb 2004
and elected Mayor 11 May 2004 – Consort Mr John France)
*2004-5 Mr Neville Price (Congleton Borough Mayor)*
2005-6 John J. Moore (.D. 26 Feb 2010)
2006-7 B.E. Moran
2007-8 William W. Scragg
2008-9 Mrs Pauline M Minshull (.b. 1937)
2009-10 Mrs D Elsie Alcock

(*Cheshire East Council Took over running the town's facilities and the Mayoral duties. Sandbach Town Council as usual elected its own Mayor with the Congleton Borough Council Mayor being replaced by the Cheshire East Mayor – See #05b.*)

**SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL MAYORS 2010 to date**

2010-11 Mrs Gill Merry (.b. 29 Oct )
2011-12 Dennis Robinson
2012-13 Carolyn Lowe
2013-14 Mike Benson
2014-15 Mrs D Elsie Alcock
2015-16 Mrs Gill Merry (.b. 29 Oct )
*Natasha Simpson (2015-16 Deputy Mayor Resigned May 2016 due to Ill health)*.
2016-17 Keith Haines - Elected 26 May 2017
2017-18 Martin Forster - Elected 2 May 2017 *(2017-18 Deputy Mayor Richard Hovey)*.
2018-19 Richard Hovey – Elected 17 May 2018 *(2018-19 Deputy Mayor Mark Muldoon)*

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# #05b. CHESHIRE EAST MAYORS

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2009 –10 Margaret Salmon (Wistaston / Conservative)
2010 –11 Gordon Baxendale (Congleton West / Conservative)
2011-12 Roger West
2011 -12 George Walton (Chelford / Conservative)
2012 -13 Dorothy Flude (Crewe South / Labour)
2014-15 Wesley Fitzgerald
2015- 16 Hilda Gaddum (Sutton / Conservative)
2016-17 Olivia Hunter (High Legh / Conservative)
(Mayor making at Tatton Park 11 May 2016)
2017-18 Arthur Moran (Nantwich North and West Ward / Independent)
(Mayor making at Tatton Park 17 May 2017)
2018-19 TBC / Lesley Smetham (Gawsworth Ward / Conservative)

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**#05bb. CHESHIRE EAST LEADERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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2 May 2008 to Dec 2015 Michael Jones (Mike Jones) (Bunbury / Conservative / Independent)
Dec 2015 to date Rachel Bailey

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# #05c. Town MP (Member of Parliament)

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When Parliament was first brought to Cheshire as a constituency in 1545 the County of Cheshire was divided into Two Divisions (2 MP's for the whole county).
In 1832 the county was split into two specific areas;

1832 to 1868 = CHESHIRE NORTH
1832 to 1868 = CHESHIRE SOUTH

More changes in 1868

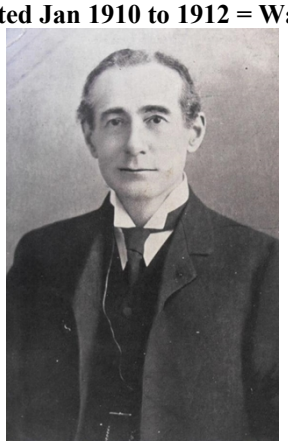
1868 to 1885 = EAST CHESHIRE
1868 to 1885 = MID CHESHIRE
1868 to 1885 = WEST CHESHIRE

**1st MP FOR THE AREA**
CREWE CONSTITUENCY / constituency
**1885 to 1886 George William Latham (Liberal)**

(.b. 4 May 1827 .D. 4 Oct 1886) an English Landowner and barrister he was born in London the son of John Latham and his wife Elizabeth Anne Dampier (Daughter of Sir Henry Dampier a Judge on the King's Bench) of Bradwall Hall, Sandbach. He studied at Brasenose College, Oxford and entered the Bar at Inner Temple in 1852 before becoming a J.P. for Cheshire and the Borough of Crewe.
In 1856 George married Elizabeth Sarah Lutman-Johnson and they both lived at Bradwall Hall.
In 1880 George tried unsuccessfully to win the Mid Cheshire CONSTITUENCY and in 1885 he was elected as Member of Parliament for Crewe. At the 1886 election

he didn't defend his seat possibly due to ill heath as on the 4 Oct 1886 he died at the age of 59.

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1886 to 1895 then re elected Jan 1910 to 1912 = Walter McLean (Liberal)**



(.b. 17 Apr 1853 .D. 29 June 19120 Walter Mc Laren was the youngest child of Liberal MP Duncan McLaren (1800-1886) and his third wife Priscilla Bright the sister of MP John Bright.
In 1883 Walter married Eva Muller (.D. 16 Aug 1921)
In 1885 he stood in the Inverness district of Burghs in Scotland but lost the election.
In the 1886 General Election he was elected to the Crewe CONSTITUENCY.
In 1892 he was re elected but lost the seat in the 1895 election.
In 1900 he didn't take part in the election which was won by Liberal James Tomkinson but when he died in January 1910 Walter was asked to replace him as the Liberal candidate and was re-elected to the post and a seat he held until his death in 1912.
He is buried in St Cuthberts Churchyard in Edinburgh.

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1895 to 1900 = Robert Ward (Conservative)**

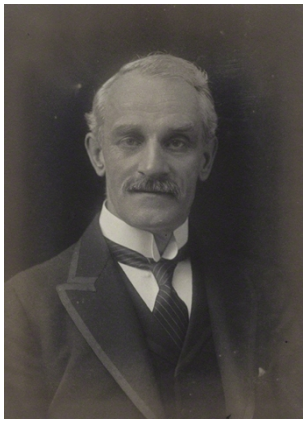
CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1900 to 1910 = James Tomkinson (Liberal)**

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**Jan 1910 to 1912 = Walter McLean (Liberal) Re Elected**

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1912 to 1918 = Ernest Craig (Conservative)**

Ernest Craig (.b. 1859 .D. 9 Apr 1933) was elected to the Crewe Constituency in 1912 after the death of Walter McLaren his predecessor.
Ernest Craig had been a pupil at Sandbach School as a boarder in Mr Imrie's House in the Headmastership of Mr Evans and Mr Chambers and was the first of its pupils to become a Member of Parliament.
Previous to his election Ernest Craig went to the USA and New Mexico where he owned the Last Chance Mine in Mogollon, Grant County, New Mexico where he introduced new methods for extracting gold. He also established a horse and buggy transport company to move property between Mogollon and Silver City.
Ernest's only child a daughter called Ernestine continued the business and acquired the Mimbres Hot Springs near Faywood. Her son Craig Wheaton-Smith became manager of the springs and his son (Her Grandson) Simon Wheaton-Smith resides in Silver City, New Mexico.
At the 1918 election he decided not to take part but stood again in 1924 winning in a straight contest against Edward Hennerde the sitting MP.
In 1927's King's Birthday Honours Ernest was given the title "Baronet of Alsager in Cheshire" (1 July 1927).
In 1929 he stepped down from the Houses of Parliament.

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1918 to 1922 = Sir Joseph Davies (Coalition Liberal)**



Sir Joseph Davies (.b. 11 Dec 1866 .D. 3 Dec 1954) was born in St Issells near Saundersfoot in Pembrookshire to Thomas S Davies and his wife.
He was educated at Bristol Grammar School.
In 1894 he married Blanche Wilson (.D. 1951) the daughter of John Heron Wilson from Cardiff but didn't have any children.
After starting work at the Cardiff Docks he joined the C.P. Hailey Partnership and built up a considerable business working with investment trusts. He then started building up businesses around the coal and railway industry of South Wales and even became Director of the Cambrian Railways and Totton and Fawley Light Railway Company.
He later became Chairman of the "Agwi Petroleum Corporation which later became part of ESSO.
He was headhunted to work with Lloyd George at Downing Street joining the secretariat known as his Garden Suburb.
In 1913 he was adopted as the Liberal Democrat Candidate for Crewe but when a seat became available in Derby in December 1916 he put his name forward only to be rejected as he was not supported by Asquith at the time who influenced the choice of candidates for the Liberals.
In January 1918 Joseph Davies was knighted for his work for the Government during the First World War (KBE) and he also served as a Justice of the Peace between 1914 and 1917 representing Wales and Monmouthshire on the Cabinet Committee for Prevention of Unemployment.
In 1918 he was elected on the Liberal ticket to the seat in Crewe (Cheshire).
Sir Joseph Davies was also a keen Tennis Player and represented Wales on a number of occasions as well as playing golf.

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1922 to 1924 = Edward George Hennerde (Labour)**

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1924 to 1929 = Sir Ernest Craig, Bt (Conservative)**

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1929 to 1931 = John William Bowen (Labour)**

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1931 to 1945 = Sir Donald Somervell (Conservative)**

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**1945 to Feb 1974 = Scholefield Allen (Labour)**
Listed in the 1966 Town Guide as the MP for Sandbach = S.S. Allen (Labour) 7,541 Electors

CREWE CONSTITUENCY
**Feb 1974 to 1983 = Gwyneth Dunwoody (Labour) Continued after split.**

**1983 the area became two Constituencies CREWE AND NANTWICH and CONGLETON**
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# CONGLETON CONSTITUENCY (New Boundary 1983)

1983 to 2010 Ann Winterton (Conservative)
(.b. 6 Mar 1941 Jane Ann Hodgson in Sutton Coldfield)
Husband Nicholas, Daughter Sarah, Son Robert.)
2010- date Fiona Bruce (Conservative) (.b. 26 Mar 1957)

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# EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY

(South West Cheshire, Middlewich, Northwich with the main town of Winsford)
EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY
**1885 to Jan 1906 = Henry James Tollemache (Conservative) (.b. 1846 .D. 2 Apr 1939)**
West Cheshire MP 1881 to 1885
New constituency Eddisbury formed with Henry as its first MP.

EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY
**Jan 1906 to 1910 = The Hon. Arthur Lyulph. Stanley (Liberal) defeated E.T.D. Cotton-Jodrell**
(Conservative) by 1123 votes

Arthur Lyulph Stanley, 5th Baron Stanley of Alderley KCMG
(.b. 14 Sept 1875 .D. 22 Aug 1931), also 5th Baron Sheffield and 4th Baron Eddisbury, was an English nobleman and Governor of Victoria from 1914 to 1920.
Stanley was the second child and first son of Edward Lyulph Stanley, 4th Baron Stanley and Mary Katherine Bell. On 29 August 1905 he married Margaret Evelyn Evans Gordon. They had five children:

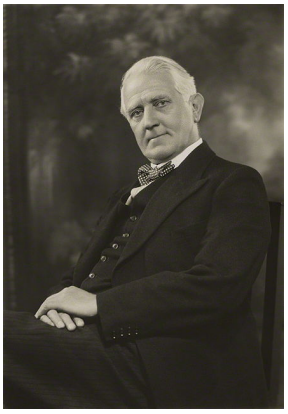
Mary Katherine Adelaide Stanley (30 May 1906 – 1981)
Edward John Stanley (9 October 1907 – 3 March 1971), the 6th Baron
Pamela Margaret Stanley (born 6 September 1909), the actress Pamela Stanley
Lyulph Henry Victor Owen Stanley (22 October 1915 – 23 June 1971), the 7th Baron.
Victoria Venetia Stanley (born 29 June 1917)

Stanley was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford where obtained a BA in 1898. In 1902 he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple. In 1904 he became a London County Councillor and in 1906 became Liberal Member of Parliament for Eddisbury in Cheshire near the family seat. Whilst an MP he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Postmaster General serving under Sydney Buxton.
His sister, Venetia Stanley, was a close correspondent of the Prime Minister and leader of the Liberal party, H. H. Asquith.
In 1913 he was serving as High Sheriff of Anglesey when he was appointed Governor of Victoria. He was made a Knight Commander of the Order of St Michael and St George (KCMG) and took up his post on 23 February 1914.
He served a five-year term and an additional year until relinquishing the post on 30 January 1920, although he had returned to Britain the previous year due to ill health.
In the 1923 General election he stood unsuccessfully as Liberal candidate for Knutsford, losing by 80 votes to Conservative, Sir Ernest Makins. From 1925 to 1928 he was Chairman of the Royal Colonial Institute and of the East Africa Joint Committee.
In 1925 he succeeded his father to the three baronies and was known by the Stanley title.

He died in August 1931 of a bacterial infection, actinomycosis.
He was succeeded by his son Edward.
In his capacity as former Governor of Victoria, he attended the Covent Garden farewell of the Australian soprano Nellie Melba and made a speech thanking her for her artistry and war-work. HMV recorded several excerpts of the evening, including Lord Stanley's speech, all of which can be heard on CD today.

EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY
**1910 to 22 Feb 1929 Captain Harry Barnston (Conservative) (.b. Dec 1870 .D. 22 Feb 1929)**
Sir Harry Barnston, 1st Baronet MA JP DL son of Major William Barnston of Crewe Hall and Mary Emma King. In 1906 he stood unsuccessfully in Stockport but was elected for Eddisbury, Cheshire from 1910 until his death in 1929.
He became a Controller of the Household from 1921-1924 and Nov 1924 to Jan 1928. In 1924 he was created a Baronet.

EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY (Possible Boundary Change in 1933)
1929 to 1943 Richard John Russell



In 1923 and 1924 elections he lost to Harry Barnston (1923 by 196 votes)
On the 20 March 1929 a by-election was called after the death of the MP and he won by 10,223 votes to Roderick George Fenwick-Palmer's 8,931 votes a majority of 1,292.
At the 1929 General Election he only just kept his seat
(13,688 to 12,862 Roderick George Fenwick-Palmer)

EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY
1943 (by Election) to 1945 = John Eric Loverseed (Commonwealth / Independent / Labour)

EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY
1945 to 1950 = Sir John Denman Barlow (National Liberal)

EDDISBURY CONSTITUENCY
1950 CONSTITUENCY Abolished until 1983 when it was revived with Alastair Goodlad (1983-1999), Stephen O'Brien (1999-2015) and Antoinette Sandbach (2015 to date) (Conservatives) as the MP's.

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NORTHWICH CONSTITUENCY
1922

NORTHWICH CONSTITUENCY
1922 to 1945 = Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart (Conservative – Northwich Constituency) (.b. 3 Apr 1886 .D. 18 Aug 1957) Northwich MP (**1933 in Sandbach Guide as MP for the Area**)

*NORTHWICH CONSTITUENCY*
*1945 to Feb 1974 = John Galway Foster (.b.4 Nov 1904 .D. 1 Feb 1982)*

KNUTSFORD CONSTITUENCY
1948 = Lt Col. W Bromley Davenport (Conservative – Knutsford Constituency)

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# #05d. SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL 2017-20

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The Sandbach Town Council is responsible for Sandbach Town Hall, Sandbach Markets (Indoor and Outdoor), Public Conveniences, Green Spaces (Including the Park), Playgrounds and Allotments (Assets and Services Committee).

**Sandbach Town Council – Town Ward**

| | |
|---|---|
| Michael Peter Benson | Conservative Party |
| Keith Edmund Haines | Labour Party (NEW 2015) |
| Steve Kirkham | Tbc |
| Mrs Carolyn Denise Lowe | Conservative Party |
| Barry Edward Moran | Conservative Party |
| *Eddie Williams* | *UKIP Elected (NEW 2015 / Resigned Sept 2016)* |

**Sandbach Town Council – Ettley Heath and Wheelock Ward**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sue Ashcombe-Hurt | Conservative (May 2017 By-election<br>Moved from Elworth Ward Jan 2018) |
| *Kevin Anthony Carroll* | *UKIP (NEW 2015) LEFT 2017/18* |
| Richard Hovey | Unknown (NEW 2016) |
| Alan David Smith | Labour Party |
| Mrs Kate Southwell | Conservative Party |
| Richard Martin Wait | Conservative Party |

**Sandbach Town Council – Sandbach Heath and East Ward**

| | |
|---|---|
| Justin Cartlidge | Labour (NEW 2015) |
| Sam Corcoran | Labour |
| Paula Eaton | Labour (NEW 2016) |
| Mike Muldoon | Conservative (Elected 5 Feb 2016 By-election) |
| Geraint Price Jones | Labour (NEW 2015) |

**Sandbach Town Council – Elworth Ward**

| | |
|---|---|
| Bleddyn Davies | Labour (co-opted 1 Oct 2015) |
| Katheryn Flavell | Labour (By-election 25 Jan 2018) |
| Martin Forster | Labour (co-opted 1 Oct 2015) |
| Richard Hoffmann | Labour |
| Dr Mike Lea-O'Mahoney | (co-opted 1 Oct 2015)<br>(Postman whose wife runs Nantwich Museum) |
| Mrs Gill Merry | Conservative |

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# #05e PREVIOUS COUNCILLORS

**COUNCILLORS WHO RETIRED AT THE 2015 ELECTION**

| | |
|---|---|
| Elsie Alcock (/ 2014-15Mayor) | Sandbach Heath and East Ward (Liberal) |
| Graham Bell | Sandbach Heath and East Ward |
| Lyndsey Chadwick | Town Ward |
| Miss Stella Furlong (2010-2014) | Ettley Heath and Wheelock Ward (Conservative) |
| Les Morris | Sandbach Heath and East Ward (Liberal) |
| Dennis Robinson | Sandbach Heath and East Ward (Liberal) |
| William Scragg | Elworth Ward (Liberal) |
| Vaughan Thompson | Town Ward |
| Miss Ingrid Victor | Elworth Ward (Unknown) |

**COUNCILLORS WHO RETIRED BETWEEN THE 2015 AND 2017 ELECTIONS**

**Sandbach Town Council – Town Ward**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Eddie Williams* | *UKIP Elected (NEW 2015 / Resigned Sept 2016)* |

**Sandbach Town Council – Ettley Heath and Wheelock Ward**

| | |
|---|---|
| *Gemma Louise Sandra Barker* | *Labour Party (NEW 2015) Resigned.* |

**Sandbach Town Council – Sandbach Heath and East Ward**

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|---|---|
| *Sid Holland* | *Labour (NEW 2015 / Resigned Nov 2015)* |
| *Miss (Natasha) Tasha Simpson* | *Labour (NEW 2015 / Resigned May 2016 due to Ill health)* |

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# #06. THE FODEN STORY

Adapted from the book by Pat Kennett (ISBN 085059300X)

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"If a job's worth doing, its worth doing well" a quote that Edwin Foden believed more than 120 years ago.

1820's and 1830's Walter Hancock's Steam Carriages were designed and built in Stratford a small town to the east of London and were used for excursions to Brighton, Hamsted Heath and the Sussex and Surrey Downs.

The first was a carriage called appropriately "Infant" and was launched in 1826. It was the first steam road vehicle to carry passengers for hire. In 1833 the next type of carriage was built called "Autopsy" which ran between Pentonville, the City of London and Paddington. Also in 1833 Hancock built the "Enterprise" (Went into service on the 22 April 1833) an impressive carriage that carried 20 people. In all Hancocks company made 11 large steam vehicles along with many small ones.

**1841 Edwin Foden was born in Smallwood, Cheshire the son of a village shoemaker.**

1842 On the 13 June 1842 Queen Victoria made a journey from Slough to Paddington on the new form of transport "THE TRAIN". As with all things that Victoria did the rest of the Country had to follow in her footsteps, so everyone used the train for their holidays. This meant that the Steam Carriage built by Walter Hancock was now not being used.

Walter Hancock decided to retire leaving his son George to fend for himself and seek work elsewhere. Eventually George set up an agricultural engineering workshop in Cheshire along with his friend a Mr Plant. The company of "Plant and Hancock" was formed in 1848.

1856 Edwin Foden joined "Plant and Hancock" as an indentured apprentice.

Unkn Edwin then went to work at Crewe and Kidsgrove railway workshops before returning to Elworth and the "Plant and Hancock company" where at the age of 19 he became shop Forman (1860).

1861 The "Locomotives act" was passed by Parliament. This required a man to walk in front of a vehicle thus slowing the speed down to 4 miles per hour. This and later acts in 1867 made producing working steam road vehicles impractical.

1862 The company produced small steam portable engines for industry and agricultural use. They also forged many other Iron implements and spares for machinery at the works.

1866 By 1866 George Hancock made Edwin a partner in the company and renamed it "Hancock and Foden" known locally as the Elworth Foundry.

1868 Edwin Foden and his wife had a baby son they called William.

1870 George Hancock retired from the business, officially but still acted as a consultant and so the name changed to FODEN AND HANCOCK.

1870 Edwin Richard Foden was born. (Known as E.R. to everyone) ? (Aged 41 when his father died in 1911)

1872 The new Wire drawing mill at Warrington (Whitecross Wire Company) asked Foden to build them a Steam power unit powerful enough to draw wire from billets of steel. Edwin designed a 20 inch diameter cylinder with a 30 inch throw on the crankshaft. It also had a flywheel of 16 feet in diameter.

The news of this machine reached the ears of the "Hill Top Colliery" at Longton Staffordshire who commissioned a machine of their own.

1875 In September 1875 the Stour Valley Company who mined Coal and Shale also ordered two big winding engines for Worcestershire at a total cost of £650. More and more orders flooded in from South Wales and places like the Hulme colliery in Longton.

STATIC STEAM ENGINE LOCATIONS built after 1875 -

Carmarthen, Kidwelly, Pontardulais, Briton Ferry, Mountain Ash, Ebbw Vale, Cingerford, Cardiff, Liverpool, Runcorn, Warrington, Manchester, Chester, Middlewich, Winsford, Macclesfield, Buxton, Brereton, Crewe, Longton.

1876 The name of the company changed to EDWIN FODEN AND SON. Under various names the company produced products from the foundry all of top quality. "E. Foden", "Edwin Foden",

"Elworth Foundry" and "Edwin Foden at Elworth Foundry" are some of the names found on the products from this era.

1870's and 1880's They produced many Threshing machines to order, powered by small steam engines. Due to the 1861 act (See above) these machines had to be drawn by horses as a steam locomotive was essentially not allowed on the road.

1877 In February 1877 Edwin Foden completed the first Commercial Compound engine. The first was sold to Mr Mason of Calverley Mill in West Yorkshire.

1878 Benjamin Disraeli's government abolished the need for a man to wave a red flag in front of an agricultural engine on the road paving the way for the modern Steam engine.
The 1878 act only abolished the man for farm equipment it did not however stop the man in front of a private vehicle.

1880 In 1880 Edwin Foden patented a new design for use in Locomotives. His engine used the exhaust steam from the high pressure cylinder to fill a larger and lower pressured cylinder, thus making the most of the pressure that was up until now going to waste.

1880's Foden's were now producing small agricultural engines at a cost that farmers could afford. Along with the reliability and excellent reputation the company started to produce more and more machines.

1883 Edwin Foden's "Drum Thrasher" won a gold medal at the Royal Agricultural Society's show at York. The Company produced about 50 of these machines with a price range of between £140 to £180 depending on its size.

1883 A new Twin screw steam tug for a Liverpool company called upon Foden to build the engines for the vessel names "Clarissa".

1884 Engines built for the Twin screw steamer "The Navigator" in Runcorn.

1885 By 1885 the company owned a number of houses which they rented out to leading skilled men at the works.

1887 After a few failed attempts Foden produced the first Compound Engine. Its design was so successful that it won Gold at the Royal Agricultural Society trials at Newcastle-upon-Tyne that year. The sale price for this new engine was £165. Among the various adaptations of this engine was a machine fort ravelling showmen called "Prospector".

1896 Locomotives on Highways Act, allowed machines weighing under 3 Tons to travel at up to 12 MPH. Over that weight the vehicle could travel at 4 MPH again without the man and his little red flag. The road was now open.

1898 In June 1898 trials began on the fort Foden Steam Wagon, designed like the modern lorry with a box at the back to hold its load.

1899 The 3rd prototype steam wagon started its trials.

1900 The 4th prototype steam wagon started its trials.

1900 On the 17 May 1900 FODEN'S BRASS BAND formed from the old Sandbach town band and Wheelock Temperance Society Band.

1901 After the government had asked manufacturers to submit engines for them to purchase. Edwin and his team worked all sorts of hours to get the steam wagon working perfectly for commercial launch. In late Summer 1901 it was ready for the war office to inspect.
Between the 4 and 14 December 1901 the War office Trials took place with the Foden wagon coming first overall winning £250 and the offer to supply the War office.

1902 FODEN LTD was formed to help propel the company into the new era.

Edwin Foden was Managing director.
Mr Cecil H. Brunner Chairman
John and Reuben Stubbs Board Members.
Samuel Poole Twemlow (Edwin's Brother in Law) Company Secretary.

During the year the old Foundry building was rebuilt and enlarged along with new offices on the other side of the road.

1905 A new 5 Toner Steam wagon was launched, with two speed gearing and a top speed of 15 Miles Per Hour.

1907 On the 23 June 1907 John Stubs a long-time customer, friend of Edwin's and Board member died. His place on the board was taken by Samuel P Twemlow.

1909 The last threshing machine was produced by Foden's Ltd.

1911 **On the 31 August 1911 Edwin Foden Died.** The funeral cortège was led by FODEN'S BAND playing Methodist Hymns.

1911 By the end of 1911 £8,000 worth of new machinery had been installed along with £2,400 worth of extra buildings.

1914 War broke out

1915 Pickfords ordered 50 steam wagons.

1922 The C-Type Steam wagon was introduced.

1924 The company produced a 6 wheel version of the C Type Steam wagon.

1924 A "D Type" was started with a smaller tractor than the C Type.

1924 King George V ordered a 5 ton Foden Steam wagon for use at Balmoral. This was in addition to the Foden timber-wagon he already had at Sandringham.

1924 Sometime during the year a new Diesel engine was installed at the works to provide internal power and light, replacing the steam engines used since the last century. Was this a taste of what was to come.

1924 In November 1924 William Foden took his wife and two sons Ted and Reg to Australia to become sheep farmers on a 8,760 acre station near Newcastle, New South Wales. His reasons were unknown and came as a shock to the company. It left E.R. Foden as the sole family member on the board.

1925 By 1926 the E Type had been introduced.

1926 1st May 1926 the Miners went out on strike, the start of what was to become the General Strike of that year. It caused problems for the Steam wagon and railway industry what was going to power these forms of transport.
It also helped the industry of transport as it became more important to move goods around the country more people could see that the lorry was now a part of the haulage business possibly more than the railways who up until now had dominated the movement of goods.

1928 In 1928 the company introduced the "Speed Six" with a two cylinder transverse engine that had also powered the E Type. It had a top speed of 60 MPH.

1930 Sam Twemlow (E.R's Brother in law) Died, leaving E.R. as the only member of the original Foden Ltd board left at the company. His place was taken by John Stubbs (Son of one of the original Stubbs brothers).

1930 E.R. Foden was a visionary seeing the potential of new forms of propulsion including the Diesel Engine which was being used all over Europe by MAN, Daimler Benz and in this country by Dorman, Crossley and the Gardner company. However the board of Foden were not of the same opinion that it could be used in wagons and the company dismissed the idea as the thoughts of a reactionary, silly old fool. (ER was over 60 at the time).
In a speech to the board the Chairman made this statement -
"Now Ladies and Gentlemen, there is another matter which has been mentioned to me several times and that is, why we don't go in for Oil Engines. In the first place we are all steam men at our Works and we have now produced a steam wagon second to none, in fact it is in a class by itself and can hold its own against any Oil Engine made. (This machine was the ill-fated Q Type) It is cheaper to buy, cheaper to run and uses British fuel which must help British Industries. As you know, money staying in this Country must circulate and we have a chance of getting some of it back. On the other hand Oil Engines of all descriptions use a fuel which sends at least 75% of the money abroad and it is a thousand to one we shall get none of that money back. "
"Another reason is that all makers of the Petrol and Crude Oil Engines have a great start on a firm which has never made a petrol lorry and we should be years before we could compete against them. We should require new Engineers, a lot more money spent on new machines to compete against the present Oil Engine makers and we should have at least twenty more competitors to face, therefore I honestly think we should be better keeping to steam for it has not yet got to its best. I really do think that we now have with our new Steamer, a wonderful chance of getting back business from the petrol people, as in all our tests against
Petrol Lorries we have equalled them in speed, in fact with 10 Ton loads we have beaten them and as regards economy, we have saved between £5 and £8 per week, which is bound to tell in the long run. If trade generally will only improve we feel sure that we shall get our share and have a different tale to tell next year."
How wrong he was, in the long run !
The board did look into the proposal by ER but in their words the engines available at the time did not come up to the quality expected of a Foden lorry and the experiments into looking into the possibilities were covered up in the balance sheets for that year. ER was furious.

1931 1st Gardner engine ( a L 2) brought into the works for the new Lorry. The new lorry had a 5L2 Gardner engine, Daimler gearbox and Kirkstall axle. The chassis number was 14004 and it was delivered to its new owner on the 14 October 1931. (Jackson and Sons Wistaston, Crewe Reg 287M)

ER had put his job on the line by building the new diesel lorry's without the backing of the board putting the machines development under his own personnel wing before presenting the finished article to the board as a *fait accompli.*

1932 The company made its first big yearly trading loss of £48,351 it was announced at the AGM in August 1932.

1932 A Report by Stanley Baldwin's government was finally published and recommend that a Road Tax of £235 be put on Steam engines each year. This put the final nail in the coffin of the steam wagon.

1932 By the end of 1932 Edwin Richard (ER) Foden resigned from the board of Foden's because he felt that the board were not putting the workers interests on their priority list. With shorter working hours needed to overcome the depression years the company sacked many loyal workers instead of adopting ER's idea to have them work one week in two allowing them some sort of wage rather than the dole, until the times got better and they could be fully employed again. All this and his idea of changing to diesel engines being dismissed by the board made him think had about his life with the firm. With this increasing amount of his wishes being overturned by the board he felt forced to resign from his father's company.
The last of the Foden family in control, had now departed FODEN'S. Immediately many of those who had worked with ER on the Diesel engines were also dismissed from the company.
ER's son Dennis still worked at the company as he couldn't afford to retire like his father who was now 62 years old. However by the winter of 1932-3 things had deteriorated so much that he went to his father in Blackpool where he was now living to discuss an idea. This was to build a petrol driven lorry.
Along with ER's Capital and help from his two daughters and Dennis they decided to go into business for themselves.
They persuaded Ernest Sherratt a designer at Foden's to join them along with George Faulkner who had resigned from the old firm and was a relative of Dennis and ER's by marriage to become the first works manager.
By Easter 1933 ER, Dennis (Aged 33) and the others had held their first formal meeting in a greenhouse in the garden of ER's daughter opposite the Foden works. It was then that the **company of E.R. Foden was formed**. From then on Dennis went to various companies including Gardner engines to discuss using their products in the new venture.
**(See ERF FILE)**

1932 The company had to rethink quickly. With the new Tax orders were being cancelled. Maybe ER was right and Fodens should move into Petrol and Diesel as soon as possible. A new R-Type and S Type were developed in diesel with smaller petrol machines also being made available for lighter loads.

1934 The last Steam engine was built by FODEN the company.

1934 With ever increasing losses the company needed help. Many of the workers sent out a plea to William Foden in Australia to come back and help them. With his new idyllic life he was reluctant, but while on holiday in Europe his did make a detour to Elworth to see the company. He was shocked at the state it was in and immediately made plans to return.
Firstly he became a Managing Director Designate (With the approval of the board the post would be made permanent at the next AGM)

1935 After a small up turn in profits 1935 saw the company with a record loss.

1936 The Company again started to make a profit, mainly due to the management of William Foden.

1939-45 With the outbreak of war the company was again in the thick of manufacturing.
The War ministry had ordered many products before the war started and it was now the turn of Foden's to officially join the special War productions. In the 1914-18 war they had produced thousands of heavy Shells. In 1939- 45 the company was asked to produce 20mm cannon shells for use in aircraft. The finished article was then sent to an Ordnance factory for filling with gun powder. The change over from large trucks to small shells meant a complete rethink and new machinery, so it wasn't until 1941 that full production finally got under way at the Elworth works. By July 1941 6,000 shells were being produced, not even enough for a raid on a German shipping convoy, however with new developments by the company by the end of the year 60,000 shells a month were made. By the end of the war 7½ million shells had come out of Elworth.
In Christmas 1939 the company managed to create the first TANK at the works. It was called "The Crusader" and had an American designed Liberty petrol engine built in "Ruson's" English works. The first order for the Crusader was sent to Farnborough on the 31 October

1940, Foden's had now joined the war. After the success of the Crusader another tank "Centaurs" was developed. By the end of the war 770 tanks had been produced. The firm also produced 1,750 heavy Foden's, mainly based on the DG pre war models for use as transport and support vehicles. By June 1944 the company had also designed and built the AVRE, Armoured Vehicles Royal Engineers which were used to help clear mine fields, along with bulldozing, bridge laying and other jobs.

1946 With the end of the war new products were needed as well as development of the old. One idea was to go into the Bus industry. The first was produced in 1946 and was based on the FP Chassis and became known as the "Series 4". With either Foden or Gardner engines the busses were used in Chester, Warrington and Derby.

1949 A new rear engines chassis bus was developed (Pre dating the Leyland Atlantean by 7 years).

1953 16 April 1953 The Royal Yacht Britannia was launched, it's auxiliary power was provided by the FODEN two stroke engine.

1956 New Headquarters built on Middlewich Rd overshadowing the Founder's House.

1961 A new Chassis assembly hall was built with two parallel tracks.

1964 On the 2 June 1964 William Foden Died at the age of 96. His body was taken for the last time on a little three-toner called the "Pride of Edwin".

1969 Planning permission was granted to Foden's to build a new factory on a site over the railway.

1973 The first of the new lorries ran off the production line at the new factory in the late Summer of 1973.

1974 By Christmas 1974 the company was in trouble. A report in the Sandbach Chronicle alerted the industry to the problems.

1975 Harold Wilson's government put money into the company to keep it going. Despite this welcome lifeline the company failed to meet its targets and it wasn't until 1977 that the company could say it was on the road to recovery.

1976 Foden's again built a Bus with coach work by Northern Counties Coach works, in Wigan.

1977 Rolls Royce made a bid for the company but it was turned down by Shareholders.

1977 FODEN GmbH was formed in West Germany to help the parent company sell trucks in the European continent.

1978 The Company introduced the Haulmaster and Fleetmaster range of lorry.

1980 On Tuesday the 15 July 1980 the directors finally called in the receiver - Foden's were broke.

1980 13 October 1980 the PACCAR Company of Seattle, USA bought the assets of the company. They reopened with 350 employees.

1982 Now renamed the "Sandbach Engineering Company" they decided to withdraw funding for the famous Brass band and on the 31 December 1982 it withdrew funding.

1998 In 1998 Leyland Trucks were also taken over by PACCAR and the company planned to move production to their works rather than keep it in Sandbach.
Now the company produced DAF Trucks with a name badge of Fodens on it just for show.
The name of FODEN still continues as Paccar still build the lorry, but they were built in a factory in Leyland, Lancashire.

2006 In July 2006 the last Foden Truck (Name Badge) was produced ending 150 years of truck building.

# THE FODEN FAMILY From the start of the Company.

| BORN | NAME AREA | DIED |
|---|---|---|
| 1841 | EDWIN FODEN .b. in Smallwood, Cheshire.<br>3 Sons William and E.R. Daughter Fanny. | .d. 1911 |
| 1868 | WILLIAM FODEN Eldest son of Edwin Foden.<br>Sons Reginald, | .d. June 1964 |
| 1870 | EDWIN RICHARD FODEN Second son of Edwin Foden.<br>Founder of ERF along with his son Dennis. | .d. 23 Dec 1950 |
| 1899 | REGINALD GORDON FODEN Son of William Foden<br>Known as Mr Reg he was joint managing director from 1951 to 1971. | .d. |
| 1900 | DENNIS FODEN Son of Edwin Richard Foden<br>Co Founder of ERF with his father. Wife called Madge. | .d. 1960 |
| 1901 | JAMES EDWIN FODEN Son of William Foden<br>Known as "Ted". Joint managing director 1950-71 | .d. |
| 1929 | WILLIAM LOUIS FODEN Son of Reginald Foden<br>Joined the company in 1969. | .d. |

1930 PETER FODEN Youngest son of E.R. Foden .d. 3 July 2012
Took over as Managing director of ERF when his brother died in 1960.
1935 DAVID COLVILLE FODEN Eldest son of Ted Foden. .d.
Joined the company in 1969.
1938 EDWIN S FODEN 2nd son of Ted Foden .d. 28 Sept 1998
Became executive director in 1971. (.b. 7 June 1938)
1866 SAMUAL POOLE TWEMLOW Married to Edwin Foden's daughter Fanny. .d. 1928
Foden Ltd Company secretary then Director.
DAUGHTERS - Essba Twemlow (Married) and Doris (Married Edwin Firth)
1906 EDWIN TWEMLOW Son of Samual Twemlow and Fanny Foden .d.
Joint managing director from 1951 to 1972.
1938 STEPHEN PATRICK TWEMLOW Son of Edwin Twemlow .d.
Joined the company in the 1960's

FAMILY TREE
EDWIN FODEN (.b. 1841 .D. 31 Aug 1911)
Married SOPHIE FODEN (.b. 1842) (1881 / 1891 Census)
Married ANNIE FODEN (.b. 1868) (1911 Census)
CHILDREN
Fanny Foden (.b. 1864)
MARRIED (1889) Samuel Poole Twemlow (.b. 1866 .D. 20 Mar 1928)
CHILDREN Doris Twemlow (.b. Jan 1892 .D. 31 Dec 1991)
Hesba Twemlow (.b. 1895)
Nora Twemlow (.b. 1897)
Geoffrey Foden Twemlow (.b. 1899)
Leanne Twemlow (.b. 1900)
Kenneth Twemlow (.b. 1904)
Margery Twemlow (.b. 1905)
Edwin Twemlow (.b. 1906)
Hannah Foden (.b. 1866)
William Foden (.b. 1869)
MARRIED Ellen A Foden (.b. 1870)
CHILDREN William L Foden (.b. 1893)
Reginald Gordon Foden (.b. 1899)
James Edwin Foden (.b. 1901)
Edwin Richard Foden (.b. 1870)
MARRIED Alice Foden (.b. 1876)
CHILDREN Florence Foden (.b.1897)
Dorothy Foden (.b. 1898)
Dennis Foden (.b. 1900 .D. 1960)
Peter Foden (.b. 24 Feb 1930 .D. 2 July 2012) (Not Son of Alice)
John E Foden (.b. 1894)
Amy Foden (.b. 1896)
Patty Foden (.b. 1899)

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# #07. E.R.F. History.

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(See Foden File)
1932 By the end of 1932 Edwin Richard (ER) Foden resigned from the board of Foden's because he felt that the board were not putting the workers interests on their priority list. With shorter working hours needed to overcome the depression years the company sacked many loyal workers instead of adopting ER's idea to have them work one week in two allowing them some sort of wage rather than the dole, until the times got better and they could be fully employed again. With an increasing amount of his wishes being overturned by the board he was forced to resign from his father’s company. The last of the Foden family had now departed FODEN'S.
ER's son Dennis still worked at the company and couldn't afford to retire like his father who

was now 62 years old. However by the winter of 1932-3 things had deteriorated so much that he went to his father in Blackpool where he was now living to discuss an idea. This was to build a petrol driven lorry.
Along with ER's Capital and help from his two daughters and Dennis they decided to go into business for themselves.
They persuaded Ernest Sherratt a designer at Foden's to join them along with George Faulkner who had resigned from the old firm and was a relative of Dennis and ER's by marriage to become the first works manager.

1933 By Easter 1933 ER, Dennis (Aged 33) and the others had held their first formal meeting in a greenhouse in the garden of ER's daughter opposite the Foden works. It was then that the **company of E.R. Foden was formed**. From then on Dennis went to various companies including Gardner engines to discuss using their products in the new venture.

1933 The drawing department and administration were still being done from the Greenhouse but it was certain that they could not build the lorry in there. Luckily the firm of coach builders J. H. Jennings were moving out of part of their premises . This site was ideal and in June 1933 the new firm moved in. (Jennings were later bought by ERF). A new entrance was built on Middlewich Road and the company went into business.

1933 On the 1 September 1933 the first E.R. FODEN and SON lorry came off the production line. It was sold to Fred Gilbert a haulier in Leighton Buzzard in Bedfordshire and is still in existence (1978) In later years it was sold back to ERF to hold for sentimental reasons and carried the chassis number 63 (Not as you would expect Number 1) after the age of the founder at the time (ER Foden).

1933 By November 1933 the new lorry was the star of the London Motor Show. Three more vehicles had been built by then each had also been sold. Many orders were taken and two dealers were signed up to help sell the product, W.J. Boyes in London and J. Brown and Sons in Edinburgh.

1950 In 1950 E.R Foden Died.

1960 In 1960 Dennis Foden Died.

1960 Peter Foden took over as managing director.

Unkn ERF were sold to Western Star group a Canadian company.

1999 On the 21 January 1999 relocated part of its factory to Middlewich, enabling it to expand operations.

2000 On the 1 February 2000 Canadian company Western Star, the owners of ERF sold the name to MAN of Germany.

2001 The ERF Factory in Middlewich Road was demolished.

2002 On the 5 March 2002 MAN announced that it was closing its Sandbach ERF works and were moving the factory to a new building in Middlewich. The official opening of the factory was performed by Princess Anne (Date unknown by me).

2003 On the 12 June 2003 E.R.F. closed its Middlewich works. The parent company MAN relocated the factory to Germany where they continued to make ERF Trucks.

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# #08. JENNINGS Coach Builders.

(adapted from a Sandbach Chronicle article)

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1764 During the reign of George III, Mr George Jennings began the family business of Wheelwright's in Little Warford.
George made Wheel hubs, Spokes and fellows with hand tools.

Family George to John Jennings.
John to Samuel Jennings.
Samuel to John Jennings.
The change in generations followed the same trade as wheelwrights and blacksmiths.
John Jennings had a family of six sons and two daughters. Four of the sons followed in their father’s footsteps but Mr John Henry Jennings (Derek's grandfather) decided that the family business could not employ the whole family so he decided to find his own knish.

1897 John Henry Jennings started his own business in a derelict wheelwright's shop in Mottram-St-Andrew. He started as a carpenter for nearby farms. A local man asked him to build him a lorry without sides. This was the companies first lorry, putting Jennings on the road to a new business.

The original building on the site was owned by another wheelwright, Mr John Henshall. With FODEN'S just up the road, the company started work on converting cabs etc.

1902 With a £500 saved from the business John and his wife moved to the Commons site, where in later years another garage became derelict for many years before being burnt to the ground in the late 1990's. It is now the site of a Chip shop and offices.

1915 In 1915 Mr Frank Jennings (John's Son) joined the company with a wage of 3d per week.

1917 John Henry Jennings decided to expand the business and purchased land and buildings formerly used by a contractor called "Stringer" and owned by Lord Crewe on part of his Sandbach Estate in Crewe Road.

1918 At the end of the first world war the company changed officially from Wheelwrights to coach builders.

1919 At some time during the war Frank Jennings had been called up. In 1919 he returned to Sandbach to join his father in forming the company J.H. Jennings and Son Ltd.

Unkn The First London Commercial Motor Show took place in Holland Park, J.H. Jennings and Son Ltd took a stand. This built up a lot of contacts and helped to expand the company.

1931 At the 1931 Motor show the company won the Silver Cup for the premier award for body work, becoming famous for horse boxes and cattle trucks, some of which were supplied to the Royal Family.
The company also produced Fire tenders, ambulances, bus body work, mobile shops, refuse vehicles, vans, tippers and shooting brakes.
(Picture of a 1932 Bedford W.L.B Sun saloon, a bus converted by the company.)

1933 When E.R. Foden and his son Dennis decided to manufacture Diesel-engine lorries, it was J.H. Jennings and Son who provided the first cab for the E.R.F. lorry.

1933 In 1933 the company decided to make some changes. Luckily for E.R.F. the firm of coach builders J. H. Jennings decided to move out from part of their own premises so that they could concentrate on supplying E.R.F. and their own work.
This site was ideal and in June 1933 the new firm of E.R.F. moved in to the Crewe Road site with its entrance being made from Middlewich Road. Jennings still had its own entrance between the Sandbach School and the space that was the Gas showroom / Harbour dental practice.

1937 In 1937 Mr John Henry Jennings was chairman of the Sandbach Urban District Council and was the man who opened the new council chamber.

1947 In 1947 Mr Derek Jennings (Son of Frank) joined the family business followed a few years later by his brother Mr John Anthony Jennings.

Unkn Jennings built a number of houses in Sandbach for its workers. Hungerford Place, Fairfield Avenue and Sweettooth lane have houses by the company.

1962 With a 80,000 square foot factory and 300 staff Frank Jennings suffered with a serious coronary thrombosis. Derek and younger brother Tony (John Anthony) had to take over the running of the company. Then another blow, within two weeks the company secretary died. By this time John Henry Jennings the founder had lost his sight due to glaucoma making it difficult for the brothers to continue such a large company on their own.

1963 In 1963 E.R.F. (Holdings) LTD offered to purchase the company. This was a lifeline for the original company and it was sold to E.R.F. to combine the ever increasing work for them and the lorry making factory.
This new subsidiary of E.R.F. was still run by and under the name of J. H. Jennings and Son Ltd, it still produced cabs for its parent company as well as specialist bodies for all types of vehicles.

1971 E.R.F. employed a team of management consultants who decided that J. H. Jennings and Sons Ltd should no longer carry on as a separate company and should become part of E.R.F. Ltd.

1972 Mr Derek Jennings and his brother Mr Tony Jennings didn't like the idea of becoming exclusive to E.R.F. and so in January 1972 they both left the company. They still wanted to be a part of the coach building industry that their family had started and decided to start again from scratch.
Unable to find anywhere suitable in Sandbach for the new company the moved to Crewe's Weston Road Industrial Estate ending their association with Sandbach.

1972 In June 1972 a new factory had been built and Derek, Tony and one other member of staff moved in to start work. By the end of the year they were employing 15 staff and had doubled the size of the factory.

1979 More factory space was needed by 1979 and so another 5,000 square foot factory extension

was built.

1994 In January 1994 Derek Jennings and the rest of the directors of Jennings Coachwork Ltd retired. This meant that the company had to be formally wound up.

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# #09. SHOPS IN SANDBACH

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Below is a list of some of the shops in the town of Sandbach. Not all of them by any means but those known from postcards or a series of receipts held in the "Sandbach Players" archive.
**The DATE is the date of the postcard, photograph or receipt.**
For full list see separate file.

| Date | NAME | ADDRESS |
|---|---|---|
| Unkn | BENNETTS<br>Dry Cleaners | Wheelock Tel; 458 |
| Nov 1975 | BOWERS SIGNS<br>Interior and exterior Signwriting specialists. | Norbury House, Crewe Rd, Wheelock.<br>Tel; 2010 |
| Apr 1965 | W.G. BRAIN<br>Newsagent /Stationer | "Chronicle Office" 8 Hightown, S /bach. |
| 26 Nov 1977 | ARTHUR CHATWIN Ltd<br>Bakers and Confectioners | |
| Unkn | THE CHIMNEY HOUSE<br>Hotel | Sandbach Tel; 4141 |
| 1980's | CLASSICAL GUITAR CENTRE<br>Run by Stephen and Judith Creswell | 2 Chapel Street CW11 9DS<br>Tel; Crewe 761884 |
| 7 Mar 1966 | J and H COPPENHALL LTD<br>Scrap Metal Merchants and later a Bus company | The Beeches, Bradwall Rd, Sandbach<br>Tel; 269 |
| 10 April 1964 | CROWN HOTEL<br>Run by Mr Thomas (also in 22 Jan 1975) | The Square, Sandbach. |
| 8 Feb 1965 | A. W. DICKENSON'S EXORS<br>Ironmongers Established in 1906. | 27-29 High Street, Sandbach. |
| 25 Nov 1966 | E DICKENSON<br>High Class Grocer and Provision merchant. | Sweettooth Lane, Sandbach<br>Tel; 288 |
| 9 Oct 1975 | As Above but a new address<br>**** | 1 Queen's Drive, Sandbach CW11 9DA<br>Tel; 2288 |
| Jan 1964 | EACHUS and SON<br>Printers and Stationers | The Square, Sandbach<br>Tel; 77 |
| Also 25 Oct 1977 | On the opposite corner to the black bear. | |
| 4 Mar 1965 | W.H. FORSTER<br>Builder and Contractor | Belle Vue Terrace, Crewe Rd,<br>Sandbach. Tel; 601 |
| 24 April 1975 | G.A. GOODWIN and SON LTD<br>Wholesale Tobacco and General Merchants | 9 The Square, Sandbach<br>Tel; 2051 |
| 18 Mar 1974 | HANDYMAN'S SUPPLIES (Market Drayton) Ltd<br>Handyman's Shop. It closed in 2002. | Wells Street, Sandbach<br>Tel; 2301 |
| 8 Feb 1966 | D and H HOCKENHULL<br>Design and Print | 510 Crewe Rd, Wheelock |
| 6 Apr 1964 | J HOPKINS and SON<br>Painters and Paperhangers, Plumbers and Glaziers | High Street, Sandbach<br>Tel; 404 |
| 15 May 1964 | C.H. and H. KELLY'S OFF-LICENCE<br>Wine and Spirit merchant - Grocer. | 58 Heath Road, Sandbach |
| 23 Feb 1982 | LAWTON TOOLS LIMITED<br>Took distributors and engineering merchants | 72 Newcastle Rd, Sandbach<br>Tel; 3336/7/8 |
| 1980's | MFA VIDEO LTD<br>Video hire shop and wedding videos | 15 Middlewich Rd, Sandbach |
| 21 May 1966 | ROY METCALFE (R and J Metcalf)<br>Joiner, Builder, Plumber. | Smithfield Lane, Sandbach<br>Tel; 758 |
| 3 June 1968 ? | CLIFF MILNES (C. G. and J.M. Milnes)<br>High Class Fruit and Vegetables.<br>Wreaths, Crosses and Bouquets to order. | 4 Hightown, Sandbach<br>Tel; 411 |

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|---|---|---|
| 9 Jan 19?? | STAN RILEY | 4 Hightown, Sandbach |
| | High Class Fruit and Vegetables. | Tel; 411 |
| | Wreaths, Crosses and Bouquets to order. | |
| | (Previously or followed by Cliff Milnes) | |
| 1 Oct 1964 | SANDBACH LITERARY INSTITUTION | (On the Roundabout) |
| | (See above for details) | |
| | Hon. Treasurer Mr A Warburton, Westminster Bank Ltd, Sandbach. | |
| 30 Dec 1966 | Hon. Treasurer Mr A Warburton, Westminster Bank Ltd, Sandbach. | |
| 8 June 1967 | SANDBACH WOMEN'S CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION | |
| | Headquarters may be a house. | 21 Crewe Rd, Sandbach |
| 26 Feb 1983 | SAXON CROSS MOTEL | Holmes Chapel Rd, Sandbach |
| | Motel | CW11 9SE |
| 18 Feb 1984 | **** | Tel; 3281 STD 093 67 3281 |
| 20 Nov 1982 | LAWRENCE STUBBS and SON | 2-4 Newfield St, Sandbach CW11 0DE |
| | Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Do-it-yourself, etc | Tel; 4645 |
| | Lawrence Stubbs became a Chelsea Pensioner. | |
| | David Stubbs took over but died in 2003. | |
| | The shop by then had closed with David doing | |
| | Electrical work etc from his home. | |
| 9 Jan 1965 | JOHN WAKEFIELD | 25 High Street, Sandbach |
| | Family Butcher | Tel; 16 |
| 26 Jan 1980 | **** | Tel; 2015 |
| 31 May 1967 | C WELSBY LTD | 1 Crewe Road, Sandbach. |
| | Chemists and Opticians | Tel; 205 |
| | In 1945 Clifford Welsby and his wife Bessie moved to Sandbach where Mr Welsby joined a Chemist business. In 1948 he acquired the shop in 1 Crewe Road and opened his own business. In 1962 The shop became a Limited Company. Cliff Welsby would work from 9am till 10pm while Bessie would serve on the counter while at the same time studying to be a pharmacist. | |
| | Tony Welsby was educated at Crewe Grammar School before going into the family business. From the age of 15 he worked alongside his mother and father in the shop joining the business on a full time basis in 1963. By the 1980's the company had expanded to two shops with the second being in 1, High Street. By 1983 it was also a Photo Market shop adding 1 hour developing to the Crewe Road Site in the late 1980's -90's. | |
| | In January 1997 (10 Jan Sandbach Chronicle Page 44) Tony Welsby decided to close the Pharmacy side of the shop and would concentrate on the Photographic side of business in the High Street. | |
| 17 Dec 1965 | R WARBURTON | Wheat sheaf Buildings, Hightown, |
| | Insurance Broker | Sandbach. |
| Dec 1966 | WESTMINSTER BANK | Sandbach |
| 21 Dec 1964 | DOUGLAS WILLIAMS and COMPANY | 23 High Street, Sandbach |
| | Radio, Television, electrical Appliances and Pianos | Tel; 412 |
| 2 June 1966 | WILLIAMS DEACON'S BANK LIMITED | Unkn Possibly now Royal Bank of |
| | Bank | Scotland |
| 1875 Established | GODFREY WILLIAMS and SON | The Square, Sandbach |
| | Established in 1875, by 1980 it was run by | |
| | Godfrey Williams and his son David. | |
| | The building they are now in was built as | |
| | the Sandbach Police Station. | |
| 8 Feb 1965 | F.W. WOOLWORTH AND CO | 12 High Street, Sandbach |
| | Superstore. | |
| 22 Jan 1979 | WRIGHT'S (Sandbach) LTD | 9 Middlewich Rd, Sandbach |
| | Printers, Stationers, Paper Merchants | Tel; 4225 |
| | On the corner of Bradwall Road and Wesley Ave | |
| | they had a shop in what was an old Garage. | |
| | In 2003-4 the shop closed but the printing and | |
| | paper works continues behind the Wesley Ave / | |
| | Middlewich Rd shops. | |

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| Unkn | AMBASSADOR STAFF AGENCY | Unkn Tel; 3806 |
| Unkn | FRANK S. BARKER<br>Watchmaker and Jeweller | 14 Congleton Rd, Snadbach<br>Tel; 3750 |
| Unkn | WILLIAM BEECH<br>Scrap and Waste Disposal. | Unkn Tel; 2717 |
| Unkn | COOKES MOTORS (Sandbach) LTD<br>Land rover sales and service | Crewe Rd, Sandbach<br>Tel; 2024 |
| Unkn | DEMETER WHOLE FOODS<br>The shop was at some time owned by the "Frost Boot and Shoe Manufacturer" as a window above the door states.<br>The shop later became a Pet Shop. | Bold St and Wells Street corner. |
| Unkn | N.P. JACKSON<br>Motor body Builder. | Elton Crossings, Sandbach<br>Tel; 2293 |
| Unkn | J.J. SKELLON LTD<br>Shoe Shop | 15 High Street, Sandbach. |
| Unkn | MARGARET WALKER<br>Ladies Fashion | 1a Middlewich Rd, Sandbach<br>CW11 9DH Tel; 4447 |

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# #10. LOCAL CELEBRITIES.

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| Sir John Emmott Barlow (.b. 1857 .D. 1932) | Liberal Party Politician. |
| Alfred Barratt (.b. 1844 .D.1881) | Philosophical Writer went to School in Sandbach. |
| **Blaster Bates** (.b. 1923 .D. 2006 Derek Macintosh Bates) | Demolition Expert and Policeman. |
| Rob Cieka | Drummer with the "Boo Radleys" Pop Group (1988 joined 1990 to 1999) who went to Sandbach School. |
| Diane Clelland | Crossroads / Brookside 1982 / Actress |
| Sir Ernest Craig | Conservative MP for Crewe the first to be educated at Sandbach School he was MP for the area between 1912 and 1918. |
| Katie Derham | BBC / ITV Newsreader and Classic FM Presenter she also presented the BBC Proms. Katie went to Offley Road School and was taught by Mrs Bennion. She lived with her family in Bradwall Road. |
| Philip Dunkley (.b. 1951) | English Cricketer |
| David Eastwood (.b. 1959) | Vice Chancellor of University of Birmingham he was educated at Sandbach School. |
| **Yvette Fielding** (.b. 1968) | Blue Peter Presenter. Lives near Sandbach |
| **Edwin Foden** (.b. 1841 .D. 1911) | Founder of Foden's Ltd. |
| Edwin Richard Foden (.b. 1870 .D. 1950) | Second son of Edwin Foden. Founder of ERF along with his son Dennis. |
| **Peter Goodwright** (.b. 12 May 1936) | Comedian / Impressionist lived in Wheelock? |
| Sir George Ernest Haynes (.b. 1902 .D. 1983) | Director of the National Council of Social |

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| | Services Educated at Sandbach School. |
| Samuel Henshall (.b. 1764-5 .D. 1807) | Philologist baptized in Sandbach |
| **Thomas Hughes** (.b. 20 Oct 1822 .D. 22 Mar 1896) | Author of Tom Brown's Schooldays. Worked as a Judge in the 1st Town Hall where the War Memorial now stands. |
| Jason Kearton | Football Goalkeeper. Lived in Wheelock during his time playing for Crewe Alexandra (Later went to Everton) |
| George Kelly (.b. 1894) | Footballer with Tranmere Rovers and Stoke. |
| George William Latham (.b. 1827 .D. 1886) | English Landowner and Barrister |
| Charles Latham (.b. 1816 .D. 1907) | Physician (Public Statue outside Doctor's Surgery) |
| John Latham (.b. 1761 .D. 1843) | Physician who purchased an estate in Sandbach. |
| John Latham (.b. 1787 .D. 1853) | Magistrate and Poet / Buried in Sandbach |
| Peter Mere Latham (.b. 1789 .D. 1875) | Physician / Son of John Latham (1761 to 1843) |
| Sir Charles Lidbury (.b. 1880 .D. 1978) | President Institute of Bankers (1939 to 1946) Worked in Sandbach |
| **Alex Mortimer** | Son of Fred Mortimer / Conductor of Brass Band |
| **Fred Mortimer** (.b.1880 .D. 1953) | Conductor Fodens Brass Band |
| **Harry Mortimer** (.b. 1902 .D. 1992) | Son of Fred Mortimer / Conductor of Brass Band |
| **Rex Mortimer** | Son of Fred Mortimer / Conductor of Brass Band |
| Henry Newcombe (Bap 1627 .D. 1695) | Clergyman. Presbyterian Minister in Sandbach |
| Ivor Armstrong Richards (.b. 1893 .D. 1979) | English Literary Critic |
| Frank Roberts (.b. 1893 .D. 1961) | Manchester City Footballer |
| **George Roper** (.b. 1934 .D. 2003) | Liverpool Comedian lived in Sandbach when he died. Funeral at St Mary's. |
| Don Shaw | Football Referee featured in titles of the BBC Programme "Match of the Day" in the 1980's. |
| Bert Sproston (.b. 1914 .D. 2000) | England Footballer signed for Leeds United from Sandbach Ramblers. |
| William Steele (.b. 1610 .D. 1680) | Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Born in Sandbach |
| Barrie Wheatley | England Footballer started at Sandbach Ramblers Joined Crewe Alexandra, Liverpool and Rochdale. |

**1912 to 1918 = Ernest Craig (Conservative)**

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**#10a. CELEBRITIES WHO HAVE VISITED THE TOWN (c/o Sandbach Past and Present)**
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Jim Bowen (Bullseye) visited the Rookery Tavern to raise funds for the Guide Dogs (Pre 1994)
June Brown (Opened Leonard Cheshire Fate?)
Steve Bruce (?)
Gordon Burns (Krypton factor opened the 1985 Leonard Cheshire Home fate)
Violet Carson (Coronation Street – Stayed at the Limes when it was a private house)
Todd Carthy (Eastenders – Visited Café Symphony about 2007)
Mark Cavendish (Cyclist in the Tour of Britain 6 Sept 2016)
Winston Churchill the Prime Minister visited Sandbach and gave a speech on the Congleton Road 1945
Mark Curry and Maggie Philbin (Saturday Superstore filmed on the 6 May 1985)
Dave Dee (Visited Auction rooms)
Jonathan Dimbleby presented "Any Questions" on the 8 July 2016 from Sandbach Town Hall.
Ken Dodd (Opened Co-op when it was at Price City / Also opened ERF CLUB (Now Silica Sand base on Congleton Rd)
Jennifer Ellison (Visited Northbound M6 service station in PJ's and curlers on a Sunday)
Tim Farron (8 July 2016 Liberal Democrat leader on "Any Questions")
Ben Foster (?)
Larry Grayson (15 May 1982 opened Crewe Road School Fate)
Jimmy Greenoff (Footballer opened Sports shop 1 Nov 1973 / Now Cafe)
Stuart Hall (His Stag car was serviced at the garage where French Connection now stands and his Rolls Royce was serviced next to the Wheat sheaf)
Mike Harding (Visited Safeways)
Ellie Harrison (Country File - Visited Auction rooms)

Sue Johnson (The Royal Family – had hair cut in Market Square)
Davy Jones (Monkeys) (opened Crewe Road School Fate)
Kerry Katona (Visited Tesco Garage near the Motorway)
Mud (Pop Group – Stayed at the Old Hall 1980's)
George Osborne (4 Feb 2016 Chancellor of the Exchequer and Tatton MP arrived in Elworth to visit the Persimmon Homes)
David Parton ("Isn't she Lovely" sang at the Crown Pub in the 1980's – 1 show)
Mary Peters (1972 Olympic Gold Winner) 13 Oct 2016 to open Latham Court.
Dave Prowse (Darth Vader and as the Green Cross Code Man came to Elworth Primary School)
Mark Stacey (Plus Footballer) 1 March 2013 – Filming Celebrity Bargain Hunt
Claire Sweeney (Brookside actress) 19Apr 2008 Sandbach Transport Festival
Fred Talbot (Granada Weatherman – Filmed a lot on the Market Square)
Graham Taylor (Football Manager) – Guest of the Sportsman Society (Sandbach Chron 19 Feb 1988) at the Old Hall.
The Trogs (Stopped off at the Wheat sheaf while playing at the Girls School)
Bill Waddington (Percy Sugden in Coronation Street) at the Transport Festival (Pre 1994)
Bradley Wiggins (Cyclist in the Tour of Britain 6 Sept 2016)
Mike Yarwood (1969 Oct / Nov Opened Tesco's – Now Iceland)

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# #11. THOMAS HUGHES (Writer Tom Brown's Schooldays)

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.b. 22 Oct 1822 in Uffington, Berkshire (Now Oxfordshire), England.
.D. 22 Mar 1896 in Brighton, East Sussex, England.

Born in 1822 Tom was the son of John Hughes the editor of the "Boscobel Tracts" (1830). He was one of six and one sister, Jane Senior (Britain's first female Civil Servant).
At the age of 8 he went to the public Twyford School near Winchester until he was aged 11.
In 1834 he went to Rugby School.
In 1842 he went to Oriel College Oxford where he graduated in 1845 with a B.A..
In 1847 just before he was called to the bar Thomas married Frances Ford.
In 1848 he was called to the Bar (Court).
Also in 1848 Thomas joined the Christian Socialism Movement led by Frederick Maurice.
In 1853 Frances Ford and her husband settled in Wimbledon.
In 1854 Thomas was one of the founders of the Working Men's College in Great Ormond Street and was the College's principal from 1872 to 1883.
During 1853 Thomas wrote "Tom Brown's Schooldays" which was published in April 1857.
In 1869 Thomas Hughes became Queen's Council.
Also in 1869 Mr Hughes became the first President of the Co-operative Congress serving the Co-operative Central Board.
In 1870 Thomas became a Bencher (Judge Sitting on the Bench)
In 1880 Thomas acquired the ownership of "Plateau City" previously owned by Franklin W. Smith. Thomas then founded a settlement called "Rugby", in Tennessee which was supposed to be for the gentry.
In 1882 Thomas Hughes was appointed to a County Court Judgeship in the Chester District in July of that year an appointment that included **Sandbach**.
Between 1865 and 1868 he was appointed Liberal MP for the Lambeth district and in 1868 to 1874 he served the constituency of Frome.
1896 Thomas died of a heart attack in Brighton.
1912 Thomas's daughter, Lilian die aboard the RMS Titanic.
Thomas had another daughter Mary who became a well-known "Poor Law Guardian".

1857 Tom Brown's Schooldays
1859 The Scouring of the White Horse
1861 Tom Brown at Oxford (sequal to Tom Brown's Schooldays)
1861 Religio Laici (Non Fiction)
1868 A Layman's Faith (Non Fiction)
1870 Alfred the Great (Non Fiction)
1873 Memoir of a Brother (Non Fiction)

1878 The Old Church; What shallwe do with it? (Non Fiction)
1879 The Manliness of Christ (Non Fiction)
1880 True Manliness (Non Fiction)
1881 Rugby Tennessee (Non Fiction)
1882 Memoir of Danial Macmillan (Non Fiction)
1884 G.T.T. Gone to Taxas (Non Fiction)
1885 Notes for Boys (Non Fiction)
1886 life and Times of Peter Cooper (Non Fiction)
1887 James Fraser Second Bishop of Manchester (Non Fiction)
1889 David Livingstone (Non Fiction)
1895 Vacation Rambles (Non Fiction)
1899 Early Memories for the Children (Non Fiction)

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# #12. TOWN CRIER

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1978 The original Town Criers Competition took place in the Market Square in April 1978 some 150 years since the town had its own Town Cryer.
Organised by Councillor's Bob Holmes (Sandbach Town Council) and Mrs Eileen Henshall (Congleton Borough Council) the competition was won by 45 year old Don Burgess a wages boss at Fodens Motor Works Ltd and Chairman of the Belmont Choir who had a production of the "Gondolliers" soon after the competition.
Marcia Brooks was the only entry in the female class and so was awarded a bottle of Sherry.
**Feature Thurs 6 Apr 1978 Crewe Chronicle Page 14-15**.

**DENNIS ROBINSON (.b. 1933)**

1983 Dennis Robinson became the Town Crier when Don Burgess became unavailable to take on the role.
The job was passed to Dennis by Lawrence Yarwood (Mayor) with Crewe Town Crier Tom Clarkson in attendance.
Since then he has never refused to do a "Shout" to publicise an event in the town even when he was Mayor of Sandbach he continued to combine the two roles.
Ruth Robinson, his wife supported Dennis in his role and during the Transport Festival helped him arrange the Town Criers Competition as well as providing the food for the participants over the weekend.
Ruth died in October (After 2004) Funeral 3 Nov at Nantwich Church.
1987 Dennis Robinson became the National Champion at Hastings and also won First Prize at a competition in Clitheroe.
1993 In May 1993 Dennis was asked by City Crier Doug Brittain to represent Manchester in

Monte Carlo for their Olympic Bid as the City also wanted their Crier in Paris to promote their bid at the same time and he was unable to do both jobs.
Within 30 minutes Dennis was packed and headed towards Manchester Airport where he boarded a flight to the South of France along with a number of Celebrities including Bobby Charlton and soon Dennis struck up a conversation with his wife Norma.
Celebrity encounters continued in the four day event with an event at a Sporting club at which Shirley Bassey sang and he was seated on the neighbouring table to Princess Anne at a banquet.

1999 Dennis won the Shield at Newquay.
2000 Dennis Represented Manchester in its bid for the Olympic Games held at Monte Carlo.
2002 Dennis won the Cup and Shield at Llandinrod Wells.
2003 Dennis was the 3rd Best Dressed Crier in the World Championships.
2015 Dennis was seen in Sandbach on the 14 November in a Green uniform a change from the red uniforms he had worn since taking office.
2016 Dennis Robinson was given the "Freedom of Sandbach" on the 3 July 2016.
Carolyn Lowe led the tribute to Dennis with a look back at his life in Sandbach.

From the 1980's Dennis was a keen member of the Christmas Lights and Transport Festival Committees. He has been a trustee of the Sandbach Literary Institute and continues to serve on the board of the Alms Houses. He is a member of the Sandbach Heath Methodist Church congregation and has used his tradesman's skills to maintain the fabric of the building as well as helping to raise funds and has also run the Sunday School. Carolyn Lowe said "Dennis was an extremely worthy recipient of the Freedom of Sandbach" and then presented him with a series of pictures in a frame celebrating his life as the Town Crier with one picture of him in his Red Coat another in his new Green Coat and the middle picture is of him becoming Crier in 1983. Bill Scragg a former Councillor and colleague of Dennis's was then called upon to say a few words. He started by saying Carolyn had stolen his thunder as she had mentioned a lot of what he was going to say but was then able to add other stories about his friend Dennis.

"Dennis has been up and down the country representing Sandbach in various Town Crier Competitions and has even been to the South of France to represent Manchester in their Olympic Bid. Bill then went on to talk about the Sandbach Heath Christmas party (At the Methodist Church) which was something to behold as you were co-opted into doing various songs including 'Old Tom Cobley and All' as part of the entertainment".

Mayor of Sandbach, Keith Haines then officially handed Dennis the scroll for the Freedom of Sandbach and congratulated him on the award to the sound of applause.

Dennis then made a speech, thanking Keith for allowing him to "share the event at Sandbach Town Hall" which held so many memories. He was now standing on this new floor which then reminded Dennis of the previous one when he stood on the old floor having paid 2/6 to get in for the Saturday Dance. Born in the cottage next to the Cricketers Arms it was at the age of 18 months that he and his parents moved back to Sandbach Heath where the Heathcote and Robinson family were.

Devout Christians the family went to Church each week at which Mr William Street was also a member of the Sandbach Heath congregation. It was he who built the Picture Palace in the town as well as being the Sunday School superintendent when Dennis was a child. Mr Street was an elderly gentleman by the time Dennis knew him and had a beard. Dennis's father was an apprentice with Mr Street when they built the Cinema and when they were knocking it down he wasn't too well and asked Dennis (His son) if he could get a brick from the demolished building to remind his of what he and Mr Street had built for the town.

Dennis then went on to talk about what the Freedom of Sandbach entitled him to do. Drive Sheep or Geese through the Town and also banging a drum while doing this. He recalled that he had one of the original Foden's Band Drums with only one side with a skin on it and thought it would be a good idea to use this when he went through the town with his sheep (Loaned by a local farmer). He then picked up on what Bill Scragg had said about the Christmas party at which Dennis was always the first to be shoved out with his big drum which he used to beat out the time for pianist Betty Street before the rest of the company joined them on stage for a song or two.

Carolyn then made the toast to Dennis Robinson followed by a wonderful buffet and many people congratulating him on this achievement.

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# #13. PUBS / Café IN SANDBACH

# (Public Houses / Restaurant)

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**BREWERS**

Sandbach had a number of small brewers, many of which were opened as beer retailers with some supplying public houses.

On the 2 November 1852, **Sandbach Common Brewers "Plant Joseph and Edward Samuel Wolf"** of Wheelock, par, Sandbach Common Brewers Partnership was dissolved.

**BEER RETAILERS**

Mrs Martha Allcock (Grocer and Beer Retailer 1902) Sandbach Heath
John Bagnall (Beer Retailer 1902- 1914) Scotch Common, Sandbach
George Burchenough (Beer Retailer 1902) Chapel Street, Sandbach
Edward Butler (Beer Retailer 1902- 1914) Wheelock Road, Sandbach
Thomas Davis (Grocer and Beer Retailer 1902) Congleton Road, Sandbach
Frederick Hall (Grocer and Beer Retailer 1914) Sandbach Heath
Fred Harrison (Beer Retailer 1902) Middlewich Road, Sandbach
Mrs Alice Hulme (Beer Retailer 1894 to 1938) 1 Green Street, Sandbach
John Mason (Beer Retailer 1914) 30 Chapel Street, Sandbach
Charles Moody (Beer Retailer 1938) 30 Chapel Street, Sandbach
James Shaw (Beer Retailer 1902) 24 Union Street, Sandbach
Miss Harriet Shaw (Beer Retailer 1914) 24 Union Street, Sandbach
James Henry Sparrow (Beer Retailer) 68 The Hill, Sandbach
Luther Thornhill (Beer Retailer 1902) The Hill, Sandbach (Oddfellows Public House)
William Tompkinson (Temperance Hotel 1914) 6 High Street, Sandbach (WAS a Grocer)
Thomas Whittle (Coach Builder and Beer retailer 1902) 17-19 Welles Street, Sandbach
Miss Alice Whittle (Beer Retailer 1914) 17 Welles Street, Sandbach

1822 INNS AND TAVERNS
1822 = Black Bear – Mary Allcock
1822 = Black Horse – Margaret Briscall (Hawk Street)
1822 = Bulls Head – Joseph Barnett (Newcastle Road)
1822 = Crown – William Arden
1822 = George Inn – Thomas Emery (Chaises)
1822 = Kings Arms – Ann Lea
1822 = Lower Chequer – William Wilding
1822 = Nag's Head – J W Machin (Wheelock)
1822 = New Inn – Charles Moseley (Wheelock)
1822 = Plough and Harrow (John Walker)
1822 = Red Lion - John Wilding
1822 = Red Lion – John Heath
1822 = Swan and Chequer – John Hilditch
1822 = Thatched Tavern – Joseph Johnson (11c High Street)

**PUBLIC HOUSES**

Ancient Britain – 93 Congleton Road, Sandbach. 1800-1900's

(2015 Picture)

Bear's Paw (Also known as the Bear's Foot in 1834) – School Lane, Warmingham, Sandbach CW11 3QN 01270-526317
(Fire 28 May 2008 during renovations which closed the building.

It was reopened on the 20 May 2009)
LANDLORD
1834 = Richard Parker (Bear's Foot)
26 Mar 2008 = Owners Nelson (Northwest) Hotels Ltd.

Black Bear – (High Street) Bridge Street, Sandbach
(see FEATURE on Ye Olde Black Bear)
Built in 1634, it has been owned by Lord Crewe and is the only building in Sandbach to have a thatched roof.
The Thatched roof part of the building was added to after 1908 with a building originally run as "Burgess the Butchers" (1906 = Daniel Burgess -Family Butcher) and "Mr and Mrs Allen's Shoe Shop" (about 1933).
The attractive black and white of this new extension was added as a fixture to blend into the original building at a later date.
DV8 extended the chimney heights in Nov 2016 to allow them to use the fires below without setting light to the thatch.
LANDLORDS
1822 = Mary Allcock
1834 = Luke Bradford (Black Bear)
1850 = Thomas Moors
1902 (1906) = Mrs Clara Booth (Black Bear)
1911(1914+) = Arthur Hambleton
1938 = Charles H Dickinson (Ye Olde Blacke Beare)
1960's / 70's = William "Bill" Gott.
1970's = Frank Stead and Beryl Stead (Ex customers of William Gott's time in charge) then moved to the Limes.
1978 = Linda and Derek Thompson
1980's / 90's = Michael and Dorothy Kovacs
1990's = Tina and Jimmy (See 2013-15)
Tba = Sam and Sharon?
Tba = Rob and June?
2013 = Christina Bolland
2013-15 = Tina and Jimmy (Punch Taverns)
2015 = Serkan Yildez (.b. c 1975) April 2015 to Aug 2016
2016 to Date = DV8 at the Black Bear (Congleton Company)
Officially opened 18 November 2016.

Black Horse - Hawk Street
LANDLORD
Opened Pre 1822
1822 = Margaret Briscall
1850 = Frances Pedley

Bull's Head (Possibly Newcastle Road)
LANDLORD
1822 = Joseph Barnett

Cheshire Cheese - 468 Crewe Rd, Wheelock.

Coach and Horses - Market Place, Sandbach

LANDLORD
1834 = Richard Boffey

Commercial Hotel - Game Street off Crewe Road, Wheelock (Opened in 1742)
LANDLORD
1899 = W Tomkinson (also ran the Hungerford Café in the Town)

Commercial Hotel / Coachman – Opposite the Railway Station, Station Road, Elworth.
(Renamed the Coachman – at the end of New Street / Station Road Corner)

THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL was opposite the Railway Station and it was where discussions for the formation of the Foden's Motor Works Band / Elworth Band in 1900 too place.
Opened prior to 1874 with Charles Talnall as innkeeper (In that years Directory).
The Building was later renamed THE COACHMAN.
The building was demolished in 2012-3 to make way for houses.
DEMOLISHED

LANDLORD
1874 = Charles Talnall
1890's = Harry Cooper (Father of Mr R M Coper Licensee of Commercial Hotel after his father)

Crewe Arms – High Street, Sandbach (Where the Town Hall Now Stands)
LANDLORD
1834 = Joseph Clough
1850 = Elizabeth Wilding

Cricketer's Arms - 54 Crewe Road, Sandbach
LANDLORD
1906 / 1914 = Edward Butler (Innkeeper)
(**Was at Wheelock Road, Sandbach**)
1938 = Fred Worrall (Landlord)

Crispin's Arms – Hawk Street, Sandbach
LANDLORD
1822 = John Bostock (Landlord)
1834 = Thomas Davies

The Crown – Market Square, Sandbach (Opened in 1680)
Opened in 1680 it was originally The "Crown Public House".
LANDLORD
1822 = William Arden
1834 = Samuel Kent
1850 = Sarah Francis (in Bridge Street)
1902 = Thomas Hancock (The Crown)
1910 = Mr Hancock (Seller of Wine Spirits and Tobacco)
1911 (1914) = Fred Thomas (Crown Inn)
Unkn = Alice Thomas
1938 = Fred Thomas
1964 = Mr Thomas (also in 22 Jan 1975)
To 1991 =
1991 =
1996 = Roy and Anita
(Sandbach Folk Club Met here in 1996)
2013 = Kevin McAvan (Also owns the Market Tavern)
March 2013 to 18 Sept 2017 = The building was known as the "Saxon Grill at the Crown".
Sept 2017 to Date = EMPTY

Forester's Arms – 473 Crewe Road, Wheelock, Sandbach CW11 4RF (Just outside Sandbach)

LANDLORD
1914-18 = Ralph and Mary Kettell

Fox Inn – London Road, Elworth, Sandbach (17th Century)
Also listed under Moss Lane, Sandbach CW11 3BF
1890's = James Worthy

George / George Inn – High Street, Sandbach (Closed in 2012 and re-opened in Dec 2013 as a "Wetherspoons" Pub.)
LANDLORD
1782 = William Lindop (George Inn)
1822 = Thomas Emery (Chaises) (George Inn)
1834 = Thomas Emery (George Inn and Posting House)
1850 = Mark Barlow (George Inn and Posting House)
1899 = "George and Dragon" known locally as The George.
(Publicans Mr and Mrs Emery) The George also had a bowling green.
1899 = Henry Hildyard (New Landlord in 1899)
1902 = Henry Hildyard (George Hotel)
1914 = Herbert Fleming Tonge (George Hotel)
1938 = John Bosson (Landlord)
Tbc
Dec 2013 to Date = Wetherspoons Pub

Glasshouse (Bar and Grill) - Crewe Road Roundabout 01270-762186
NEW BUILDING
Dec 2009 = Glasshouse (Bar and Grill)
2011 to 2017 = Glasshouse run by Richard Shaw (Cursaws) and his business partner Karl Unitt
Closed 29 Jan 2017 (Sunday). Sale price for the building £25,000 (Lease) and £65,000 Annual Rent.
Aug 2017 to Date = Phanthong Thai (Restaurant)

Golden Lion (CLOSED) – 60 The Hill, Sandbach Heath.
LANDLORD
1834 =

Iron Grey – 49 Middlewich Road, Sandbach (CLOSED 2012 Now Flats)
LANDLORD
Number 47 MIDDLEWICH ROAD
1914 = John Goodier (Beer Retailer)
IRON GRAY (Public House) 49 Middlewich Rd (Joined with 47?)
1938 = Charles Dawson (Landlord)
2002 = Bob and Sue (Landlords)
To 2011 =The IRON GREY (Public House)
To 2012 = Game Zone
2012 = Converted into Flats.

Kings Arms – Market Square, Sandbach (Possibly renamed Kings Head)
LANDLORDS

1822 = Ann Lee
(1822-25 / 1899 History of Sandbach Kings Arms Market Square)
1834 = Kings Head – William Morrey

Kings Arms – 48 Congleton Road, Sandbach (CLOSED Now Restaurant)
LANDLORDS
1906 = Thomas Davis (Licensed Victualler, Taylor and Outfitter -
Also at Lane Ends, Smallwood.)
1914 = Reginald Williams (Kings Arms Public House)
1938 = Harold Shepley (Publican)

Kings Head –Market Place, Sandbach (1920's etc)
LANDLORDS
1938 = William Morrey

Letters – Bridge Street, Sandbach (CLOSED after 1834)
LANDLORD
1834 = James Beech

The Limes – 3 Sweettooth Lane, Sandbach 01270-763506
PRIVATE HOME.
1900? =
1938 = Ernest Lowe (Poultry Farmer)
LANDLORDS
1970's = Frank Stead and Beryl Stead (Ran the Black Bear then moved
to the Limes in the late 1970's).
1984 = Eddie and Josie Williams (Previously owned the Lion in Holmes Chapel)
2013? to 1 Nov 2015= Mark and Mandy Preston
Nov 2015 / Jan 2016 = Closed
Feb 2016 = Opened again

Lion – High Street, Sandbach (Red Lion until 1985)
LANDLORDS
2013 = Maggie ?

Lower Chequer (Lower Swan 1834) – Crown Bank, Sandbach
(Built in 1570 – Sandbach's oldest building)
LANDLORD
1822 = William Wilding (Lower Chequer)
1834 = William Wilding (Lower Swan)
1850 = Hannah Wilding (Swan)
1902 / 1914 = James Flaherty (Lower Chequer)
1937-8 to 1964 = George and Alice Hanks
1995 = Sally and John Moore
To 2014 = Jimmy (Moved to the Angel Inn)
2014 = Joules (Company name)

Market Tavern – The Market Square, Sandbach. (Opened in 1680)
LANDLORDS
1933 to after 1938 = Frank Booth
1983 to 1996 + = Rita Beardsmore
2013 = Kevin McAvan (Also owns the Crown Restaurant)

Midland Hotel – New Street, Elworth

Military Arms – The Common, Congleton Road, Sandbach 01270-765442
LANDLORD
1936 -8+ = Herbert Harrison (Landlord) (Ex Player with Fodens Band)

Nag's Head – Elton (CLOSED)
LANDLORDS
1938 = Christopher Kettle

Nag's Head –Wheelock (Now = Shampaan Restaurant)
LANDLORDS
1822 = J W Machin
1938 = Thomas Low

New Inn - Wheelock (CLOSED)
LANDLORDS
1938 = Elizabeth Moseley

Oddfellows Arms (Public House KNOCKED DOWN – Now the Sandpiper)
68 The Hill, Newcastle Road, Sandbach Heath
LANDLORD
1902 = Luther Thornhill (Lived in Oddfellows in 1918)
(Wife Fanny Thornhill and son Norman Luther Thornhill who in the first world war died at home of Pneumonia on the 9 November 1918 aged 20.)
1914 = James Henry Sparrow (Beer Retailer)
1938 = Thomas Bayley (Landlord)
SANDPIPER (New Building) Now 62 the Hill.
The Pub was named the "Sandpiper" because the regulars wanted it to be called the "Top O' th' Hill" but the wife of Peter Robinson the managing director of the Brewery (Robinson's) was an artist and painted all the pub signs. She was a keen bird watcher and so named the pub "The Sandpiper".
1960's or 70's = (1st Landlord) Mike Vickers
Unkn = Lesley and Flo Foster
Unkn = Yvonne and Stuart (?)
Closed 23 Nov 2015 to 2018 = EMPTY
2018 to Date = Converted into flats or a Co-op.

Old Hall – Built in 1579. In 1656 it part opened as the "Three Turns Inn".
LANDLORD
1834 =
1844 = Mr Thomas Bostock (A Silk Thrower who built "The Hill Factory")
1850 = Robert Shaw (Old Hall Vaults)
1902 = John Bebbington (Old Hall Inn)
1914 = Richard Henry Merrett
1938 = Harold Breakell.

Old Red Lion – High Street, Sandbach
LANDLORD
1834 = Sarah Johnson
1914 = Roland Green (Living at Red Lion)

Plough and Harrow (Unknown Location)
LANDLORD
1822 = John Walker

Queen's Arms – Market Place, Sandbach (Possibly at 1 The Market Square which became Eachus stationers or another name for the Market Tavern which is not mentioned in 1850)
LANDLORD
1850 = Thomas Eachus

Railway Hotel – Unknown
LANDLORD
1902 = James Davis

Red Lion – Bridge Street, Sandbach

LANDLORD
RED LION
1822 = John Wilding and John Heath
(Possibly one in Sandbach and one in Wheelock)
1834 = William Simpson (Red Lion Bridge Street)
(1834 Old Red Lion – Sarah Johnson in High Street, Sandbach)
1850 = Ralph Arden (High Street)
1907 = William Butters (Red Lion)
1914 = Rowland Green (Red Lion)
1938 = Tom Skerratt (Landlord)
THE LION (1980's onwards)
Landlords
2013 = Maggie?
2017 = Phil and Tracey

Red Lion – Wheelock

LANDLORD
1834 = Mary Bibby

Ring O Bells – 17 Welles Street, Sandbach 01270- 747181

LANDLORD
1914 = Miss Alice Whittle (Beer Retailer)
1938 = Mrs Alice Downing
Unkn = Les Bostock
2013 = Bob Hall

Rookery Tavern – Ettley Heath

LANDLORDS
1901 = William Morris Dunning

Sandpiper – 62 the Hill Newcastle Road, Sandbach Heath.

(Previous Building was the Oddfellow Arms)
Closed 23 Nov 2015 = Being converted into flats or a Co-op.

Swan and Chequer – 16 Hightown Sandbach 01270- 762109

LANDLORD
1822 = John Hilditch (Swan and Chequer)
1834 = Jas Hilditch (Swan and Chequer)
1850 = Charles Whittingham (Swan and Chequer High Street,
Commercial and Posting House)
1902 = Samuel Bullock (Swan Hotel)
1906 = Samuel Bullock (Swan Family and Commercial Hotel)
1938 = Mrs Jane Slack (Swan Hotel)
Unkn = Douglas Webb (Phone 109)
1960's = Mr Bitner
1987 = Ian and Barbara
1996 = Mike and Carol Butler
2005 = Simon and Jayne Proudlove

Thatched Tavern / Thatched House Hotel - 11 High Street, Sandbach (1902 Kelly Directory)

LANDLORD
1822 = John Johnson
1850 = William Foden
1902 = William Upton Thomas

Wheat Sheaf – 1 Hightown, Sandbach 01270-762013

LANDLORD
1822 / 1834 = Joseph Fox
1850 = George Williams (Commercial and Inland Revenue Office)

1899 – 1914 = James Henry Rowbotham
1933 = H E Odber
1938 = Harold Breakell
1982 = Tom Wilde and Jim Goodwin (Father in Law)
In 1988 the pub was listed in the Good Pub Guide.
1980's = Sue Thomas
Tba =
2009 = Tracy Morley
2011 - 2015 = Marstons Pub
2016 = Andrew Pear (of Pecks Restaurant, Moston, Nr Congleton)
(Officially opened on the 1 December 2016 by Fiona Bruce after a refurbishment)

Ye Old Black Bear – Opened in 1634

LANDLORDS
1843 = Luke Bradford (Black Bear)
1850 = Thomas Moors
1902 to 1906 + = Mrs Clara Booth (Black Bear)
1938 = Charles H Dickinson (Ye Olde Blacke Beare)
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2013-15 = Tina and Jimmy (Punch Taverns)
2015 = Serkan Yildez (.b. c 1975) April 2015 to Aug 2016
2016 = DV8 (Congleton)

**FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS**

Babylon Takeaway - High Street, Sandbach 0779-5084266
The Buttery (Sandwich Shop / Takeaway) 43 Middlewich Road, Sandbach 01270-757647
Café Symphony – 48 Congleton Road, Sandbach 01270-763664
Charcoal Balti Takeaway – Old Middlewich Rd, Sandbach. 01270-767496
Costa Coffee – Hightown, Sandbach
Curshaws (Restaurant) – Under New Owners 2013.
Dominoes Pizza – Middlewich Road, Sandbach (Opened 2012)
Dragon City (Chinese Takeaway) – Crewe Road, Wheelock 01270-763169
Eastern Spices takeaway - Middlewich Road, Sandbach 01270-795096
Express Cantonese takeaway – 15 Middlewich Rd, Sandbach 01270-768636
Fragola (Coffee House and Bistro) – Hightown, Sandbach (Roundabout)
Ganges Restaurant (Indian) – Bradwall Road, Sandbach 01270-761100
Garden City Takeaway (Fish and Chips) – Congleton Road, Sandbach.
Gee's Kitchen (was Flavour -Café / Bar) – 3-4 St George's Walk, Sandbach
Glasshouse (Bar and Restaurant) (Closed 2017) – Crewe Road Roundabout 01270-750665
Kan's – Green Street, Sandbach 01270-753788
Kev's Chippy (Fish and Chips) – Welles Street, Sandbach
La Casa Vecchia (Italian Restaurant) – Old Market Square, Sandbach 01270- 761077
www.lacasavecchia.co.uk
L'Aroma (Coffee Shop) – High Street, Sandbach
Liz's Place (Chip Shop / Takeaway) 477 Crewe Rd, Wheelock 01270-768114
Mama's Pizzeria (Takeaway) – Bold Street, Sandbach
McDonalds (Fast Food Restaurant) - Middlewich Road, Sandbach
New Ruby Tuesday (Takeaway) – 27 High Street, Sandbach 01270-762777
Old Hall – High Street, Sandbach
Olive Spice – Indian Quisine (Takeaway) – Green Street, Sandbach 01270-767550
The Orient Chinese and Thai Restaurant – 67 Middlewich Rd, Sandbach 01270-759000
Oriental Pearl Takeaway – Wells Street, Sandbach 01270-766392

Paradise Pizza (Takeaway) – Penda Way, Sandbach 01270-753380
Peppers – The Coffee Lounge (Coffee Shop) – 22 Congleton Rd, Sandbach 01270-760070
Pisces Fish Bar (Fish and Chip Shop) – 7 The Common, Sandbach 01270-753620
Piyara Takeaway – 17-19 Middlewich Rd, Sandbach 01270-760977
Pizza Pan Takeaway
Place (Fish and Chip Shop) – Hill Street and New Street Corner, Elworth 01270-763009
Sally's Café – Green Street, Sandbach 01270-761985
Sandwich Store Takeaway – Bradwall Road, Sandbach 01270-759805
San San (Takeaway, Fish and Chip Shop) – London Rd, Elworth 01270-766565
Shmpaan Restaurant – Crewe Rd, Wheelock 01270-753528 / 01270-753511
www.shmpaanrestaurant.com
Top of the Hill Chip Shop - The Hill, Newcastle Road, Sandbach Heath 01270-763319
Upper Crust Takeaway – Bradwall Road, Sandbach 01270-761432
Well's Street Tandori (Takeaway) – Wells Street, Sandbach 01270-768295

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# #14. SANDBACH MARKET CHARTER

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MARKET RIGHTS

4th April 1579 (21 Elizabeth)

(Grant by letters Patent to John Radcliffe Kt. and his heirs of a weekly market and bi-yearly fairs with other rights relating to Sandbach).

**ELIZABETH**, by the Grace of God, of ENGLAND, France and Ireland, Queen Defender of the Faith, to her two ARCHBISHOPS, Marquesses, Counts, Viscounts, Bishops, Barons, Knights, those in authority over free men and all officers ministers and subjects whom this present letter has reached, GREETINGS.

**KNOW YE** that we of Our special grace and assured wisdom and mere motion have granted and given licence through these presents on behalf of Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, so far as in us lies and We GRANT AND GIVE LICENCE to our beloved subject, John Radcliffe, of Ordsall, in our county of Lancaster, Knight and his heirs, that he and his heirs after him may have hold, enjoy and use always and that they may have the power and might to have, hold use and enjoy for ever a market on any Thursday, once weekly, at his manor of Sandbach in our county of Chester, holding it from year to year and two fairs or market-days in that place in any year, that is to say, one fair in that place on the Thursday and Friday preceding the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary and another fair on the Tuesday and Wednesday in Easter week each year, with a Court of Pie Powder to be held there for the duration of those same markets and fairs, together with all advantages, proceeds, profits, rents and other income forthcoming from markets, fairs and courts of this nature, with all the liberties, free customs, profits, rents, tolls and emoluments pertaining to markets and fairs of this nature, as his personal due, providing that those fairs and markets are not injurious to neighbouring markets and neighbouring fairs within the aforesaid county.

**WHEREFORE WE WISH** and firmly enjoin, for Ourselves, Our heirs and successors, that the same John Radcliffe and his heirs aforesaid should for always have, hold enjoy and use and have the power and might to have hold, enjoy and use the aforesaid markets and fairs, in the aforesaid manor and the town of the aforesaid Sandbach, in the aforesaid manner, with the said Court of Pie Powder, together with all profits, proceeds, rents and income from markets, fairs and courts of this kind and with all freedoms, free customs, profits, rents and tolls and emoluments pertaining to or expected from markets and fairs of this kind, for ever. Provided that those markets and fairs are not injurious to neighbouring markets and neighbouring fairs within the same county of Chester, as aforesaid.

**FURTHERMORE** from the greater abundance of Our grace, Our proper privilege and Our free will aforesaid, We have granted and given licence and by these presents do grant and give licence, for Ourselves, Our heirs and Our successors aforesaid, to the said John Radcliffe, that he and his heirs may for ever have and hold and be able to have and hold each year, for ever, Court Leet and View of Frankpledge, within his manor of the aforesaid Sandbach, not only concerning all his own tenants, but also concerning all residents, whosoever, they be, within the town and manor of the said Sandbach and that the same John and his heirs, for ever may have the waifs and strays within the said town and manor and also the assize and assay of bread, wine and beer, with the perquisites of the Court and all other liberties and free customs pertaining to the Leet and Frankpledge.

**WE ALSO DESIRE** and by the presents grant to the said John Radcliffe that he may and shall have our letters patent duly drawn up under Our great seal of England and sealed without fine or fee, great or small, to use in our realm or in any other place, to be rendered, paid, or made to Our use in any way. **AND THAT** express mention of its real yearly value or of any other value ... by gift of their predecessors or other gifts or legacies, by Us or any of Our forebears or descendants, to the said John Radcliffe has been made heretofore in these complete presents, just as it stands in contradiction of any statute, act, suggestion, proposal, proclamation, or ban made, published ordained, or proposed to the contrary, or any thing or matter otherwise misapplied.
As witness of THIS MATTER We have caused this Our letter present to be drawn up. WITNESS, Myself, at Westminster, on the Fourth day of May, in the Twenty-First year of Our reign.
By the Queen herself, on the said date, by authority of Parliament

COTTON

NOTES
(a) Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th September
(b) Leet (Court of Leet) - Manorial court held only for the settlement of disputes arising in the manor.
(c) Frankpledge an undertaking to indemnify against penalties and damages given on a reciprocal basis by groups of individual holders of fee under the manor.
(d) Court of Pie Powder - a court of summary jurisdiction held during fairs and markets for the purpose of adjudicating on disputes arising in the market or fair between travellers or strangers. The functions of this court are similar to that of the modern petty sessional or police court. (From "pied-poudre" - powdered or dusty feet - travellers).
(e) "Shall Have Waifs and Strays" - an obligation to give shelter to waifs and strays within the manor.
(f) "Assize and Assay etc." the right to set a standard for bread, wine and ale and to impose penalties for infringement.
(g) Great Seal of England Charter signed 4 May, 1579. The decoration includes the Tudor Rose in a central position, flanked by the Lion of England and the Dragon of Wales, each bearing a banner charged with the Fleur-de-Lys of France. The Oak leaf is also featured in the design. The likeness of the Queen appears enthroned, showing her as a young woman (she was at this time forty four years of age).

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# #15. SANDBACH WAKES / WAKES FAIR

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http://fun-fairs.co.uk/
http://www.ukrides.info/forum/ (Info on Previous Years Rides)
ORGANISER -
***Joe White and Son, Fairview, Newcastle Road, Brereton, Sandbach CW11 1SB 01477-500375***
http://www.whiteknucklerides.co.uk/Fairs-and-Events.html

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**WAKES WEEK**
The formula for "Wakes Week" goes something like this….
The first Thursday after September the 11th then add 10 Days which will give you "Wakes Sunday". If the 11th of September is a Thursday then it is the following Thursday plus 10 days.
The Fair will be the weekend of wakes Sunday (Friday to Monday).

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**SANDBACH FAIR**
It is not clear when the modern fairground rides came to Sandbach as part of the Wakes Week granted by Queen Elizabeth 1st in her Charter of the 4 May 1579 but the current holder of the Manor of Crewe certainly benefited from that date each year until 1922 when he donated Scotch Common to the people of Sandbach.
The Modern Steam Fair was first brought out in 1868 when a method of using steam to power rides was first invented and it wouldn't be long before Sandbach had its own amusements powered by this method from touring shows.
In a newspaper dated the 23 August 1907 it was reported that Sandbach Council had received a number of complaints about the Wakes Fair Organ playing until nearly Midnight.
At a Meeting on the 12 December 1916 the Sandbach Urban Council agreed to allow the "Sandbach Wakes" to take place on the Common for one week for the sum of £17 as long as Mr Patrick Collins

closed his show and sideshows at lighting restriction time. The Council also asked for a £50 deposit as a guarantee of Mr Collins sticking to the conditions they had laid down.
The current "Wakes Fun Fair" in Sandbach has been going for over 70 years with showmen like the White and Holland family's attending with amusements over this period. Joe White (.b. 1944?) was brought to Sandbach when he was born and before as were the Holland caterers. In those early days the common was just a patch of dirt in the middle of the town and the amusements were run by steam engines with the White family using Foden Steam engines to power the rides. They built up such a good working relationship with the Foden family that the workshop would repair the engines ready for them to go on the road as soon as they came into the workshop.
Joe tells the story that one day he went to book the date for the fair in Sandbach and when he returned someone said that he had booked the wrong date. As the dates are reliant on Wakes Week (see above) he had to be sure and there was only one person who knew the date as it would be at the time of his Wedding Anniversary and that was local butcher John Wakefield. Having checked with him he had got the right date he then booked all the rides.
By the 1970's the fair was occupying the common with their caravans being parked on rough land behind the Crown Public House (Now Penda Way). Unfortunately when plans for developing the area into shops were put into place it meant that the fair caravans had to move out of the area. The amusements used to be brought into the town on Thursday afternoon parking in the side roads including Tatton Drive and the main Congleton Road past Offley Road before moving onto the common once the market had been removed. If you had forgotten the fair was coming and lived in that area you could see the build-up throughout the afternoon as more and more lorries and vans arrived and got into their allotted order so when it was time they could move into the Fairground without blocking the next amusement. This did cause problems with traffic and so it was decided to move them out of the area until it was time to set up and they would then come in convoy down Congleton Road and straight into the Common once the area is clear, one of the benefits of the Mobile phone era and better communication.
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These conditions to be added to the licence agreement.
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v) That the police be contacted to discuss how the event will be policed in the future.

These new amendments meant that the fair could continue in Sandbach with the dates set at the 27 to the 29 September 2014 (Friday to Monday).
In 2015 things were going back to normal with some of the public objecting to the fair's presence as well as an enormous Police presence on the first night of the weekend not making things easy for the fair. The reason for the increased presence of the police was that they had intelligence that supposedly two rival gangs from Sandbach and Crewe were to meet at the Fair to cause trouble. However, this was just another misunderstanding as the story of gangs meeting at the fair seems to have been an annual tale put about by people who wanted to stop the fair from coming. The whole weekend passed off

smoothly and although there were minor scuffles these were no worse than a usual Saturday night in the town.
2015 was also the first year that Joe White brought in his own security team to police the site, backing up the Police and keeping an eye on those coming to the fair.
A look at the history books talks about a spring fair in the town and between the 3rd and the 6th of March 2017, Joe White held a Spring Fair on Sandbach Common. The Sunday (5 March 2017) included a visit from Peppa Pig and George. However, Rain stopped play and the Monday was cut short due to a lack of visitors. The following year (16 - 18 March 2018) had a visit from Iron Man (Marvel Character) and Princess Belle (Beauty and the Beast) but cold weather, rain and a lack of interest again made this event not as profitable as expected.
2018 saw an unexpected twist in the take of fairs in Sandbach and the Cheshire East area as a planned fair on the King George V Playing fields in Crewe was cancelled as Cheshire East didn't have anyone to carry out safety checks with the Fairground owners and so couldn't sign off the paperwork to allow it to continue. The same story at Congleton next to the library and another traditional fairground cancelled due to the paperwork not being completed. However, in a strange quirk of fate the Sandbach Wakes Fair was allowed to continue due to the fact that it was Sandbach Town Council who had to carry out the checks due to Cheshire East Palming off the Fair to the Town Council as it was on Sandbach Town's Common Land and not on Cheshire East property. Checks were made on the certificates for each ride and permission was granted for this traditional fair to continue on the 21 to 24 September 2018.

How it happened no one knows but this year the fairground transport was involved in an incident before it even entered Sandbach. Each year since the 1980's the fairground attractions have been told to keep away from the town centre until after the Thursday Market has been finished and cars had been claimed from the Common to allow the rides to enter and set up without hindrance and causing a backlog of vehicles in the town centre. Up until recently they would come into the town down Congleton Road and stay there in line until called to enter the common. But it was still causing a blockage and so some of the vehicles were kept at Arclid while others were parked in layby on the Holmes Chapel Road. One of these was for the "Orbiter" ride which was left abandoned in the layby opposite Mill Lane on the A50, Holmes Chapel Road. At 8.19am on the 20 September 2018, reports came into the Sandbach Fire station that a car had driven into the stationary HGV trapping the lady driver. Firefighters had to remove the roof of the vehicle to extract the driver who couldn't explain how she had managed to hit the vehicle. It took the emergency services from Sandbach and Holmes Chapel fire stations 1 hour 50 minutes to sort out the problem with the HGV only sustaining minor damage to the driver's side front.

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# LIST OF RIDES EACH YEAR (not all years available)

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2005 23 to 26 Sept 2005 (Joe White - Lessee)
Freestyle Miami / Davastator Superstar /
Meteorite Round Up (Joe White)
Atmosphere Ghost Train (Spencer Hall)
Skyliner Rock O Plane (Paul Hart)

NASSA Simulator (Patrick Hill)
Crooked Cottage - Funhouse (Shaun Bradley)
Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
House Party Fun House (Walter Chadwick)
Helter Skelter (Johnny Walker)
Bounce, Jump and Smile (George Simons Jnr)
Arcade (Simon Walker)
Arcade (Jimmy Walker)
+ Stalls catering etc.

2006 22 to 25 Sept 2006 (**Joe White – Lessee 1st Year of New Ownership**) (Joe William White) (**Friday to Monday**)

Freakout **NEW** / Freestyle Miami / Davastator Superstar /
Meteorite Round Up (Joe White)
Pony Express (Spencer Hall) **NEW**
Skyliner Rock O Plane (Paul Hart)
Simulator (Brandon Weston)
Crooked Cottage - Funhouse (Shaun Bradley)
Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
House Party Fun House (Walter Chadwick)
Helter Skelter (Johnny Walker)
Arcade (Jimmy Walker)
+ Stalls catering etc.

2007 Unknown

2008 26 to 29 Sept 2008

Freakout / Freestyle Miami / Speeddbuzz Booster / Davastator Superstar /
Round up (Joe White)
Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
Skyliner Rock O Plane (Paul Hart)
Atmosfear Ghost Train / Pony Adventure (Spencer Hall)
Cottage Funhouse (Shaun Bradley)
Square Slip (John Walker)
Simulator (Branden Weston)
Showboat Arcade (Michael Seldon)
Arcade (Jimmy Walker)
+ Stalls catering etc.

2009 25 to 28 Sept 2009

Freakout / Freestyle Miami / Speeddbuzz Booster / Davastator Superstar /
Round up (Joe White)
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2010 24 to 27 Sept 2010 (**Friday to Monday**) (Joe White - Lessee)
http://www.ukrides.info/forum/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=2660

Freestyle Miami (Joe White)
Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
Skyliner Rock O Plane (Paul Hart)
Square Slip (John Walker)
Atmosfear Ghost Train (Spencer Hall)
Crooked Cottage - Funhouse (Shaun Bradley)

Mach 1 Booster (Nathan Hart) (KMG Speed "Mach 1") **Making its first appearance as Mr Hart had only purchased the ride in July 2010**.
Round Up (Jonathon Cubbins)
Meterorite (Jonathon Cubbins)
Dodgems (Merissa Shaw)
Crazy Frog – Jump and Smile (Alan Crow c/o Joe White)
Showboat Arcade (Michael Seldon)
Arcade (Jimmy Walker)
Helter Shelter (John Walker)
JUVENILES HOOPLAS CANDIES
Pony Adventure (Spencer Hall)
Toy Set / Mini Sky Diver / Jumping Jack (Dave Holland)
Cranes (Jimmy Walker)
Candy's (Sean Bradley, Earnie Walker and David Holland)
Hooplas (David Holland and James D Konning)
+ Stalls catering etc.

2011 23 to 26 Sept 2011 (**Friday to Monday**) (Joe White - Lessee)
Booster / Round Up / Superstar / Freak Out / Freestyle Miami (Joe White)
Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
Skyliner Rock O Plane (Paul Hart)
Square Slip (John Walker)
Atmosfear Ghost Train (Spencer Hall)
Crooked Cottage - Funhouse (Shaun Bradley)
Showboat Arcade (Michael Seldon)
Arcade (Jimmy Walker)
Pony Express (Spencer Hall)
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2012

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5) Ghost Train
6) Go Gator (Alligator Ride)
7) Car Ride (Various Disney Vehicles)
8) Kidzone
9) Strongman
10) Crooked Cottage - Funhouse / Haunted castle (Shaun Bradley)
11) Darts
12) Food Works (Catering) 1. Incl; Candy Foss
13) Shoot the Ducks Down
14) Premier League Penalties Shoot Out
15) Speed Buzz
16) Balloon Madness
17) Giant Slide (inflated)
18) Spider Man Bungee (Bungee Trampoline .uk.com)
19) Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
20) LAJ 1931 Roundabout
21) Food Works (Catering) 2.
22) Lucky Ducks (Hook a Duck) 1.
23) Mini Wheel
24) Mega Cranes
25) Lucky Ducks (Hook a Duck) 2.
26) Call of Duty – Shooting Gallery
27) The Ladybirds
28) Lucky Ducks (Hook a Duck) 3.
29) Toy Town Ride (Roundabout)
30) Catch You Win your favourite Cartoon Characters (1)
31) Food Works (Catering) 3.
32) Food Works (Catering) 4.
33) Ring to Win
34) Toys 4 You
35) Hook a Duck
36) Crazy Bus Roundabout
37) Tea Cups
38) Cubbin No 1 Waltzer
39) Super Star Ride (Joe White)
40) Freestyle (2 Dance / was Freestyle Miami) (Joe White)
41) Freak Out Afterburner (Joe White)
42) Catch You Win your favourite Cartoon Characters (2)
43) Super Star - Take a Spin
44) Prize Factory
45) Disney Characters Ride (Planes)
46) Darts
47) Floating Pigs (Hook a Pig)
48) Disney Characters Ride (Planes)
49) World of Games
50) Pokémon Hooks
51) Shoot out the Star
52) Roundabout (Manufactured by J and M Leisure Service 01275-720897)

2015 25 to 28 Sept 2015 (Friday to Monday including Sunday)

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27) The Ladybirds
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29) Toy Town Ride (Roundabout)
30) Catch You Win your favourite Cartoon Characters (2)
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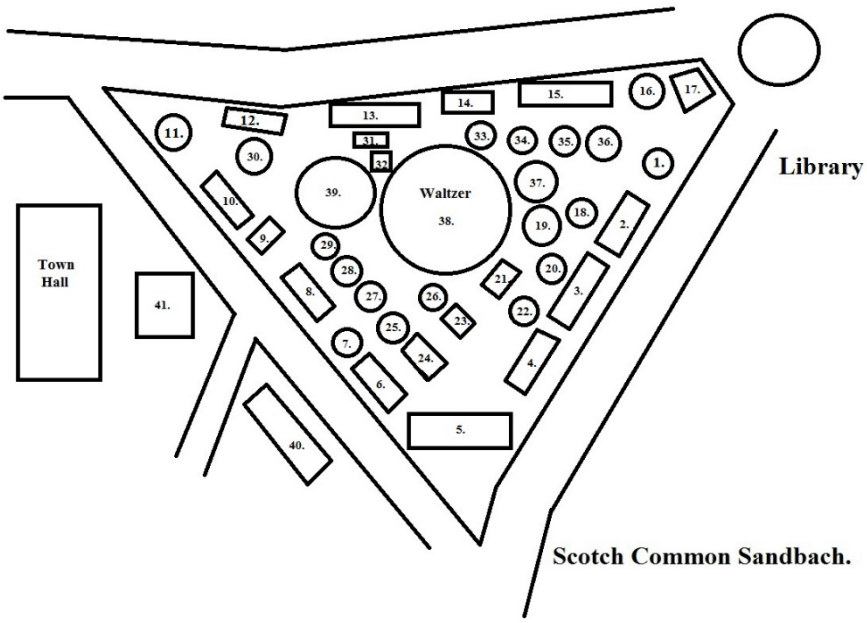


Map of Ride Positions based on the 2015 Fair.

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2016 23 to 26 Sept 2016 (Friday to Monday including Sunday)

(**Numbers based of 2015 Map of the Site**)

1) Balloon Madness (Moved from16 to 1)
2) Toy Town Fun Fair (Moved from 1 to 2)
3) ***SPACE***
4) Jumping Jack (Big Clown Design) (moved from 3 to 4)
5) Tagada (Red Hot Extreme) (NEW)
6) Go Gator (Alligator Ride)
7) Fun House
8) Kidzone
9) Strongman (John White)
10) Crooked Cottage - Funhouse / Haunted Castle (Shaun Bradley)
11) ***SPACE***
12) Food Works (Catering) 1. Incl; Candy Foss
13) Fun and Games (NEW)
14) Premier League Penalties Shoot Out
15) Speed Buzz (High ride)
16) ***SPACE***
17) Ghost Train (Moved from 5 to 17)
18) Spider Man Bungee (Bungee Trampoline.uk.com)
19) Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
20) ***SPACE***
21) ***SPACE***
22) ***SPACE***
23) LAJ 1931 Roundabout (Moved from 20 to 23)
24) Planes (Based on the Cartoon Characters NEW)
25) Catch You Win your favourite Cartoon Characters (Moved from 30 to 25)
26) Hook a Duck (NEW)

EXTRA behind 26 = Burgers

27) Call of Duty – Shooting Gallery (Moved from 26 to 27)
28) Prize Factory (NEW)
29) Toy Town Ride (Roundabout)
30) Hook a Duck (NEW)
31) Food Works (Catering) 3.
32) ***SPACE***
33) Ring to Win
34) Toys 4 You
35) Hook a Duck

36) Roundabout (J and M Leisure Service 01275-720897) Return from 2014
37) Tea Cups
38) Cubbin No 1 Waltzer
39) Super Star - Take a Spin
40) Freestyle (2 Dance / was Freestyle Miami) (Joe White)
41) Freak Out Afterburner (Joe White)

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3 – 6 March 2017 SPRING FAIR

For the first time in many years Joe White held a Spring Fair on Sandbach Common. The Sunday 5 March 2017 visit included a visit from Peppa Pig and George.

1) Balloon Madness
2) Helter Skelter
3) Brazen Dodgems
4) Gunfight at the OK Corral (Shooting Range)
5) Go Gator (Alligator Ride)
6) Pony Adventure
7) Disney Character Ride
8) Chips and Burger Bar
9) Mini Miami Kid Zone
10) Cups and Saucers
11) "Frozen Swings"
12) Spiderman (Bungee Trampoline)
13) Trampolines
14) Hook a Duck
15) DJ Bounce (Jiminy Cricket) www.simonsleisure.com
16) Freestyle (Joe White)

SMALL CAR PARK

17) Crazy Circus
18) Sky View

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2017 22 to 25 Sept 2017 (Friday to Monday including Sunday)

(**Numbers based of 2015 Map of the Site**)

-01) Balloon Madness
00) "Frozen Swings"
01) Toy Town Fun Fair
02) Helter Skelter
03) Showboat Arcade
04) Rocket Roundabout
05) Tagada (Red Hot Extreme)
06) Go Gator (Alligator Ride)
07) Fun House
08) Strongman (John White)
09) Mini Miami (NEW)
10) Crooked Cottage - Funhouse / Haunted Castle (Shaun Bradley)
11) Darts
12) Food Works (Catering) 1. Incl; Candy Foss
13) Shooting Gallery
14) EMPTY
15) Speed Buzz (High ride)
16) Crazy Bus = Roundabout (J and M Leisure Service 01275-720897)
17) Ghost Train
18) Spider Man Bungee (Bungee Trampoline.uk.com)
19) Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
20) Roundabout
21) Food Works (Catering) 2.
22) Hook a Duck
23) EMPTY
24) Food Works (Catering) 3.
25) Catch You Win your favourite Cartoon Characters (Moved from 30 to 25)

26) Call of Duty – Shooting Gallery (Moved)
27) Food Works (Catering) 4.
28) Fun House
29) EMPTY
30) Hook a Duck
31) Food Works (Catering) 5 Donuts.
32) Food Works (Catering) 6 Chips.
32b) Prize Factory (Moved)
33) Hook a Duck
34) Food Works (Catering) 7.
35) Ring to Win
36) LAJ 1931 Roundabout (Moved)
37) Tea Cups (MOVED)
38) Cubbin No 1 Waltzer
39) Super Star - Take a Spin
40) Freestyle (2 Dance / was Freestyle Miami) (Joe White)
41) Freak Out Afterburner (Joe White)
42) Orbiter (NEW)

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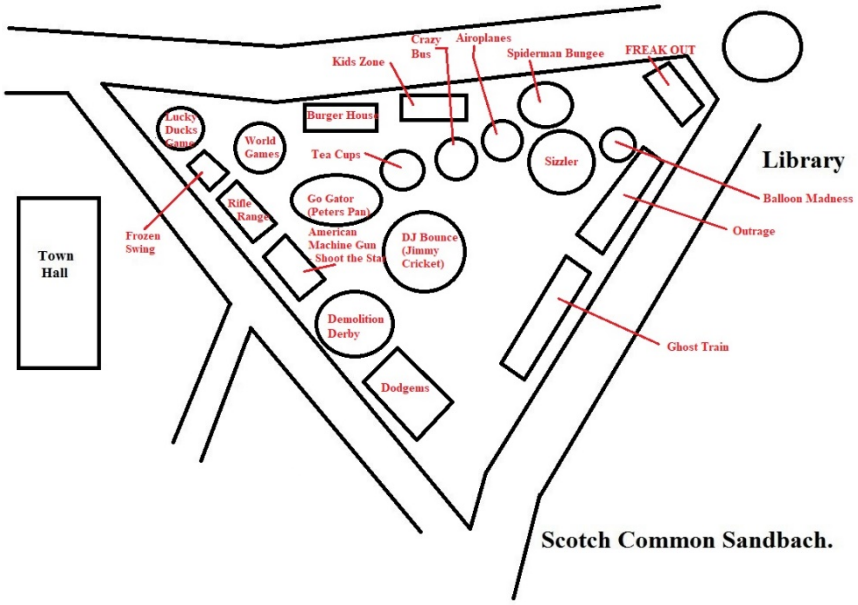


16 - 18 March 2018 FAMILY FUNFAIR / SPRING FAIR

Joe White and Son held a Spring Fair on Sandbach Common. Sunday included a visit from Iron Man (Marvel Character) and Princess Belle (Beauty and the Beast) 3pm to 5pm

1) Freak Out
2) Outrage
3) Ghost Train
4) Brazen Dodgems
5) Demolition Derby
6) American Machine Gun – Shoot the Star
7) Rifle Range / Darts
8) "Frozen Swings"
9) Spiderman (Bungee Trampoline)
10) Crazy Bus
11) Mini Planes - Aeroplanes
12) Sizzler
13) Balloon Madness
14) DJ Bounce (Jiminy Cricket) www.simonsleisure.com
15) Mini Miami Kid Zone
16) Tea Cups and Saucers

17) Go Gator (Alligator Ride)
18) Burger House
19) World Games
20) Lucky Duck Game

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2018 21 to 24 Sept 2018 (Friday to Monday including Sunday)
This was the year of the cancelled fairs (Crewe and Congleton)
and a crash before getting onto the site.
(**Numbers based of 2018 Map of the Site**)

-01) Balloon Madness
00) "Frozen Swings"
01) Toy Town Fun Fair
02) Helter Skelter
03) Mirage Arcade (NEW)
04) Rocket Roundabout
05) DJ Bounce / Jiminy Cricket (Moved)
06) Go Gator (Alligator Ride)
07) Fun House
08) EMPTY
09) Mini Miami
10) Crooked Cottage - Funhouse / Haunted Castle (Shaun Bradley)
11) Hook a Duck (MOVED)
12) Food Works (Catering) 1. Incl; Candy Foss
13) Shooting Gallery
14) EMPTY
15) Speed Buzz (High ride)
16) Crazy Bus = Roundabout (J and M Leisure Service 01275-720897)
17) Ghost Train
18) Spider Man Bungee (Bungee Trampoline.uk.com)
19) Sizzler Twist (Teddy Morley)
20) Roundabout
21) Food Works (Catering) 2.
22) EMPTY
23) Hook a Duck
24) Food Works (Catering) 3.
25) EMPTY
26) Hook a Duck
27) Jumping Jack
28) Fun Factory (MOVED)
29) Lucky Strike (NEW)
30) Roundabout
30b) Strongman (John White) (MOVED)
31) Food Works (Catering) 5 Donuts.
32) Food Works (Catering) 6 Chips.
32b) EMPTY
33) Rings
34) Toys 4 You
35) Rings
36) Spiderman Bungee
37) Tea Cups
38) Cubbin No 1 Waltzer
39) Super Star - Take a Spin
40) Freestyle (2 Dance / was Freestyle Miami) (Joe White)
41) Freak Out Afterburner (Joe White)
42) Orbiter

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# #16. CHRISTMAS BEST SHOP WINDOW DISPLAY

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With over 200 shops eligible to take part the annual "Christmas Best Dressed Shop Window Cup" is fiercely fought by the town centre establishments.
Started in 1972 it was organised by the "Sandbach Chamber of Trade and Commerce". By 2004 interest in the competition had stopped and no winners were awarded until in May 2010 the STAR (Sandbach Traders and Retailers) took over from the Chamber of Trade and the award was again started.
Since the Town Council has run a Christmas Market (With other organisers) in 2012 they have taken over the competition with the cup being awarded at their event on the first Friday of December with the cup being displayed in the winners window.

**WINNERS (Sandbach Chamber of Trade)**

1972 John Wakefield (Butcher) at 25 High Street.
1973 G.H. Buxton at 37-41 Middlewich Road.
1974 Jack and Jill (Fashion Shop) at 45 High Street.
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1976 Jubilee Year (Unknown)
1977 Tomlinson's Florist at 1 Bradwall Road.
1978 Ye Olde Leather Shop at Congleton Road (Was at 49 High Street)
1979 NO WINNER
1980 NO WINNER
1981 Tomlinson's Florist at 1 Bradwall Road.
1982 All Sew and Knit (Dress and Fashion Fabrics etc.) at 6 Green Street.
1983 The Flower Shop at 32a Congleton Road.
1984 Boots the Chemist at 7 High Street.
1985 Dennis Peever and Son (Menswear) at 14 High Street.
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1987 Dennis Peever and Son (Menswear) at 14 High Street.
1988 Dennis Peever and Son (Menswear) at 14 High Street.
1989 NO WINNER
1990 John Wakefield Butchers at 25 High Street.
1991 Just Jill (Fashion Shop – Was Jack and Jill) at 45 High Street.
1992 House of Flowers at St George's Walk (Possibly Now House of Tulip)
1993 NO WINNER
1994 John Wakefield Butchers at 25 High Street.
1995 Dennis Peever and Son (Menswear) at 14 High Street.
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1997 The Bakery (Later became Pownall, Bakers) at 17 Penda Way.
1998 Arthur Chatwin's (Bakers and Confectioners) at 3 High Street.
1999 House of Flowers at St George's Walk (Possibly Now House of Tulip)
2000 The Real Thing (Jewellery Shop) at 3 Market Square.
2001 Whole Kit and Caboodle (Address unknown)
2002 Choc a Doodle Doo (Sweet Shop) at 12a Congleton Road.
2003 NO WINNER
2004 NO WINNER
2005 NO WINNER
2006 NO WINNER
2007 NO WINNER
2008 NO WINNER
2009 NO WINNER

**May 2010 STAR (Sandbach Traders And Retailers formed this year)**

2010 Godfrey Williams (Delicatessen) at 9-11 Market Square.
2011 The Heart Tree - 43 High Street, Sandbach.

**SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL / CHRISTMAS MARKET ORGANISERS**

2012 Lollipop Stop – Children's Shop - 42 High Street, Sandbach (closed Jan 2013)
2013 Wall Street Fashion – 23 High Street, Sandbach.
2014 The Heart Tree - 43 High Street, Sandbach.
2015 Flowers on the Cobbles – Market Square / High Street Corner.
2016 St Lukes Charity shop – Congleton Rd.

2016 BEST DRESSED MARKET STALL HOLDER (1st year of the Competition)

Alan Jones of Cards with a difference in his elf costume.

2017 Handy Households (Next to the Town Hall)
2017 BEST DRESSED MARKET STALL HOLDER –
Richard Green (Landscape Photographer)

2018 William R Shoes - High Town
2018 BEST DRESSED MARKET STALL HOLDER –
3rd Sandbach Brownies (Roasted Chestnut Stall)

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# #17. Citizen of the Year (Rotary Club Award)

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Awarded by the Rotary Club of Sandbach to a member of the community who has given a quality Service to the People and Town of Sandbach.

1998 ROGER FODEN
Bye Pass Lobbying

1998 (2) KATIE STUBBS
Helping Special Needs Gymnasts

1999 CAROL SANT
Fundraising for St Lukes

2000 LOUISE CHARLES
For services to the Guides and the community.

2001 HARRY AND FRANCIS BARBER
Turnpike residential home / MS Society and Leighton Hospital.

2002 LEE MORRIS
Services to Youth of Sandbach

2003 JIM AND EILEEN THOMPSON
For Services to Local History, Scouting and Guiding in the area, Charity shop and St Mary's.

2004 NIGEL BIRCH
Lions Youth Band

2005 No Award

2006 GILL MERRY (.b. 29 Oct )
Charity work for St Lukes

2007 No Award

2008 JAN LUDLAM
Services to Guiding

2009 GLYN BOON
Photographing the community for the Sandbach Chronicle.

2010 VAL GRANMER
Sandbach Ladies Choir

2011 JANE STUBBS
Lions Youth Brass

2012 ELSIE AND GRAHAM ALCOCK
Organisers of the Sandbach Transport Festival, the Sandbach Talking Newspaper, Sandbach in Bloom, the Avenues Tenants and residents Association.

2013 SPIKE ELLIOTT
The PCSO (Police Community Police Officer) for Sandbach over the past 5 years.
He also takes part in Sponsored long distance walks raising £3,000 for St Luke's Hospice.

2014 STEWART GREEN (.b. 1962)
Hospital Radio, Local Community events and Archives for Foden's Band and the Lyceum Theatre.

2015 JOAN OWEN (.b. 1938/9)
Work with DEBRA, Communicare, St Mary's Church and St Peter's Church.

2016 GRACE MILLER
(Youngest "Sandbach Citizen of the Year" who is at Sandbach High School and Sixth Form College).
Grace was instrumental in setting up the Rotary Interact Club (For Younger members) and has been a great asset to the town by being involved in community litter picking, bulb planting, weeding and redecorating Sandbach Station. Under her guidance as the first Elected President of the Interact Club they have raised funds for the Sandbach Animal Rescue,

Water Aid, Cancer Research UK and St Luke's Hospice.

2017 PAULINE MINSHULL (.b. 1937)
For services to the community through the Inner Wheel, Ladies Association, St Mary's Church and raising funds for the Cancer Research UK fund for the last 40 years.

2018 PAM JOHNSON
Awarded for he work with the Sandbach and District Talking Newspaper.

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# #18. SOCIETIES Dated Lists.

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# SOCIETIES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

1651 Committee
Action for Children
Age Concern (Sandbach) / Age UK
Air Cadets
Almshouse Charity
Altzheimer's Society
Anchor Trust
Angling Society (Elworth)
Animal Welfare (Sandbach)
Aquarius Swimming Club for the Disabled (Formed 1970)
Archery (South Cheshire Field Archers)
Arts Association (Sandbach and District Arts Association)
Badmington (Elworth)
Barnardo's (Sandbach)
Beanstalk (Sandbach)
Bee Keepers
Bowling Club (The George)
Bowling Club (Sandbach Park)
Boys Brigade (1st Elworth)
Brownies (Sandbach)
Brownies (St Mary's)
Brushheads (Sandbach)
Caledonian Society
Cancer Research UK (Sandbach Committee)
Can't Sing Choir
Chamber of Trade / STAR
Cheshire Regiment Association Old Comrades / 22nd Cheshire Regiment
Churches Together
Cinema (at the Town Hall) **FORMED 2012**
CLIMB
Community Action Group (Sandbach)
Conservative Association
Cottage Garden Society
Cricket Club (Elworth)
Cricket Club Sandbach
CVSCE Council for Voluntary Services Cheshire East / Congleton Borough
Dad's Stuff
Day of Dance **FOUNDED 2010**
Elworth Flower Club **FOUNDED 1957**
Feet First Dance
Fire Cadets (Sandbach)
Foden's Band (Band Formed 1900-1902)
Folk Club (Sandbach)
Folk Dance Club
Food Bank **FOUNDED 2013**
Friends of Elworth Park **FOUNDED 2013**

Friends of Guiding
Friends of Offley Road Primary School
Friends of Sandbach Park **FOUNDED 2012-3?**
Friends of Elworth Station
Garden Trail (Sandbach)
Gilbert and Sullivan Society (Sandbach) **FOUNDED Aug 2014**
Girl Guides Association (Sandbach and District)
Golf Club (Sandbach)
Hands off Sandbach Heath **FOUNDED Jan 2013**
Inner Wheel Club Sandbach
Jude Theatre Company **FOUNDED 2008**
Judo Club
Koshido Ryu Karate Club
Ladies Association (Sandbach)
Labour Party (Sandbach)
Ladies Choir (Sandbach)
Ladies Circle (Sandbach)
Leonard Cheshire Home (Sandbach)
Liberal Democrat Association (Sandbach)
Lifeboat Association (Sandbach)
Lifeline Debt Advice (Sandbach) **FOUNDED 2008**
Lifesaving Club
Lions Club (Sandbach) FOUNDED ?? CLOSED 2013
Lions Youth Brass Band
Marriot House Veterans
Masonic Lodge
Model Flying Club (Mid Cheshire)
Multiple Sclerosis Society (Sandbach)
Old Hall Sportsman's Club
Old Sandbachians Association
Oxfam (Sandbach)
Pigeon Club (Sandbach)
Probus Club of Sandbach
Probus (Saxon Cross) **FOUNDED 1988.**
Railway Children (Sandbach)
Rainbows
Ramblers Association
Robert's Bakery Band
Rotary Club of Sandbach **FOUNDED 1944.**
Rotary Club of Sandbach Crosses **FOUNDED 2003.**
Round Table (Sandbach) **FOUNDED 1948.**
Royal British Legion (Sandbach Branch)
Royal British Legion (Wheelock)
Sandbach Albion Foorball Club
Sandbach Allotment Society
Sandbach Animal Rescue
Sandbach Art Club
Sandbach and District Caledonian Society
Sandbach Astrological Society
Sandbach Celidhs
Sandbach Cheerleeders Squad
Sandbach Children's Centre
Sandbach Clean Team
Sandbach Concert Series **FOUNDED 2010.**
Sandbach Events
Sandbach Fair Trade
Sandbach Gymnastics
Sandbach History Society **FOUNDED 28 Sept 1976**
Sandbach in Bloom
Sandbach Old Hall Appreciation Group

Sandbach Partnership
Sandbach Patient Reference Group
Sandbach Photographic Society
Sandbach Players / Sandbach amateur Dramatic Society **FOUNDED 1945**
Sandbach Ramblers
Sandbach Ramblers Youth Football Club **RE-FORMED 1995**
Sandbach Rugby Club
Sandbach Sharks
Sandbach Striders
Sandbach Today
Sandbach Town Football Club
STAR (Sandbach Traders And Retailers) **FOUNDED May 2013**
Sandbach Transport Festival (Committee) **FOUNDED 1990 /1991** (First festival)
Sandbach United Football Club
Sandbach Voices
Sandbach Walking Group
Sandbach Widows Group
Scouts Association (Sandbach)
Sew and Sews
South East Cheshire Ornithological Society
St John's Ambulance
St Luke's Hospice (Sandbach Support Group)
St Mary's Bell Ringers
St Mary's Fellowship
Street Dance Academy
Sur Ryder Care (Sandbach)
Sustainable Sandbach
Talking Newspaper (Sandbach) **FOUNDED 1986**
Townswomens Guild (Wheelock)
Trefoil Guild (Sandbach)
Tuesday Group (Elworth)
U3A (Sandbach)
VW Club **FOUNDED 1997**
Walking Football **FOUNDED 2013**
Wheelock Brownies
Wheelock Community Association
Wheelock Guides
Wheelock Holiday Club
Wheelock Scouts
Women's Institute (Sandbach) WI
Women's Institute (Warmingham and District) WI
Woodland and Wildlife Group
Young Farmers Club (Sandbach and District)
Youth in Action
Zumba

# 1966

Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Old Hall Hotel)
Boy Scouts (Scout hall, School lane, Elworth)
British Legion Club (Bradwall Road, - Licensed Bar, Billiards, Cards and Stage)
British Legion (Elworth Branch, Elmtree Lane)
British Legion (Wheelock Branch)
Chamber of Commerce (Hope Street, Secretary R Parr)
Darby and Joan Club (Town Hall – Wednesdays)
Elworth Women's Institute
Fodens Recreational Club (Elworth)
Freemasons (Masonic Hall Congleton Rd – Samaritan Lodge No 368 / Saxon Crosses Lodge No 6227 / Penda Lodge No 7360)
Girl Guides (County Primary School, Crewe Road)

Independent Order of Oddfellows – Manchester Unity (Old Hall Hotel)
Inner Wheel Club of Sandbach (1st Wed at 2.30pm – La Petite)
Labour Hall (Bradwall Road)
Library Institution (High Town Reading Room, Library and Billiards Room)
Marriott House Veterans Association (Marriott House, The Commons)
National United Order of Free Gardeners (Head Office, High Street)
" Bud of Hope Lodge (Crown Hotel)
Old Sandbachians Rugby Union Football Club (Middlewich Rd)
Order of Druids
Order of Oddfellows (The Literary Institute)
Pigeon Flying Club (Market Tavern)
Rotary Club (La Petite – Wednesdays at 12.45)
Round Table of Sandbach No 201 (Old Hall Hotel – Alternate Thursdays 7.30pm)
Ladies Circle (Old Hall Hotel – Monthly)
Sandbach and District Caledonian Society (The Literary Institution - Tuesdays)
Sandbach Amateur Dramatic Society (Secretary G Aldersay 104 Elton Rd.)
Sandbach Angling Society (Midland Hotel, Elworth)
Sandbach Cricket Club (Crewe Rd)
Elworth Cricket Club (London Rd, Elworth)
Sandbach Naval Society (Old Hall Hotel)
Sandbach Ramblers AFC (Newall Ave)
Sandbach Youth Council (Secretary Miss M Parry 32 Fairfield Ave)
Wheelock Townswomen's Guild (Co-operative Society, Crewe Rd, Wheelock)
Women's Conservative Association (Crewe Rd)

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# #18b. SOCIETIES Chairperson.

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# PROBUS CLUB OF SANDBACH

2016- 17 = Howard Yates
2017-18 = David Slack

# PROBUS (Saxon Cross) FOUNDED 1988.

PRESIDENTS (Years run from mid year eg. 2019-20)
1988 A Bromage
1989 A Bromage (2nd Year)
1990 F K Johnson
1991 B Land
1992 T Goodwin
1993 G Brooks
1994 G A James
1995 H Hassall
1996 J Gleave
1997 J M Clerc
1998 Alan R Parkin
1999 J Bestley
2000 (A. G.) Paddy Paddock
2001 D B Jennings
2002 San R Willamson
2003 Mike L Finlow
2004 M E Oakes
2005 Roger J Cooper
2006 Peter Hitchinson
2007 P E Scott
2008 Max Green
2009 Eric P Austin

2010 (D.V.) Tim Walmsley
2011 Canon Ron J Smith
2012 Bob Wayman
2013 Roy Ashton
2014 David Turner
2015 Peter Hitchinson (2nd year)
2016
2017
2018

# ROTARY CLUB OF SANDBACH

FOUNDED 1944.
CHAIRMAN (Elected July each year)
1944 -45 = Baldwin Hovey
Tbc
1978-79 = Graham Lewis
1979 -80 = Graham Hovey (Son of Baldwin Hovey)
Tbc
2012 -13 = Stuart Blackwell
2013 -14 = Phil Niddrie
2014 -15 = Dr Gaurang Dave
2015 -16 = Richard Hovey (Grandson of Baldwin Hovey / Son of Graham Hovey)
2016- 17 = Dave Lewis (Son of Graham Lewis)
2017 -18 = Richard Hovey (2nd Year as Chairman) (Grandson of Baldwin Hovey / Son of Graham Hovey)
2018-19 = Andy Wilkie (74th President)
2019-20 = Tbc

# SANDBACH CROSSES ROTARY CLUB

FOUNDED 2003.
Tbc
2014-15 = Sheila Gregory
2015-16 = Tony Wilford
2016-17 = Arnie Laing

# SANDBACH INNER WHEEL (Rotary Club)

(Elected June / July)
Maureen Williams (4 Times Chairperson)
2006 -07 = Marie Whittaker
2007-08 =
2008-09 =
2009-10 =
2010-11 =
2011-12 =
2012-13 = Judy Baxter
2013-14 = Marie Whittaker
2014-15 = Gill Merry (Also Mayor of Sandbach Town 2015-16)
2015-16 =

# SANDBACH ROUND TABLE No. 201

FOUNDED 1948.
1948 - 50 = C J Peyton
1950 - 51 = T E Lewis
1951 - 52 = G N Irving
1952 - 53 = H Charlesworth
1953 - 54 = C Lowe

1954 - 55 = L S Jones
1955 - 56 = A M George
1956 - 57 = N W Longdon
1957 - 58 = R K Charles
1958 - 59 = J Pritchard
1959 - 60 = W A Alcock
1960 - 61 = W R Duff
1961 - 62 = R Dunning
1962 - 63 = N Charlesworth
1963 - 64 = K Lea
1964 - 65 = M Elliot
1965 - 66 = K A Beard
1966 - 67 = C G Hovey
1967 - 68 = F D Burgess
1968 - 69 = G Leech
1969 - 70 = C Acton
1970 - 71 = G Roberts
1971 - 72 = John Minshull
1972 - 73 = W D Brooks
1973 – 74 = D Stubbs
1974 - 75 = K Ludlam
1975 - 76 = D Bell
1976 - 77 = George Reynard
1977 - 78 = R P Lewis
1978 - 79 = B Tankard
1979 - 80 = J Edney
1980 - 81 = P Barwell
1981 - 82 = Adrian Baxter
1982 - 83 = J Girvin
1983 - 84 = Michael G Leese
1984 - 85 = D Knowles
1985 - 86 = S Gibbons
1986 - 87 = R Parry
1987 - 88 = C Copeman
1988 - 89 = P N Stubbs
1989 - 90 = T Goodridge
1990 - 91 = P Shepherd
1991 - 92 = R Williamson
1992 - 93 = T Wilde
1993 - 94 = S Lambeth
1994 - 95 = R A Brown
1995 - 96 = M Tate
1996 - 97 = J Gooch
1997 - 98 = M Knight
1998 - 99 = Ian Knowlson
1999 - 00 = M Roberts
2000 - 01 = P Molley
2001 - 02 = N Graham
2002 - 03 = M Williams
2003 - 04 = S Walsh
2004 - 05 = I Morrey
2005 - 06 = P Hull
2006 - 07 = Anthony Stubbs
2007 - 08 = S Williams
2008 - 09 = P Henderson
2009 - 10 = T Stott
2010 - 11 = P Nacson
2011 - 12 = N McPherson
2012 - 13 = Andy Saint
2013 - 14 = P Hornby

2014 – 15 = Tobin Gardner
2015 – 16 = Keith Raftery

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# #19. Awards by HM The Queen – New Years and Birthday Honours.

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Frank James Cooke AWARDED MBE (In St Mary's Graveyard)

## 1993 HONOURS

Peter Foden – ERF Trucks **AWARDED CBE**

## 2000 NEW YEARS HONOURS

## 2014 NEW YEARS HONOURS

**Mrs Valetta Mary Cranmer** – For services to Charity through the Sandbach Ladies Choir.
**AWARDED BEM (British Empire Medal)**

**John Lonsdale** – For services to Education (Teacher of Performing Arts / Head of Sandbach School – Retired) **AWARDED MBE**

**Ms Alison Marjorie Wild** – For services to Higher Education (Formally Chair, Association of Heads of University administration and Deputy Chief executive, Liverpool John Moores University.
**AWARDED OBE**

## 2016 BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Ken Beresford –

## 2018 NEW YEARS HONOURS

Reg Dunning – Services to education and the community.
**AWARDED OBE**

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# #20. SANDBACH WAR MEMORIALS

Compiled with the help of "The Men Who Marched Away" by Marjorie Newton and Frank Rogers.

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# #20a BRERETON Church of St Oswald

**(7 Died)**

Harry Barker (of Brereton)
NUMBER Private 221 of the 3rd Canadian Div HQ infantry
(Central Ontario Regiment)
DIED / AGE – 29 July 1917 aged 31 in Oldham.
BURIED St Oswald Church Brereton.
FAMILY The son of George Barker of Park House, Brereton.
He lived in Canada prior to the war and died of his wounds at an Oldham Hospital.

Fred Barratt (Not on Memorial)
NUMBER Private 201507 of the 1/4th Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds 13 Apr 1917 aged 24 in Egypt
BURIED Jerusalem War Cemetery in Israel
FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs Barrett of Ashcroft, Brereton.

John Brereton Howard
NUMBER Captain "A" Company 4th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers
DIED / AGE – Died of wounds sustained on the 6th April 1918 aged 22.
BURIED France.

FAMILY The only son of John Aaron Howard of Friar's Oak, Sussex and
Dinah Howard of "Lynehurst, Herne Road, Worthing.
Born at Brereton Hall in December 1916 he inherited the Hall and Titles when he had become of age from his father who had died a few years earlier.
John had volunteered when war was declared and his death ended the line of Howard's at Brereton Hall.

Joseph Peach

NUMBER Private 16601 of the 9th Battalion Prince of Wales's
(North Staffordshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 8 September 1917.
BURIED Nord in France.
FAMILY Born and lived in Brereton the son of Frederick Joseph Peach of
8 Welsh Row, Mow Cop, Staffordshire.

Charles Frederick Richardson

NUMBER Captain 33356 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 30 April 1917 in Mesopotamia.
BURIED Commemorated on the Basra Memorial in Iraq.
FAMILY Lived at Coldmoss Heath (Now Hassell Road) the son of
Mr S Richardson of Brereton.

Herbert Siddall

NUMBER Gunner 97774 of the 330th Siege Bty Royal Garrison Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 1st June 1918 aged 29.
BURIED Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery in Calais.
FAMILY The son of Mr Siddall of 83 Wheelock Street, Middlewich.
He was married to Maria and mad two children at Bagmere, Brereton.
He had been employed by Mr Boffey as a Farm labourer in Brereton.

Thomas Tickle

NUMBER Private 291035 of the 1st / 7th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Monday the 26 March 1917 aged 19.
BURIED Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel.
FAMILY The son of Mrs Emily Tickle of Hall Yard, Brereton.

# #20b MARKET SQUARE, Sandbach

**(Cost of £900 it was unveiled on Sunday the 16th April 1922 by Lieutenant Colonel John Kennedy C.M.G.; D.S.O. of the Black Watch.)**

## 1914 -1918 (80 died)

Cyril Garner Allcock

NUMBER Private 26762 10th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.
DIED / AGE - 10 Apr 1916
BURIED St Mary's Sandbach
FAMILY Tba

William Astle (Also on the Wheelock Memorial)

NUMBER Private 292806 1st / 14th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE - 26 Oct 1918 of his wounds
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Husband of Mrs M Benson (Formally Astle) of
74 Union Street, Sandbach

Richard Ayres (also on Wheelock Memorial)

NUMBER Private 11679 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.
DIED / AGE - In Action on Friday 16 Aug 1918.
BURIED France
FAMILY Married (*Name not known so far*) and living in Union Street.

Arthur Barrat

NUMBER Private 43837 2nd Battalion South Lancashire Regiment
(Formally T/4/059743 RASC)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 2 June 1918 aged 22.
BURIED Commemorated in France
FAMILY The son of Herbert and Eliza Ann Barratt of Houndings Lane, Sandbach

Stanley Bates

NUMBER Sergeant 40574 of the 21st Battalion, Manchester Regiment
(Formally 1750, 7th Cheshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action in France 29 March 1917
BURIED France
FAMILY Born in Birmingham he lived at Fenton Villa, Congleton Road, Sandbach the son of Samuel Henry and Emily Lucy Bates of 51 Green Street, Sandbach.

John Beech

NUMBER Private 35514 of the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action 25 Aug 1916 on the Somme in France
BURIED Commemorated in France.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach

Walter Bennett

NUMBER Private 36285 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 10 April 1917
BURIED Commemorated in Belgium
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he enlisted at Crewe.

Samuel Bolshaw

NUMBER Private 1st Battalion Kings Royal Rifles
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 28 Oct 1914.
BURIED Unknown
FAMILY His father had died before his son's death while his mother lived in Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel.
He managed a Butcher's shop in 8 Welles Street, Sandbach for his Aunt Mrs Mary Bolshaw, who he had lived with since the age of 12. He attended Cranage School and had been a member of the School Choir.
He later trained as a butcher.
At the start of the 20th century Samuel joined the army and served in Egypt, Malta and Gibraltar for seven years.
He was one of the Crack Shots in the Regiment and in one year he won the battalion prize.
He then left the army when his Uncle John Edward Bolshaw died and his aunt asked him to take over the butchers shop as manager for her.
On the 4 August 1914 he received his papers instructing him to re-enlist which he did at Winchester.
Samuel was one of the first men in Sandbach to be killed in Action.

Harold Boyd

NUMBER Private 9014 of the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds (Thursday) 25 February 1915 aged 25.
BURIED France
FAMILY Born in Wheelock the son of Robert and Harriet Boyd of 72 Union Street, Sandbach

George Brandreth (also commemorated in St Mary's Churchyard)

NUMBER Private 1640 of the 1st / 7th and the 1st / 5th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Friday 26th March 1915.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY He lived in Crewe Road, Wheelock and had been a member of the Sandbach and Wheelock Boys Brigade (On their Honour board) and had worked at Foden's before joining the Cheshire's in 1917.

Amos Brown

NUMBER Private 26337 of the 11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 30 July 1916.
The Regiment was relieved from the line opposite Beaumont-Hemel by the 8th Border Regiment and the 11th moved on to Bivouacs near Mauilly-Maillet on the 30th July to provide working parties for the front line trenches.
BURIED Somme in France.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he enlisted in Congleton.

George Buckley

NUMBER Private 20099 of the 1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment / Formally Number 4489 of the Manchester Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died at home on the 16th Aug 1917 aged 42.
BURIED Southern Cemetery in Manchester.
FAMILY Born in Crewe he enlisted at Ashton-under-Lyme.

William H Bullimore (or Bullamore)

NUMBER Sapper 103535 North Palestine Line of Communication Signals, Royal Engineers.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 22 Feb 1919.
BURIED Alexandria War Memorial Cemetery Egypt.
FAMILY

Fred Chadwick

NUMBER Private 9948 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 3 September 1916 at the Somme in France.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France
FAMILY Born and enlisted in Congleton.

Ernest Condliffe

NUMBER 2nd Captain 207919 of the 248th Field Coy. Royal Engineers and formally of the Royal Marine Light Infantry.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Monday the 2 July 1917 aged 23.
BURIED France
FAMILY He was the son of James and Martha Condliffe of 9 Newfield Street, Sandbach.

Frank Cooke (also at Wesley Avenue Methodist Church)

NUMBER Captain 58898 of the 131st Bty. Royal Horse Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Died in action on the 16 March 1915 aged 25.
BURIED France
FAMILY Frank previously served in India and South Africa before going to France.
He is also on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour.

George Davies (also on the Wesley Avenue Memorial)

NUMBER L/Captain 1272 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Monday 23 August 1915 aged 22.
BURIED Commemorated in Turkey.
FAMILY the son of William Davies of 8 Welles Street, Sandbach.

John William Dawson

NUMBER Private 49355 of the 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 26 Apr 1918 in France.
BURIED Commemorated I Tyne Cot Memorial.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was the son of W Dawson of 18 Congleton Road, Sandbach and the Husband of Mrs H Dawson (Later Mrs H Stanton) of 20 Hunter Street, Northampton.
He is also on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour.

Albert Dodd (Private 35529 .D. 2 Apr 1917 as part of the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
(also on the Wheelock Memorial)

NUMBER Private 35529 of the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – 2 April 1917 aged 23.
BURIED At St Mary's Church
FAMILY Lived at Elworth Street, Sandbach

Harry Dodd

NUMBER Private 46566 of the 2nd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 5 October 1918 aged 27.
BURIED France
FAMILY Lived at Green Street, Sandbach

William Dutton

NUMBER Stoker 1st Class K/17319 as part of the Royal Navy
H.M.S. Valkyrie.
DIED / AGE – Died as a result of an accident on the 23 December 1917
BURIED St Mary's Sandbach he was given a Military Funeral.
FAMILY Unknown

Richard William Eachus (Printers Son) (also on the Sandbach School Memorial)
NUMBER Private 2286 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Thursday 19 August 1915 aged 17 when he was killed in action at Sulva Bay, Gallipoli.
BURIED Commemorated in Turkey.
FAMILY The son of Frank and Victoria E Eachus of the Square, Sandbach.

Albert Elsby
NUMBER Private 34569 of the 1st / 4th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Sunday 20 October 1918 in France aged 32.
BURIED Commemorated in Belguim
FAMILY The son of J.T. Elsby of Green Street, Sandbach and the husband of Mrs H Elsby (Later Mrs H Burton) of 50 Welles Street, Sandbach

George Evans
NUMBER **Unknown**
DIED / AGE -
BURIED
FAMILY **Unknown**

Frank Harold Foxley
NUMBER Private 33000 of the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Thursday 24 May 1917.
BURIED Commemorated at **Ypres on the Menin Gate**, Memorial and also at Leper in West Vlaanderen in Belgium.
FAMILY Frank lived at Newfield Street, Sandbach and was before the war an apprentice at Wilding's Confectioners of Crewe.

Leonard Gibson (also on the Sandbach School Memorial)
NUMBER Pioneer 91566 Royal Engineers / Cheshire Regiment (Sandbachian entry)
DIED / AGE – Died of ill health at home in Malkins Bank on the 19 December 1917 / 20 December 1917 (Sandbachian Entry).
He was sent home from the front in France during January 1915 as his health failed, he was 22 when he died.
BURIED at St Mary's Graveyard.
FAMILY He was the son of Thomas and Hannah Gibson of Malkins Bank, Sandbach. He was educated at Sandbach School between 1906 and 1908.
**His brother William Gibson also died in the war on the 12 Nov 1916**.

Ernest Guest (also on the Wheelock Memorial)
NUMBER L / Corporal 34715 of the 11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action at the Battle of Messines on Thursday 7 June 1917 aged 24.
BURIED Mesen in Belgium
FAMILY The son of Joseph and Mary Guest of 17 Coldmoss Heath (Now Hassell Road), Sandbach

Sydney Hall (also on the Sandbach School, Sandbach and Sandbach Heath Memorial)
NUMBER C.S.M. 42119 of the 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment (Formally 13883 King's Shropshire Light Infantry)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 28 June 1917 when he was hit by a shell and was killed instantly.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was the son of Peter and Margaret Hall of Betchton Cottage, Newcastle Road, Sandbach.
He went to school at the Church of England School, Sandbach and later Sandbach School (1896-1899).
He then went to work at Sandbach Post Office and then Shrewsbury Post Office.
Sydney joined the war soon after it started he joined up in Shrewsbury and was wounded in France. After his wounds had healed he became a drill instructor at Prees Heath in Shropshire but rejoined the front in May 1917 just a month before he was killed.

Herbert Hampton (.b. 1887 in Moulton)
NUMBER Private 7730 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment TA and enlisted

in Crewe.
DIED / AGE – Taken a Prisoner of War at the Battle of Mons and died on the 8th November 1918 aged 31.
BURIED Cologne in Germany.
FAMILY He lived at 57 Foden Terrace, Middlewich Road, Sandbach he was the Husband of Alice Hampton and the father of two children James and John with four grandchildren.
Herbert had been a Carter on the Horse Drawn Wagon between Sandbach Station and the town.
On the 22 August 1914 Herbert travelled to France with the 1st Cheshire's (15th Brigade, 5th Division) and fought at the Battle of Mons where Private Hampton was reported missing in the local papers on the 28th September 1914 and he was again reported this time as a POW on the 2nd October 1914 (Local papers) but died at the Bramhar Camp Hospital at Bawinkle on the 8 Nov 1918.

William H. Hampton
NUMBER 9132 of the Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE –
BURIED
FAMILY The son of Charles H and Eleanor Hampton

Arthur Harrison (also on the Wheelock Memorial)
NUMBER L/ Captain 15459 of the 8th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Sunday 16 May 1916 at Ovillers, France at the age of 26.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France Memorial.
FAMILY He was the son of Mrs Betsy Harrison of 517 Crewe Road, Wheelock.

Leslie R. P. Hindson (also on the Elworth Memorial)
NUMBER Lieutenant "A" Bty. 187th Bde Royal Field artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Sunday 10 June 1917 aged 22.
Leslie had been hit by a piece of shrapnel while he was resting in his bivouac and a shell burst near him causing fatal wounds.
He was 22 when he died.
BURIED Reninghelst New Military Cemetery Poperinge, in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
FAMILY The second son of the Rev. John Hutchinson Hindson M.A. and the Hon. Mrs Hindson of Bradwall Hall, Sandbach.
Leslie was also the grandson of Lord Dunboyne of Knoppogue Castle Quin of County Clare, Ireland.
He had been educated at Winchester and Woolwich R.M.A. and in August 1915 went on active service to France.
Since the start of the war Mrs Hindson had been involved with the Red Cross Hospital in Sandbach for the medical treatment of wounded men.
She had worked indefatigably for the Red Cross and it was through her efforts that she was Chiefly responsible for the setting up of the hospital.

John Hopkins (also on the Memorial at St Winefrede's Church, Sandbach.)
NUMBER Private 4425 of the 9th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Sunday 26 March 1916.
BURIED Commemorated at Loos in France.
FAMILY Born in Roscommon he enlisted at Crewe and lived at Barnfield.

Frank Hughes
NUMBER Private 10552 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 22 October 1914 aged 22.
BURIED Commemorated in France
FAMILY The son of Patrick and Elizabeth A. Hughes of 7 Crown Bank.

Seymour Jackson
NUMBER Private 20/40483 of the 20th Battalion Manchester Regiment (Formally the 2148 Cheshire Yeomanry)
DIED / AGE – Died of wound received in France on the 4 October 1917.
BURIED in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY Born Sheldon, son of Alfred Joseph and Clara Louisa Jackson (nee Cadman) of Chesterton Staffordshire.

He lived at Ivy Cottage, Elworth Street and was educated
at Sandbach School (1906-1911).

Thomas Jackson

NUMBER Private 291790 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Sunday 7 October 1917.
BURIED Nord in France.
FAMILY He was the husband of K Jackson of 17 Chapel Street, Sandbach.

Daniel Johnson

NUMBER Private 5285 of the 1/5th South Lancashire Regiment
(Prince of Wales's Volunteers)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 6 November 1916.
BURIED in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Samuel and Harriett Johnson of 55 Green Street, Sandbach.

Robert Johnson

NUMBER Private 13156 of the 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Tuesday 22 August 1916 aged 32,
in dug-outs near Authuille at the Battle of the Somme.
BURIED Somme, France.
FAMILY The son of Robert Johnson (Snr) of 94 Leicester Street, Northwich,
Cheshire and the late Ann Johnson.

Alec Jones (***Lance Corporal 41192 .D. 5 Nov 1918 of the 11th Battalion Manchester Regiment. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 32. Husband of May Jones of Plants Cottage, Sandbach***)

NUMBER Lance Corporal 41192 of the 11th Battalion Manchester Regiment.
DIED / AGE – 5 November 1918 aged 32.
BURIED St Mary's, Sandbach.
FAMILY The husband of May Jones of Plant Cottages, Sandbach.

John Kelly (Also at Sandbach Memorial and St Winifred's Church)

NUMBER Private 36152 of the 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 17 February 1917 aged 25.
He died while firing his machine gun.
BURIED Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Thomas and Catherine Kelly of 8 Church Street, Sandbach.
John had four brothers who also saw active service. (see below)
He worked at Pear Tree Farm, Betchton before the war.

Peter Kelly (Also at Sandbach Memorial and St Winifred's Church)

NUMBER Private 20509 of the 2nd Battalion Border Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 28 November 1916 aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.
FAMILY The son of Mr Thomas and Mrs Catherine Kelly of
8 Church Street, Sandbach.
Peter had four brothers who also saw active service. (see above)

Frederick Kershaw

NUMBER Unknown
DIED / AGE - Unkn
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Unkn

John Lea

NUMBER Private 19968 of the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Sunday 16th May 1915.
BURIED Commemorated in France at the Le Touret Memorial, Pas de Calais.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he lived at Sandbach Mill, Mill Hill Lane.

John William Lea

NUMBER Captain 9609 of the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Saturday 8 May 1915.
BURIED Commemorated on the Ypres "Menin Gate" Memorial, Leper in
West-Vlaanderen, Belgium and on the 1st Sandbach and
1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour.
FAMILY John lived at 21 Green Street, Sandbach.
He had been a regular soldier at the outbreak of the war and returned

from India to spend a few days at home before being sent to the Western Front in France.

Frank Leese (***Private 135053 .D. 6 Mar 1918 as part of the Recruits Depot, Royal Flying Corps. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 32. Son of Mrs Mary Leese of 33 Bradwall Street, Sandbach***)

NUMBER Private 135053 of the Recruits Depot, Royal Flying Corps he was formally a Private in the Royal North Lancashire Regiment.

DIED / AGE – He died on Wednesday the 6 March 1918 aged 32. He was wounded in France but had recovered and was back on duty when he had a relapse and died in a Hospital in Cambridge.

BURIED at St Mary's in Sandbach.

FAMILY The son of Mrs Mary Leese of 33 Bradwall Road, Sandbach. Frank Lived at 53 Chapel Street, Sandbach. He was given a military funeral which was conducted by the Rev C.E. Muckleston and two buglers from the **Bradwall Training School** sounded the Last Post. A volley of gunfire was provided by the Sandbach Company of Volunteers.

Samuel Leese

NUMBER Captain 290082 of the 1st/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Monday 26 March 1917 in Egypt.

BURIED Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel and on the Memorial at Sandbach and Wheelock as well as the Plaque in the Wesley Avenue Methodist Church.

FAMILY Samuel was married and lived in Malkins Bank. He was the son of Mr Leese of Chapel Street, Sandbach and had been employed at the Sandbach Water Works.

John Lewis (John T Lewis)

NUMBER Private 230966 No 3 Company 10th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 31 July 1918.

BURIED France

FAMILY Remembered on the grave of Jessie Barbara Lewis in St John's Church, Sandbach Heath and Sandbach and Elworth Memorials (?).

Frank Lunt (also on Sandbach School Memorial)

NUMBER Sergeant 1261 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment

DIED / AGE – (18 or) 19 September 1915 at Gallipoli. He was dressing a wound of a comrade at Sulva Bay, Gollipoli.

BURIED Azmak Cemetery, Suvia in Turkey.

FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs **Edwin Lunt who owned an Ironmongers shop** in the town. The family lived at Hightown (Above the Shop) Frank went to Sandbach School in 1902 and became 'Head boy' and was also a School Praeposter and winner of the Evans Medal. On leaving school Frank went to work for his father and in 1911 he started his military service with the old "G" Company of the 7th Cheshire Battalion under Captain H.L. Moir of Brereton Hall. Frank was made Corporal when the company left Sandbach on a Memorable Sunday Morning soon after the war was declared. When Frank was made Sergeant he was moved to the 1st Battalion under Major Reade of Congleton. The Cheshire Territorials as they were known went to the Dardanelles and took part in the landings at Suvla Bay. Captain H.L. Moir wrote about the battle, "Dysentery was proving troublesome and since the early days of the landing has caused far more havoc among the troops than Turkish shells or bullets." A letter from Major Reade stated that "Sergeant Lunt was in charge of a Party covering some engineers while at work when he was shot. Sergeant Lunt was of the highest character. He could always be relied upon and latterly had been in charge of an entire platoon, which he

commanded with ability. No-one could fail to like him and
I have lost an excellent Sergeant and valued comrade."

Leonard Mellor

NUMBER Private 15334 of "C" Company 8th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers)

DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Wednesday 12 July 1916 aged 23 at Ovilers in France during the Battle of the Somme.

BURIED France

FAMILY He was the only son of Henry and Annie Mellor of 46 Union Street, Sandbach.

John Mercer

NUMBER Private 44764 of the 4th Battalion South Wales Borderers.

DIED / AGE – Died at Sea on the 13 February 1917.

BURIED Commemorated at the Basra Memorial in Iraq.

FAMILY Born in Malpas

Thomas Victor Mulliner (On the Sandbach and Elworth memorials)

NUMBER Private 64657 of the 12th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 19 September 1918 aged 25.

BURIED Greece

FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs J Mulliner and Husband of Mary Ellen Mulliner of 47 Welles Street, Sandbach and late of Moston Green.
Worked at Electro Bleach and the Alkali Works.

Samuel Murray (Also known as Samuel Morrey)

NUMBER Private 277329 of the 2nd / 7th Battalion Manchester Regiment.

DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 1 August 1917 aged 25.

BURIED Commemorated in Belgium.

FAMILY The son of John and Emma Morrey (John and Emma Murray – also listed under this name) of Milt Kiln Cottages.
He was married with two children.
He was employed at Pring's Wire Works before the war.

Abraham Oakes (***Sergeant 290027 .D. 15 Jan 1918 as part of the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 49.***
***Husband of Mary Ellen Oakes of 61 Silver Terrace, The Heath Sandbach***)

NUMBER Sergeant 290027 of the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

DIED / AGE – Died at the Whitchurch Military Hospital on the 15 January 1918 at the age of 49.

BURIED St Mary's Church with Military Honours.

FAMILY Abraham was Married to Mary Ellen Oakes of 61 Silver Terrace, The Heath, Sandbach.
Upon completion of his Military career he joined the Sandbach "Volunteers".
On the outbreak of the South African war he became a member of the Baden Powels Mounted Police and served throughout that campaign.
When the South Africa war was over Abraham returned to Sandbach and joined the "Volunteers" again, staying with them until they became the Territorials. On the outbreak of War the Territorials were called up to serve at Gallipoli, at Suvla Bay and in Egypt where he contracted Malaria and was invalided home in late 1917 and was placed in the Whitchurch Military Hospital where he died.
He was given a military funeral which was conducted by the Rev Armistead of Malpas with five members of the Cheshire Reserve Battalion acted as bearers.
The Volunteers Band played the Dead March and a Firing Party from the Sandbach Section of the Volunteer Regiment Under Lieutenant Ferrand fired three volleys over the grave.
A buglers from the Reserve Battalion and two buglers from the **Bradwall Training School Boys** sounded the Last Post.

William Chris Plaskett (Eldest Son of the Rev. William Plaskett at Hope Street)

NUMBER Private 17681 of the 19th Battalion The King's (Liverpool Regiment)

DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 29 July 1916 aged 25 at

Thiepval-Maltz Horn Trench.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
FAMILY The eldest son of the Rev. William and Janet Plaskett who lived at "Sunnyside" Crewe Road, Sandbach.
His Brother served in the Royal Scots.
A plaque dedicated to William Plaskett is inside the Nat West Bank in the foyer.

Harry Prophett (also listed under Harry Profit)
NUMBER Private 9473 of the 2nd Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – 30 July 1915 aged 24.
BURIED Germany
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was the son of Harry and Betsy Profit (Prophett) of Union Street, Sandbach.

Walter Prophett
NUMBER Private 2719 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 10 August 1915 in Gallipoli.
BURIED Commemorated in Turkey
FAMILY Unkn

Walter Proudlove
NUMBER Private 35523 of the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – 21 October 1916 aged 28 in France.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France.
FAMILY The son of George and Emily Proudlove of 23 Bradwall Street, Sandbach.

Charles Frederick Richardson (also on the Brereton memorial)
NUMBER Captain 33356 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died from wounds received in action on the 30 April 1917 in Mesopotamia.
BURIED
FAMILY Lived in Coldmoss Heath (Now Hassell Road) the son of Mr S Richardson of Brereton.
Accompanying the official letter was a letter from the Royal household expressing sympathy.

Albert Robinson
NUMBER Private 352561 of the 2/9th Battalion Manchester Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 9th October 1917 in Flanders at the age of 19.
BURIED Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.
FAMILY Born in Bebbington the son of Albert Samuel and Sarah Robinson Of 15 Bradwall Road, Sandbach.

Edmund Robinson (***Private 5698 .D. 8 Apr 1921 as part of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.***
***Buried at St Mary's Sandbach Aged 43.***
***Son of John and Judith Robinson of 26 Bradwall Rd***)
NUMBER Private 5698 as part of the Royal Welch Fusiliers (Transferred to 350972 Labour Corps)
DIED / AGE – 8 April 1921 aged 43
BURIED St Mary's Church, Sandbach
FAMILY Son of John and Judith Robinson of 26 Bradwall Rd, Sandbach.

Alfred Ryder
NUMBER Private 33489 of the 9th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 9 July 1916 aged 21.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme, France.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was one of two brothers (Alfred and Frank) and four daughters of John and Maretta Ryder of 26 The Commons, Sandbach. (**see below**)

Frank Ryder
NUMBER Private 203940 of the 5th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 6th September 1917 aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was one of two brothers (Alfred and Frank) and four daughters of John and Maretta Ryder of

26 The Commons, Sandbach. (**see above**)

Thomas Shelly (Private 12573 .D. 9 May 1918 as part of the 3rd Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
Buried at St Mary's Sandbach **aged 63**)
NUMBER Sergeant 266773 Labour Corps.
(Formally Private 12573 of the 3rd Battalion Cheshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Died of Pneumonia on the 9 May 1918 in Hospital at Newcastle-on-Tyne.
BURIED St Mary's, Sandbach
FAMILY Thomas lived at 50 Union Street, Sandbach and he had served in the army prior to the war but was rejected for active service in WW1 but served as a tailor in the Labour Corps. Thomas was buried with Military Honours at St Mary's.

Charles Shepherd
NUMBER Captain 22406 of the 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Thursday 19 September 1918 aged 24.
BURIED Aisne in France
FAMILY The son of John and Sarah Ann Shepherd of 12 Crewe Road, Sandbach
Prior to the war Charles had been a hairdresser in Knutsford.

Joseph Smallwood
NUMBER Private 3446 of the 1/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated on the Helles Memorial in Turkey.
FAMILY Joseph lived at Green Street, Sandbach.

Frederick Sproston (***Private 121873 .D. 4 Nov 1920 as part of the Machine Gun Corps - Infantry. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach***)
NUMBER Private 121873 as part of the Machine Gun Corps - Infantry.
DIED / AGE – 4 November 1920.
BURIED St Mary's Sandbach
FAMILY

William Henry Stockton (on the Sandbach, Sandbach Heath and Wesley Avenue Memorials)
NUMBER Private 36447 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 19 February 1917 aged 27.
BURIED Commemorated at Basra Memorial in Iraq
FAMILY The son of William and M Stockton of Bradwall Road, Sandbach.
Before the war he worked at Mr George Leese's Shop for 13 years and attended the Wesley Avenue Church and was a member of the Young Man's Institute.

Daniel Trueman
(Also on the Brunner Mond Memorial, Sandbach, St Mary's Roll and Wheelock Memorial)
NUMBER Lance Corporal 6416 of the 8th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on Monday 22 May 1916 aged 35.
BURIED The Amara War Cemetery in Iraq.
FAMILY The son of Samuel and Ellen Trueman of Sandbach and the Husband of Sarah Trueman (Later Mrs Sarah Challinor) of 103 Union Street, Sandbach and Brother of Samuel (see below)

Samuel Trueman (also on Sandbach and Wheelock Memorials)
NUMBER Company Sergeant Major 2/7231 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Friday 7th April 1916.
BURIED Armara War Cemetery in Iraq.
FAMILY The son of Samuel and Ellen Trueman of 103 Union Street, Sandbach and Brother of Daniel (see above)

W. G. Upton (1911-1915) William George Upton
(also on the Sandbach, Sandbach School and Sandbach Heath Memorials)
NUMBER Lieutenant 213th Squadron, Royal Air Force.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 4 October 1918 at the age of 20
William George Upton died when his plane a Sopwith Camel was shot down five miles over enemy lines during a fire-fight over Roulers in Belgium.
BURIED He is buried at Dadizelle Cemetery in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

FAMILY William Upton took part in class debates and was able to pinpoint British Troops on a Map of France during Geography lessons. A native of Betchton he lived at Dubthorn Villas the son of George Henry Upton and his mother Mrs Jessie Mary Upton later of "Graystone", Mostyn Avenue, Llandudno. His sister Miss Alice Mary Upton was a nurse at Abbey Fields during WW1. He had flown before the war and once flew his plane into an ash tree near his home breaking a leg and collar bone.

William Venables (Also on the Sandbach and Elworth Memorials)

NUMBER Driver 3400 "A" Battalion 119th Brigade Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 17 September 1917.
BURIED- Buried at Prowse Point Military Cemetery, Belgium.
FAMILY He enlisted at Altrincham and lived in Sandbach.

Charles Vine (Military Medal)

NUMBER Sergeant Instructor 52569 of the 1st Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)
DIED / AGE – Died on Monday 27 May 1918 aged 21 when he was hit by a shell.
BURIED Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinge in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Charles and Elizabeth Vine of 25 Belle Vue Terrace, Sandbach. Also on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boy's Brigade Roll of Honour. Charles joined up in September 1914 working his way up to an instructor having been stationed for two years at North Shields and went abroad in October 1917. **Awarded the Military Medal** but did not live long enough to receive it in person. He had however been one of 5 NCO's in the regiment who met the King and had a long chat with him. The Military medal was awarded for gallantry. Charles had two brothers who also served in WW1. Tom Vine of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment was wounded in the head while working in ammunitions (Chronicle 9 October 1915) during the Dardanelles Campaign. The other brother, Joseph Vine served at Suvla Bay during the Gallipoli landings (see below).

Joseph Vine (also on the Sandbach and Wheelock Memorials)

NUMBER Private 1945 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action at Gallipoli on Tuesday 10 August 1915.
BURIED Commemorated on the Helles Memorial in Turkey.
FAMILY The son of Charles and Elizabeth Vine of 25 Belle Vue Terrace, Sandbach. Also on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boy's Brigade Roll of Honour. Joseph had two brothers who also served in WW1. One was wounded while working in ammunitions and the other Charles Vine died on the 27 May 1918 (see above).

Charles Wakefield (***Air Mechanic 1st Class 403550 .D. 8 Mar 1919 as part of the Royal Air Force. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 22. Son of Mrs Clara Wakefield of 19 Green Street, Sandbach***)

NUMBER Air Mechanic 1st Class 403550 Royal Air Force.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 8 March 1919 aged 22.
BURIED St Mary's Churchyard, Sandbach
FAMILY The son of Mrs Clara Wakefield of 19 Green Street, Sandbach.

Oliver Wakefield (also on the Sandbach School Memorial)

NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 21 February 1921.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Educated at Sandbach School. Prior to the war Oliver worked as a Bank Clerk in Nantwich. He was one of seven children born to John and Annie Wakefield who owned the Draper's shop at 11 High Street, Sandbach.

Harry Walley

NUMBER Private 64846 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.

DIED / AGE – Died on the 6th January 1919 age 24.
BURIED Mikra British Cemetery, Calamari, Greece.
FAMILY The son of Thomas and Elizabeth Walley of 3 Newfield Street, Sandbach

Joseph Watson

NUMBER Sergeant-Major / Lieutenant Quarter Master of the 2nd Battalion
Durham Light Infantry (Number 6402 ?)
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 30 April 1918 aged 40.
BURIED Buried at Arneke British Cemetery, Nord, France. (1017/1E)
The words on the grave read;-
"Goodnight, Tho' Life and all take flight never goodbye, Maggie".
FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs George Watson formally of Cooper's Opening, Bradwall Road, Sandbach. He worked with his father as a wheelwright.
Joseph was married to Margaret Watson of "Alma Cottage", Pound Green, Freshwater, Isle of White.
Joseph joined the Army as soon as he was old enough and served in South Africa with the Durham Light Infantry, joining in 1898.
Joseph worked his way up the ranks until in August 1914 with the outbreak of War when he left for France with his Regiment now as a Sergeant Major.
During March 1915 he was mentioned three times in despatches and was awarded the **D.C.M.** for conspicuous gallantry and distinguished service.
He was wounded by shrapnel in December 1915 and was invalided Home, spending six months in hospital. He returned to the front in July 1916. In November 1917 he was awarded the **Military Cross** and on Christmas Day 1917 he was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant Quarter Master.
(Wounded at Ypres?).

Frederick Whittaker

NUMBER Private 49809 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment
(Formally the 1827 Denbigh Yeomanry)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Monday 8th October 1917.
BURIED Tyne Cot Cemetery, Zonnebeke in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY Frederick enlisted at Wrexham and lived in Nelson in Lancashire.

Edward Wilkinson (Also on Sandbach Memorial and Wesley Avenue, Methodist Church).

NUMBER Lance Corporal 1266 of the 1st/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 27 September 1915 in Gallipoli.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Born in Wheelock he is mentioned on the 1st Sandbach and
1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour 1915.
Edwards parents lived at Bradwall Street, Sandbach.

Quinton Wyatt

NUMBER Private 20564 of the 8th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 11 November 1918.
BURIED Buried at St Mary's Churchyard, Charlton Mackrell, Somerset.
FAMILY He was the son of Mrs E.A. Wyatt of Hope Street, Sandbach.

## 1939-1945

Harry Bailey

William Bagnall (Gunner 4128039 .D. 1 Dec 1940 as part of the Royal Artillery.
Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 18. Son of Harold and Dora Bagnall of Sandbach)

H.A. Brown

Leonard Bullock

William Bullock (Leading Aircraftman 655318 .D. 15 Aug 1941 as part of the Royal Air Force.
Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 21. Son of Harry and Frances Bullock of Sandbach)

Max Chiverton

Roy Cook

Frank Cooke

Ernest Crawford

Alec Dale (Private 4125240 .D. 12 Mar 1941 as part of the 8th (H.D.) Cheshire Regiment.

Buried at St Mary's Sandbach.)

W Fradley
George Hill
Harry Johnson
G Langmead
H Lea
C Oliver
J Price
Roy Robinson
J.W. Simcock
L.H. Worrall

# #20c ELWORTH (War Memorial outside the Park)

## 1914 -1918 (20 Died)

Pte Harry Barker (Also on the Sandbach School Memorial)
NUMBER Private 40390 8th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.
DIED / AGE - Killed in Action on the 25 Jan 1918 aged 23.
He survived for half an hour after being wounded.
BURIED France
FAMILY Son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Barker of Wood Lane, Bradwall, Sandbach
He was born in Elworth and had only been on service abroad for 6 months.
He formally worked at the Electro Bleach and Dye Company at Middlewich.

Pte Percy Barker (Also on the Brunner Mond Memorial)
NUMBER Private 114412 15th Battalion Sherwood Foresters
(Notts and Derby Regiment – Formally 34868 K.S.L.I.)
(12th Notts and Derby Regiment – on Brunner Mond Memorial)
DIED / AGE – 14 Oct 1918 in action.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY He was the Husband of Mrs E Barker of 14 Spragg Street, Congleton.
Born in Bradwall he enlisted in Middlewich.

Pte Harry Bowyer (Member of Foden's Band .D. 24 Dec 1915)
NUMBER Pte 58191 20th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action 24 Dec 1915 Aged 23.
BURIED
FAMILY
It was with great sadness that the Foden Motor Works Band learned of the death of its first ex member of the band during World War 1.
Pte 58191 **HARRY BOWYER** was serving in the Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment) as a bandsman and stretcher-bearer.
On the 24 December 1915 he was attending wounded soldiers when he was killed at the age of 23.
He is buried at Ridge Wood Military Cemetery, in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium (Grave number II K1) and like Edwin Firth (.D. 1 June 1918) he is commemorated on the Elworth War Memorial.
The second son of Mr and Mrs John Bowyer of East Elworth Harry served his apprenticeship in the blacksmith's shop at Foden's Motor Works in Elworth and joined the Brass Band along with his father John Bowyer (Dates Not listed).
He had also been a keen sportsman and played football as a half-back and won 6 medals, which he distributed to his family before he left to find employment abroad.
In 1912 Harry emigrated to Toronto in Canada where he found employment with a Military Band.
In 1915 the Contingent arrived at Shorncliffe and Harry obtained leave to see his family in Elworth the first time in four years. On the 14th September 1915 his regiment was sent to France where he played with the band and was a stretcher bearer on the front.
On the 24 December 1915 while he was attending the wounded he was killed.
Captain Nicholson wrote to his parents – "All I can say is that in my opinion a more

glorious sacrifice could not be made by a soldier and a gentleman as he was.
It was a terrible shock to me and my heart goes out to you and I want you to know that he will be remembered by me and his comrades as a brave soldier and true friend.

Cap. Arthur Edward Consterdine (also on the Wheelock Memorial)

NUMBER Captain attached to the 9th Battalion Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 26 December 1916 aged 46.
BURIED Somme, France
FAMILY The son of the Rev. James W Consterdine and Mrs M.S. Consterdine of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.
His brother lived at Holly Bank, Elworth.

Gunner. James Twemlow Cooper

NUMBER Gunner 131217 of the 12th Bty. 35th Bde. Royal Field Artillery
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 7th October 1917 aged 37.
BURIED Commemorated in Belgium
FAMILY The son of Charles and Anna Barrington Cooper of "The Hawthorns", Elworth. He was educated at Sandbach School and Elworth Memorial.

Richard T Cragg

NUMBER Engineer in the Royal Navy
DIED / AGE – Lost at Sea 26 February 1916 off the west coast of Scotland in Scapa Flow.
BURIED Lost at sea.
FAMILY The son of Richard and Charlotte Cragg of 25 Eva Street, Elworth.
He is remembered on the family grave at St Peter's Church, Elworth.

Pte. John Elsby

NUMBER Private 39928 of the 10th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds 26 November 1917 aged 30.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY The son of John and Harriet Elsby of 19 East Elworth.

Pte Edwin Firth (Member of Foden's Band)

NUMBER Private 766890 of the 28th Battalion, London Regiment (Artists Rifles).
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action 1 June 1918 aged 29.
BURIED Varennes Military Cemetery, Somme, France
FAMILY Son of Squire and Clara Firth of Yarby.
He lived with his wife Doris S Firth (of Springfield, Sandbach) at The Avenue, Elworth.

Gunner. MM. P Gannon

NUMBER Gunner 73957 "B" Battalion 275th Bde RFA
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 18 April 1918
BURIED France
FAMILY Unknown

Lieut. Leslie R. P. Hindson (also on the Sandbach and Elworth Memorial)

NUMBER Lieutenant "A" Bty. 187th Bde Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Sunday 10 June 1917 aged 22.
Leslie had been hit by a piece of shrapnel while he was resting in his bivouac and a shell burst near him causing fatal wounds.
He was 22 when he died.
BURIED Reninghelst New Military Cemetery Poperinge, in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
FAMILY The second son of the Rev. John Hutchinson Hindson M.A. and the Hon. Mrs Hindson of Bradwall Hall, Sandbach.
Leslie was also the grandson of Lord Dunboyne of Knoppogue Castle Quin of County Clare, Ireland.
He had been educated at Winchester and Woolwich R.M.A. and in August 1915 went on active service to France.
Since the start of the war Mrs Hindson had been involved with the Red Cross Hospital in Sandbach for the medical treatment of wounded men.
She had worked indefatigably for the Red Cross and it was through her

efforts that she was Chiefly responsible for the setting up of the hospital.

2nd Lieut. T.W. Houghton (Tom Whitfield Houghton)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant Machine Gun Corps (Motor)
DIED / AGE – Died in action on the 21 April 1919 aged 22.
BURIED At Damascus War cemetery in Syria.
FAMILY (see Biography)

Pte. Harry Kesteven
NUMBER Private 50174 of the 1/4th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Believed to have drowned on the 30 December 1917 aged 20.
He was returning on his way back to his regiment on a vessel when it was torpedoed. He had been at home recovering from wounds and had served in France and the Dardanelles and had been recommended for a commission.
BURIED Commemorated on the Chatby Memorial, Egypt and at Elworth.
FAMILY Unknown. He had worked for Fodens prior to the war.

L, Cpl. Harold Kirkham
NUMBER Captain 44778 of the 14th Battalion King's Regiment (Liverpool)
DIED / AGE – Died from wounds on the 7 May 1917 aged 22.
BURIED Karasouli Military Cemetery in Greece.
FAMILY The son of Mr D and Mrs Hester Kirkham of Marsh Green Road, Elworth.
Also on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boy's Brigade roll of Honour.
Prior to the War Harold was employed at Sandbach Railway Station.

Samuel B Leese R.N. (*Samuel Leese* -2)
NUMBER Engine Room Artificer 3rd Class M/12720 H.M.S. Vehement, Royal Navy.
DIED / AGE – 2 August 1918 aged 25.
BURIED Commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon.
FAMILY The son of Robert and Harriet Leese of Rochdale.

Pte. John Thomas Lewis (***Private 36245 .D. 26 Nov 1916 aged 39 as part of the 3rd Battalion Cheshire Regiment. Son of Thomas Lewis. Buried at St Peter, Elworth***.)
NUMBER Private 36245 of the 3rd Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – 26 November 1916 at home aged 39.
BURIED St Peter's Church, Elworth.
FAMILY The son of Thomas Lewis, John was born in Crewe and enlisted at Chester.

Pte. Thomas Victor Mulliner (On the Sandbach and Elworth memorials)
NUMBER Private 64657 of the 12th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 19 September 1918 aged 25.
BURIED Greece
FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs J Mulliner and Husband of Mary Ellen Mulliner of 47 Welles Street, Sandbach and late of Moston Green.
Worked at Electro Bleach and the Alkali Works.

L, Cpl. Ellis Rowarth
NUMBER Lance Corporal 1667 1 / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of wounds in Gallipoli on the 21 August 1915 aged 21.
BURIED Alexandria (Chatby) Military Cemetery and War Memorial in Egypt.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach the son of Benjamin and Mary Rowarth of 1 George Street, Elworth.

Pte. John Shaw
NUMBER Lance Corporal 2288 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 1 December 1915 at Gallipoli aged 37.
BURIED Green Hill Cemetery in Turkey.
FAMILY The son of Charles Shaw of 4 Marsh Green Avenue, Elworth.

Pte. William Vanables (Also on the Sandbach and Elworth Memorials)
NUMBER Driver 3400 "A" Battalion 119th Brigade Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 17 September 1917.
BURIED - Buried at Prowse Point Military Cemetery, Belgium.
FAMILY He enlisted at Altrincham and lived in Sandbach.

Pte. Joseph Wakefield (also on Brunner Mond and Elworth Memorials)
NUMBER Private 33818 2nd Squadron the Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own)

2/1st Yorkshire Hussars (Brunner Mond List)
DIED / AGE – Died on the 2nd January 1919.
BURIED Middlewich Cemetery
FAMILY Joseph lived in Bradwall and was the husband of Mary Jane Wakefield.

EXTRA NAMES WHO DIED AFTER 1918
Pte W Haddock
NUMBER Private 25188 Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – 7 May 1921(of his wounds?)
BURIED Buried at St Peter's Church, Elworth.
FAMILY Unknown
Pte John Robert Sheffield (Sapper 184763 .D. 19 Feb 1920 aged 37 as part of the Royal Engineers
Buried at St Peter, Elworth.)
NUMBER Sapper 184763
DIED / AGE – Died 19 February 1920
BURIED Buried at St Peter, Elworth.
FAMILY Unkn

## 1939-1945
Eric Bayley
Raymond Bennett
Herbert Counsell
Geoffrey Faulkner
John Ford
Harry Hinnet
William Hilton
Fred Haworth
O Jones
B.W. James
M. G. Ogg
George Proudlove
Kenneth Richards
Seymour Roberts
Kenneth Smallwood

# #20d SANDBACH CEMETERY
## 1914 – 1919 (10 Died)
**(Brunner Mond Memorial – Moved from the works when they closed down in 1934)**
Pte Percy Barker (Also on the Elworth Memorial)
NUMBER Private 114412 15th Battalion Sherwood Foresters
(Notts and Derby Regiment – Formally 34868 K.S.L.I.)
(12th Notts and Derby Regiment – on Brunner Mond Memorial)
DIED / AGE – 14 Oct 1918 in action.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY He was the Husband of Mrs E Barker of 14 Spragg Street, Congleton.
Born in Bradwall he enlisted in Middlewich.
Joseph Boulton (Also on the Wheelock Memorial)
NUMBER Private 49294 of the 16th Battalion the Lancashire Fusiliers
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Wednesday 2 October 1918
BURIED at Aisne in France
FAMILY The son of Mrs E Boulton of Elworth Street, Sandbach.
William Dixon (Also on the Wheelock Memorial) 1/7th Cheshire Regiment
NUMBER Private 290188 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Friday 3 August 1917 aged 23.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY The son of John and Alice Dixon of 646 Liverpool Road,
Platt Bridge, Wigan. He was born in Wheelock and lived at
Canalside, Wheelock and worked at Brunner Mond.

William Hancock

NUMBER Acting L/Sergeant 6784 of the 2/7th Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 11 April 1918.
BURIED Commemorated in Belgium and the grave
of his wife in Sandbach Cemetery.
FAMILY He was the husband of Anne Hancock (Died 17 Apr 1940)
and lived at Plant's Cottages in Bradwall Road, Sandbach.
Before the war he worked at Brunner Mond (Malkins Bank) but was also an
Army reservist and was called up at the start of the war for foreign service.

Harry Leese (also at St John's Memorial Sandbach Heath)

NUMBER 3rd Cheshire Regiment (Grave Information) /
Private 8/11729 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Died on Tuesday 4 July 1916.
BURIED Amara War Cemetery in Iraq.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he worked at Brunner Mond (Malkins Bank).

Herbert Leese RGA

NUMBER Gunner 154366 of the 297th Siege Bty, Royal Garrison Artillery
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Tuesday 26 March 1918.
BURIED France
FAMILY The husband of Annie Leese of 15 Towngate, Holmforth, Huddersfield.
Herbert worked at Brunner Mond (Malkins Bank).

Abraham Oakes (***Sergeant 290027 .D. 15 Jan 1918 as part of the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 49. Husband of Mary Ellen Oakes of 61 Silver Terrace, The Heath Sandbach***)

NUMBER Sergeant 290027 of the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died at the Whitchurch Military Hospital on the 15 January 1918
at the age of 49.
BURIED St Mary's Church with Military Honours.
FAMILY Abraham was Married to Mary Ellen Oakes of 61 Silver Terrace,
The Heath, Sandbach.
Upon completion of his Military career he joined the Sandbach
"Volunteers".
On the outbreak of the South African war he became a member of the
Baden Powels Mounted Police and served throughout that campaign.
When the South Africa war was over Abraham returned to Sandbach
and joined the "Volunteers" again, staying with them until they became
the Territorials. On the outbreak of War the Territorials were called up to
serve at Galipolli, at Suvla Bay and in Egypt where he contracted Malaria
and was invalided home in late 1917 and was placed in the Whitchurch
Military Hospital where he died.
He was given a military funeral which was conducted by
the Rev Armistead of Malpas with five members of the
Cheshire Reserve Battalion acted as bearers.
The Volunteers Band played the Dead March and a
Firing Party from the Sandbach Section of the Volunteer Regiment
Under Lieutenant Ferrand fired three volleys over the grave.
A buglers from the Reserve Battalion and two buglers from the
**Bradwall Training School Boys** sounded the Last Post.

Daniel Trueman

(Also on the Brunner Mond Memorial, Sandbach, St Mary's Roll and Wheelock Memorial)
NUMBER Lance Corporal 6416 of the 8th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on Monday 22 May 1916 aged 35.
BURIED The Amara War Cemetery in Iraq.
FAMILY The son of Samuel and Ellen Trueman of Sandbach and the
Husband of Sarah Trueman (Later Mrs Sarah Challinor)
of 103 Union Street, Sandbach

George Wakefield (also on the Brunner Mond and Sandbach Heath Memorials)

NUMBER Private 11743 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died from wounds received at the Battle of the Somme, France
on the 20 November 1916 when in Hospital in Chelsea aged 24.

BURIED St John's Sandbach Heath in the family grave.
FAMILY The son of Mrs Margaret Ann Wakefield and the late
Frank Wakefield of South View, Sandbach Heath.
(**Also a Relative of the Hovey Family who owned ZAN**)

Joseph Wakefield (also on Brunner Mond and Elworth Memorials)
NUMBER Private 33818 2nd Squadron the Yorkshire Hussars
(Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own)
2/1st Yorkshire Hussars (Brunner Mond List)
DIED / AGE – Died on the 2nd January 1919.
BURIED Middlewich Cemetery
FAMILY Joseph lived in Bradwall and was the husband of Mary Jane Wakefield.

# #20e SANDBACH HEATH

**(Lych Gate and tablet at St John's Church)**

## 1914 -1918 (25 Died)

H Bailey ? (or Wilfred Bailey – see below)
NUMBER
DIED / AGE -
BURIED
FAMILY

Wilfred Bailey
NUMBER Private 19287 1st Battalion Prince of Wales's Own
(North Staffordshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE - Died of Wounds 7 Dec 1916.
BURIED France
FAMILY
Born in Astbury he enlisted in Stoke on Trent

Arnold Beresford
NUMBER Private 290495 in "B Company" 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – While serving in the Dardanelles Arnold was severely wounded
And died in Cairo from gastric enteritis on the 5 May 1918 aged 33.
BURIED Cairo War Memorial Cemetery
FAMILY He was the grandson of Nurse Chapman of Sandbach Heath.
He was born in Sandbach Heath and worked at Crewe Works.

Ernest Arthur Cooper
NUMBER Private 21602 of the 11th Battalion King's Own
(Royal Lancaster Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 28 Aug 1916.
BURIED France
FAMILY Born in Crewe he enlisted at Bolton

Absalom Fox
NUMBER Sergeant 51017 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
(Eastern Ontario Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Died on Saturday 8 May 1915 aged 33.
BURIED Commemorated at **Ypres on the Menin Gate**, Memorial and
also at Leper in West Vlaanderen in Belgium.
He is also on the family grave in St John's as well as the
Lyche Gate at St John's, Sandbach Heath.
FAMILY The son of John and Sarah Fox of 72 the Heath, Sandbach.
Absalom had previously served in the Boer War.
He then became a farmer in Canada but on the outbreak of
war decided to rejoin the army and signed up for the
Canadian Light Infantry Regiment.
On his death Absalom's parents received a letter from the King
expressing His Majesty's regrets.

Henry Greenwood (also at the Wesley Avenue Roll of Honour)
NUMBER Captain 18520 "A" Bty. 148th Bde. Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Died at a casualty Clearing Station on the 17 June 1917 aged 26.
BURIED Belgium

FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs J Greenwood of Day Green, Hassall, Nr Sandbach.
He used to live in a Thatched Cottage on Wrights Lane, Sandbach Heath.
Prior to the war he had joined the Lancashire Police Force and before that had worked at Fodens.
He is also remembered on the grave of William and Ann Hough at Sandbach cemetery.

Sydney Hall (also on the Sandbach School, Sandbach and Sandbach Heath Memorial)

NUMBER C.S.M. 42119 of the 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment (Formally 13883 King's Shropshire Light Infantry)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 28 June 1917 when he was hit by a shell and was killed instantly.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was the son of Peter and Margaret Hall of Betchton Cottage, Newcastle Road, Sandbach.
He went to school at the Church of England School, Sandbach and later Sandbach School (1896-1899).
He then went to work at Sandbach Post Office and then Shrewsbury Post Office.
Sydney joined the war soon after it started he joined up in Shrewsbury and was wounded in France. After his wounds had healed he became a drill instructor at Prees Heath in Shropshire but rejoined the front in May 1917 just a month before he was killed.

W. D. Hall

NUMBER Gunner 820284 "A" Bty 232nd Bde Royal Field Artillery
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds in France on 1 June 1917 aged 24.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Originally from Hanley he lived at 39 Heath Road, Sandbach Heath he was married with one child.

Harry Lees

NUMBER Gunner 195122 "G" Anti-Aircraft Bty R.G.A.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 7 December 1918 aged 27.
BURIED at Charleroi Communal Cemetery in Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Walter and Ann Lees of Coldmoss Heath (Now Hassell Road) Sandbach and was married to Florence Rhonda Wright (formally Lees) of 80 The Heath, Sandbach.

Harry Leese (also known as Harry Lees and at Brunner Mond Memorial)

NUMBER 3rd Cheshire Regiment (Grave Information) / Private 8/11729 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Died on Tuesday 4 July 1916.
BURIED Amara War Cemetery in Iraq.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he worked at Brunner Mond (Malkins Bank).

Kendrick Lewis

NUMBER Lance Corporal 241476 of the 1st/6th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 21 September 1917 aged 31.
BURIED Commemorated on the Tyne Cote Memorial in Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Mrs E Lewis of 34 The Hill, Sandbach

Harry Moston

NUMBER Private 19332 of the 8th Battalion Prince of Wales's Own (North Staffordshire)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 18 November 1916 during the Battle of Ancre in France.
BURIED at Grandcourt Road Cemetery, Somme, France.
FAMILY Lived at The Avenue, Elworth. The son of Mr A Moston of 23 Castle Street, Crewe. He was the cousin of **Private Ronald Moston** and was present when he performed his act of bravery.

Abraham Oakes (***Sergeant 290027 .D. 15 Jan 1918 as part of the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment. Buried at St Mary's Sandbach aged 49.***
***Husband of Mary Ellen Oakes of 61 Silver Terrace, The Heath Sandbach***)

NUMBER Sergeant 290027 of the 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died at the Whitchurch Military Hospital on the 15 January 1918

at the age of 49.
BURIED St Mary's Church with Military Honours.
FAMILY Abraham was Married to Mary Ellen Oakes of **61 Silver Terrace, The Heath, Sandbach.**
Upon completion of his Military career he joined the Sandbach "Volunteers".
On the outbreak of the South African war he became a member of the Baden Powels Mounted Police and served throughout that campaign.
When the South Africa war was over Abraham returned to Sandbach and joined the "Volunteers" again, staying with them until they became the Territorials. On the outbreak of War the Territorials were called up to serve at Galipolli, at Suvla Bay and in Egypt where he contracted Malaria and was invalided home in late 1917 and was placed in the Whitchurch Military Hospital where he died.
He was given a military funeral which was conducted by the Rev Armistead of Malpas with five members of the Cheshire Reserve Battalion acted as bearers.
The Volunteers Band played the Dead March and a Firing Party from the Sandbach Section of the Volunteer Regiment Under Lieutenant Ferrand fired three volleys over the grave.
A buglers from the Reserve Battalion and two buglers from the **Bradwall Training School Boys** sounded the Last Post.

M Pimblott (or W Pimblott)
NUMBER Private 56411 of the 11th Battalion Hampshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – 21 November 1918
BURIED Ascq Communal Cemetery, Nord, France.
FAMILY Unkn

William Rowe
NUMBER Private 2415 of the 1/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds at Sea on the 20 August 1915.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Lived in Sandbach

Jehu Sherwin
NUMBER Private 2836 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action at Gallipoli on the 13 August 1915 aged 19.
BURIED Commemorated on the Helles Memorial in Turkey.
FAMILY The son of Thomas Sherwin of 54 Back Lane, (Now Manor Road) Sandbach.

Frederick Street (also on St John's Sandbach Heath and Wesleyan Chapel in Sandbach Heath.)
NUMBER Private 20393 of the 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds in Flanders on the 17 February 1916.
BURIED Commemorated at West Vlaanderren Belgium.
FAMILY Unkn

Harry Street
NUMBER Gunner Royal Garrison Artillery.
DIED / AGE - Unkn
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Unkn

Alfred Stringer (Also at St John's Sandbach Heath, Weslyan Chapel Sandbach Heath)
NUMBER Private 2826 of the 1st/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action at Gallipoli on the 18 September 1915.
BURIED Commemorated at the Helles Memorial in Turkey.
FAMILY Unkn

Norman Luther Thornhill
NUMBER Private in the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died at home of Pneumonia on the 9 November 1918 aged 20.
BURIED St John's Church, Sandbach Heath in the family grave.
FAMILY The son of Luther and Fanny Thornhill they lived at the Oddfellows Public House at the Top of the Hill, Sandbach Heath.

W. G. Upton (William George Upton)

(also on the Sandbach, Sandbach School and Sandbach Heath Memorials)
NUMBER Lieutenant 213th Squadron, Royal Air Force.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 4 October 1918 at the age of 20
William George Upton died when his plane a Sopwith Camel was shot down five miles over enemy lines during a fire-fight over Roulers in Belgium.
BURIED He is buried at Dadizelle Cemetery in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY William Upton took part in class debates and was able to pinpoint British Troops on a Map of France during Geography lessons.
A native of Betchton he lived at Dubthorn Villas the son of George Henry Upton and his mother Mrs Jessie Mary Upton later of "Graystone", Mostyn Avenue, Llandudno.
His sister Miss Alice Mary Upton was a nurse at Abbey Fields during WW1.
He had flown before the war and once flew his plane into an ash tree near his home breaking a leg and collar bone.

George Wakefield (***Private 11743 .D. 20 Nov 1916 as part of the Cheshire Regiment. Buried at St John's Sandbach Heath. Son of Margaret Ann Wakefield and the late Frank Wakefield***)
NUMBER Private 11743 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died from wounds received at the Battle of the Somme, France on the 20 November 1916 when in Hospital in Chelsea aged 24.
BURIED St John's Sandbach Heath in the family grave.
FAMILY The son of Mrs Margaret Ann Wakefield and the late Frank Wakefield of South View, Sandbach Heath.
(**Also a Relative of the Hovey Family who owned ZAN**)

Seth Walley (***NOT ON THE MEMORIAL ONLY ON A GRAVE***)
NUMBER Private 34276 of the 1st / 9th Battalion Manchester Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 12 September 1917.
BURIED Commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Zonebeke, West Vlaanderen in Belgium.
Remembered on his parents grave at St John's, Sandbach Heath.
FAMILY Seth lived at 62 Heath Road, Sandbach the son of Joseph and Ann Walley.

Ernest Wood
NUMBER Lance Corporal S/111772 of the Gordon Highlanders.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 18 August 1916.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme in France.
FAMILY A native of Mow Cop. Prior to the war he was the chauffer to Mrs Kennedy of Brookside.

Mark Wood (also on the Family grave at St John's, Sandbach Heath and Roll of Honour.
Also on The Heath Wesleyan Chapel, Sandbach Heath.
NUMBER Corporal 40717 of the 1st Field Ambulance, South Africa Medical Corps.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 28 December 1914 aged 37 on his way to Cape Town, on the Hospital Ship "EBANI".
BURIED Interred at Swakopmund Municipal Cemetery at Walvis Bay, Namibia, South Africa.
FAMILY Mark was the son of Mark and Annie Wood and the husband of Nellie Wood.
He had previously been serving in India.

# #20f SANDBACH METHODIST CHURCH

**/ WESLEY AVENUE Methodist Church.**

## 1914 -1918 (9 Died)

Samuel Bolshaw (Sandbach Methodist Church and on the Market Square Memorial)
NUMBER Private 1st Battalion Kings Royal Rifles
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 28 Oct 1914.
BURIED Unknown
FAMILY His father had died before his son's death while his mother lived in Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel.

He managed a Butcher's shop in 8 Welles Street, Sandbach for his Aunt Mrs Mary Bolshaw, who he had lived with since the age of 12. He attended Cranage School and had been a member of the School Choir.
He later trained as a butcher.
At the start of the 20th century Samuel joined the army and served in Egypt, Malta and Gibraltar for seven years.
He was one of the Crack Shots in the Regiment and in one year he won the battalion prize.
He then left the army when his Uncle John Edward Bolshaw died and his aunt asked him to take over the butchers shop as manager for her.
On the 4 August 1914 he received his papers instructing him to re-enlist which he did at Winchester.
Samuel was one of the first men in Sandbach to be killed in Action.

Frank Cooke (also at Market Square)

NUMBER Captain 58898 of the 131st Bty. Royal Horse Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Died in action on the 16 March 1915 aged 25.
BURIED France
FAMILY Frank previously served in India and South Africa before going to France.
He is also on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour.

George Davies (also on the Sandbach Memorial)

NUMBER L/Captain 1272 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Monday 23 August 1915 aged 22.
BURIED Commemorated in Turkey.
FAMILY the son of William Davies of 8 Welles Street, Sandbach.

Henry Greenwood (also at St John's Sandbach Heath)

NUMBER Captain 18520 "A" Bty. 148th Bde. Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Died at a casualty Clearing Station on the 17 June 1917 aged 26.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs J Greenwood of Day Green, Hassall, Nr Sandbach.
He used to live in a Thatched Cottage on Wrights Lane, Sandbach Heath.
Prior to the war he had joined the Lancashire Police Force and before that had worked at Fodens.
He is also remembered on the grave of William and Ann Hough at Sandbach cemetery.

Samuel Leese

NUMBER Captain 290082 of the 1st/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Monday 26 March 1917 in Egypt.
BURIED Commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel and on the Memorial at Sandbach and Wheelock as well as the Plaque in the Wesley Avenue Methodist Church.
FAMILY Samuel was married and lived in Malkins Bank.
He was the son of Mr Leese of Chapel Street, Sandbach and had been employed at the Sandbach Water Works.

William Henry Stockton (on the Sandbach, Sandbach Heath and Wesley Avenue Memorials)

NUMBER Private 36447 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 19 February 1917 aged 27.
BURIED Commemorated at Basra Memorial in Iraq
FAMILY The son of William and M Stockton of Bradwall Road, Sandbach.
Before the war he worked at Mr George Leese's Shop for 13 years and attended the Wesley Avenue Church and was a member of the Young Man's Institute.

Harry Walley

NUMBER Private 64846 of the 8th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 6th January 1919 age 24.
BURIED Mikra British Cemetery, Calamari, Greece.
FAMILY The son of Thomas and Elizabeth Walley of 3 Newfield Street, Sandbach

Edward Wilkinson (Also on Sandbach Memorial and Wesley Avenue, Methodist Church).

NUMBER Lance Corporal 1266 of the 1st/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 27 September 1915 in Gallipoli.

BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Born in Wheelock he is mentioned on the 1st Sandbach and
1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour 1915.
Edwards parents lived at Bradwall Street, Sandbach.
(Brother of Harry Wilkinson – See below)

Harry Wilkinson (Also on Sandbach Memorial and Wesley Avenue, Methodist Church).
NUMBER Private 2001 of the 1/7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds at Sea on the 20 August 1915 aged 28.
BURIED Commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Turkey.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he also enlisted in the town.
He is mentioned on the 1st Sandbach and 1st Wheelock Boys Brigade Roll of Honour 1915.
His parents lived at Bradwall Street and Harry was the Husband of Alice Wilkinson of 31 Bradwall Street, Sandbach.
(Brother of Edward Wilkinson – See below)

## 1939-45

Ft Sgt Frank Oswald Cooke RAF

# #20g SANDBACH SCHOOL

## 1914 -1918 (= Time at Sandbach School)

William Frederick Allen (1907-08) (Second Lieutenant W. F. Allen)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant attd. 2nd / 4th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment
DIED / AGE - 9 Oct 1917 aged 24
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Son of Frederica Fanny Crofton (Formally Allen) of the
Red House, Therlwall in Warrington and born in Bermuda.
Now at 65 Luton Road, Chatham, Kent.

Charles Atkinson (1892-1894) (Added at end of first board after Wheatley)
NUMBER Lieutenant 171st Coy Labour Corps attached to
the Chineese Labour Corps
DIED / AGE - 4 July 1919 aged 40
BURIED France
FAMILY Son of John and Sarah Atkinson of 18 High town, Crewe and
Husband of Earmin M Atkinson (or Aitkinson) of
"Rathlea", Richmond Close, Crewe

Harry Barker (1898-1900) (Also on the Elworth Memorial)
NUMBER Private 40390 8th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.
DIED / AGE - Killed in Action on the 25 Jan 1918 aged 23.
He survived for half an hour after being wounded.
BURIED France
FAMILY Son of Mr and Mrs Edwin Barker of Wood Lane, Bradwall, Sandbach
He was born in Elworth and had only been on service abroad for 6 months.
He formally worked at the electro Bleach and Dye Company at Middlewich.

Edwin Booth (1897 -1901)
NUMBER Private 114417 of the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles
(Sackatchewan Regiment)
DIED / AGE – 5 June 1916 aged 30.
BURIED Ypres in Belgium
FAMILY Son of Edward Charles and Florence Booth of 5 Chester Bridge, Crewe.
He was educated at Sandbach School.

Harold Bradley (1907-1908) (Private Harold Brasley .D. 19 Aug 1915)
NUMBER Private 2570 of the 1/ 10th Manchester Regiment
And the 2/10th Manchester Regiment
DIED / AGE - Died on the 19 August 1915 aged 22 on board the Hospital Ship
"Galika" from wounds received at Gallipoli.
BURIED Unknown
FAMILY He lived at Middleton in Manchester.

J Brocklehurst (1904-1909) (Sergeant John Brocklehurst .D. 2 July 1916)
NUMBER Sergeant 6345 of the 16th Battalion Manchester Regiment
DIED / AGE - Killed on the (1st or) 2 July 1916 in France aged 25.
BURIED
FAMILY Lived at 8 Leadsmithy Street, Middlewich.

Ben Fletcher Chapman (1900-1906) (.D. 19 Apr 1917)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant (Temp), Hong Kong and Singapore Mountain Bty., Royal Garrison Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 19 April 1917 in Gaza.
BURIED Gaza War Cemetery, Israel.
FAMILY Lived at Ivy Bank, Holgate, York.

James Twemlow Cooper (1893-1895)
NUMBER Gunner 131217 of the 12th Bty. 35th Bde. Royal Field Artillery
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 7th October 1917 aged 37.
BURIED Commemorated in Belgium
FAMILY The son ofCharles and Anna Barrington Cooper of "The Hawthorns", Elworth. He was educated at Sandbach School and Elworth Memorial.

Edward Mosley Cope (1909-1912)
NUMBER Lieutenant in the Prince of Wales (North Staffordshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE – 3 June 1919 while attached to the 52nd Leicestershire Regiment aged 23.
BURIED Cologne in Germany
FAMILY The son of George and Jane Cope of Rope Hall, Nantwich

Richard William Eachus (1909-1912) (also on the Sandbach Memorial)
NUMBER Private 2286 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Thursday 19 August 1915 aged 17 when he was killed in action at Sulva Bay, Gallipoli.
BURIED Commemorated in Turkey.
FAMILY The son of Frank and Victoria E Eachus of the Square, Sandbach.

W. H. Fortnam (1908-1910)
NUMBER Private PS/9009 of the 24th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action 31 July 1916 aged 22.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France.
FAMILY Born in Drayton House, Willenhall, Staffordshire he was the son of George and Eliza Fortnam and was educated at Sandbach School.

Leonard Gibson (1906-1908) (also on the Sandbach Memorial and Sandbach School)
NUMBER Pioneer 91566 Royal Engineers / Cheshire Regiment (Sandbachian entry)
DIED / AGE – Died of ill health at home in Malkins Bank on the 19 December 1917 / 20 December 1917 (Sandbachian Entry).
He was sent home from the front in France during January 1915 as his health failed, he was 22 when he died.
BURIED at St Mary's Graveyard.
FAMILY He was the son of Thomas and Hannah Gibson of Malkins Bank, Sandbach
**His brother William Gibson also died in the war on the 12 Nov 1916**.

Sydney Hall (1896-1899) (also on the Sandbach School, Sandbach and Sandbach Heath Memorial)
NUMBER C.S.M. 42119 of the 17th Battalion Manchester Regiment (Formally 13883 King's Shropshire Light Infantry)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 28 June 1917 when he was hit by a shell and was killed instantly.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was the son of Peter and Margaret Hall of Betchton Cottage, Newcastle Road, Sandbach.
He went to school at the Church of England School, Sandbach and later Sandbach School (1896-1899).
He then went to work at Sandbach Post Office and then Shrewsbury Post Office.
Sydney joined the war soon after it started he joined up in Shrewsbury and was wounded in France. After his wounds had healed he became a drill instructor at Prees Heath in Shropshire but rejoined the front in

May 1917 just a month before he was killed.

Tom Hall (1908-1909)

NUMBER Private 371 of the 17th Battalion Australian Infantry.
DIED / AGE – 27 August 1915 at Gallipoli aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated on the Sandbach School Memorial and the Lone Pine Memorial in Turkey as well as the Anzac Hill in Alice Springs (Northern Australia) a memorial to all the Australian Forces in Anzac and all the Casualties of War.
FAMILY He is the son of Thomas and Margaret Anne Hall of Stockton Brook, Staffordshire and formally of "Penryn", Waterloo Road, Burslem.
He was educated at Sandbach School.
He joined the services in Australia after emigrating for the sake of his health.

Alfred John Haughton (1892-1895) (First School Member to die 24 July 1915 in the Sandbachian)

NUMBER Lieutenant in the 9th Territorial Battalion, Durham Light Infantry.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 24 June 1915 at the Second Battle of Ypres in Flanders.
BURIED At Kemmel Chateau Military Cemetery, Heuvelland in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY Born at Bank House, Sandbach in 1881.
He was educated at Sandbach School between 1892 and 1895.
Also on a **Plaque in St Mary's Church**.

T. W. Houghton (1909-1913) (2nd Lieut. Tom Whitfield Houghton)

NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant Machine Gun Corps (Motor)
DIED / AGE – Died in action on the 21 April 1919 aged 22.
BURIED At Damascus War cemetery in Syria.
FAMILY (see Biography)

H. J. P. Howard (1909-1910) (Private H. J. P. Howard .D. date not announced / Tba)

NUMBER
DIED / AGE -
BURIED
FAMILY

Seymour Jackson (1906-1911)

NUMBER Private 20/40483 of the 20th Battalion Manchester Regiment (Formally the 2148 Cheshire Yeomanry)
DIED / AGE – Died of wound received in France on the 4 October 1917.
BURIED in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY Born Sheldon, son of Alfred Joseph and Clara Louisa Jackson (nee Cadman) of Chesterton Staffordshire.
He lived at Ivy Cottage, Elworth Street and was educated at Sandbach School (1906-1911).

Frank Lunt (1902-1907) (also on Market Square Memorial)

NUMBER Sergeant 1261 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – 19 September 1915 at Gallipoli.
He was dressing a wound of a comrade at Sulva Bay, Gollipoli.
BURIED Azmak Cemetery, Suvia in Turkey.
FAMILY The son of Mr and Mrs **Edwin Lunt who owned an Ironmongers shop** in the town.
The family lived at Hightown (Above the Shop)
Frank went to Sandbach School in 1902 and became 'Head boy' and was also a School Praeposter and winner of the Evans Medal.
On leaving school Frank went to work for his father and in 1911 he started his military service with the old "G" Company of the 7th Cheshire Battalion under Captain H.L. Moir of Brereton Hall.
Frank was made Corporal when the company left Sandbach on a Memorable Sunday Morning soon after the war was declared.
When Frank was made Sergeant he was moved to the 1st Battalion under Major Reade of Congleton.
The Cheshire Territorials as they were known went to the Dardanelles and took part in the landings at Suvla Bay.
Captain H.L. Moir wrote about the battle, "Dysentery was proving

troublesome and since the early days of the landing has caused far more havoc among the troops than Turkish shells or bullets."
A letter from Major Reade stated that "Sergeant Lunt was in charge of a Party covering some engineers while at work when he was shot. Sergeant Lunt was of the highest character. He could always be relied upon and latterly had been in charge of an entire platoon, which he commanded with ability. No-one could fail to like him and I have lost an excellent Sergeant and valued comrade."

Frank Moss (1910-1911)

NUMBER Lance Corporal 122321 20th Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 24 March 1918 aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated in Nord, France.
FAMILY The son of John and Susan Eleanor Moss of the Limes, Chester Road, Middlewich and he was educated at Sandbach School.

Alfred Stanhope O'Dwyer (1912- 1914)

NUMBER (Temporary) 2nd Lieutenant of the 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 29 July 1916 aged 19.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme in France.
FAMILY Educated at Manchester Grammar, King's School Macclesfield and Sandbach School where he was a Praeposter and winner of the Evans Medal in 1913.
He was reading for Holy Orders at Bangor University before he joined the army and was known as "Laddie".
The son of Stanhope and Maud O'Dwyer of "Glencoin", Bramhall Road, Bramhall, Cheshire.

F Parker (1903- 1906)

NUMBER Sergeant in the Army (Unit not known).
DIED / AGE -
BURIED
FAMILY The son of William Parker and lived at Chelford Bridge, Middlewich. Educated at Sandbach School he is on the Middlewich and Sandbach School Memorials.

Gerald Pearson (1908 – 1913)

NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant in the 45th Squadron Royal Flying Corps.
DIED / AGE – On the 29 October 1917 aged 19.
(His Squadron flew Sopwith Camels)
BURIED Hazebrouk Communal Cemetery in Nord, France.
FAMILY He was the son of Arthur and Lucy Ada Pearson of "Ashleigh" 293 Nantwich Road, Crewe.
He was educated at Sandbach School.

G. E. S. Poole (1899-1903)

NUMBER Unknown
DIED / AGE – Unknown
BURIED Unknown
FAMILY Resided at 29 Alexandra Road, Waterloo in Liverpool

Frank Molineaux Reaney (1904-1910)

NUMBER Rifleman S/722 of the 12th Battalion Rifle Brigade.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 7th October 1916 aged 21.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France.
FAMILY Frank was the son of Mary J Reaney of 82 Kirkhams, Bury Old Road, Prestwick, Manchester.
He was a pupil at Sandbach School.

Frederick William Redfern (1902-1904)

NUMBER Private CH/20640 of the Royal Marine Light Infantry.
DIED / AGE – 26 October 1917.
BURIED Commemorated in West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY Unkn

C Shaw (1906-1907)

NUMBER Private in the Universities and Public Schools Battalion.
DIED / AGE - Unkn

BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Educated at Sandbach School and lived at 154 Belgrade Road, Oldham.

Frederick Alvin Sproston (1910-1912)
NUMBER
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 30 July 1918 aged 22.
BURIED Oulchy-Le-Chateau Churchyard in Aisne, France.
FAMILY The son of Charles Frederick and Elizabeth Annie Sproston of the Tannery, Middlewich he was educated at Sandbach School.

Alan Stevenson (1909-1912)
NUMBER Captain (Temporary) of the 13th Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 26 September 1916 while attached to the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
BURIED
FAMILY He was a **Schoolmaster at Sandbach School** between 1909 and 1912.

John Frederick Tanner (1902-1904)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant of the 11th Battalion Sherwood Foresters.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 21 February 1919 aged 32.
BURIED Friezland (Christ Church) Churchyard in Yorkshire.
FAMILY The son of the late Herbert H and Margaret Tanner of Rock Villa, Greenfield near Oldham. He was educated at Sandbach School.

Frank Taylor (1910-1912)
NUMBER Private 4249 of the Public Schools 21st Battalion the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 16 January 1916 aged 19 by a German Sniper.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Born in Middlewich he was known to have lived at Heath Cottage and was educated at Sandbach School.

W. G. Upton (1911-1915) William George Upton
(also on the Sandbach, Sandbach School and Sandbach Heath Memorials)
NUMBER Lieutenant 213th Squadron, Royal Air Force.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 4 October 1918 at the age of 20
William George Upton died when his plane a Sopwith Camel was shot down five miles over enemy lines during a fire-fight over Roulers in Belgium.
BURIED He is buried at Dadizelle Cemetery in West Vlaanderen, Belgium and commemorated with a plaque in St Mary's Church (On the Right when looking at the altar).
FAMILY William Upton took part in class debates and was able to pinpoint British Troops on a Map of France during Geography lessons.
A native of Betchton he lived at Dubthorn Villas the son of George Henry Upton and his mother Mrs Jessie Mary Upton later of "Graystone", Mostyn Avenue, Llandudno.
His sister Miss Alice Mary Upton was a nurse at Abbey Fields during WW1.
He had flown before the war and once flew his plane into an ash tree near his home breaking a leg and collar bone.

Oliver Wakefield (1909-1913) (also on the Sandbach Memorial)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 21 February 1921.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Educated at Sandbach School.
Prior to the war Oliver worked as a Bank Clerk in Nantwich.
He was one of seven children born to John and Annie Wakefield who owned the Draper's shop at 11 High Street, Sandbach.

Cyril Richard Ward (1895-1900)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Royal Engineers (East Lancastrian)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action in France on the 14 July 1916 aged 32.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Educated at Sandbach School and at the School of Technology in Manchester and was a member of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Cyril lived at Everard Villa, Nantwich Road, Crewe.

Rutland Villiers Wheatley (1900-1905)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant (T/Lt) of the 6th Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 29 November 1917.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Rutland was born in Sheffield and educated at Sandbach School.

William Clarke Wheatley (1908-1909) (Also under W. I. Wheatley)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant of the 9th Battalion the Rifle Brigade
(The Prince Consort's Own)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 3rd May 1917.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY He lived at 52 Market Street, Crewe and was educated at Sandbach School.

## 1939 -1945

H. E. Banks (1936-1940)
A. R. Bennett (1937-1942)
G. E. N. Birchall (1930-1937)
W Bullock (1930-1936)
C. H. Dean (1927-1934)
A. T. Downing (1933-1939)
J. G. Faulkner (1928-1935)
J. E. Ford (1930-1934)
I. J. Herd (1928-1933)
G Hill (1922-1925)
K Hope (1926-1933)
A Holland (1925-1927)
O Jones (1926-1930)
J. H. Kinsey (1928-1934)
G Langmead (1934-1941)
S Newton (1935-1939)
K. W, Pollack (1917-1919)
R. H. Rigby (1928-1933)
W. J. Rowe (1930-1934)
H. W. C. Rowe (1929-1937)
R. O. Stagg (1935-1940)
K Stubbs (1935-1940)
J Tipping (1921-1924)
A Woodward (1931-1936)

# #20h SMALLWOOD (Church of St John the Baptist)

Percy Bowden Chappell
NUMBER Private 20079 of the 15th Battalion Royal Scots
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 1 July 1916 aged 18.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France
FAMILY The son of John William and Elizabeth Chappell of
The Dog and Setter Hotel, Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire.
He lived in Smallwood.

Samuel Davies
NUMBER Private 13241 of the 9th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action 29 March 1917 aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated in Iraq
FAMILY Born and lived in Smallwood he enlisted in Crewe.

Herbert Tunstall
NUMBER Private CH/17390 of the Royal Marine Light Infantry
DIED / AGE – Died on the 26 October 1917 aged 23.
BURIED Commemorated in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
FAMILY

# #20i WARMINGHAM (St Leonard Church)

Richard Ashley
NUMBER Sgt 7943 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE - 19 Oct 1914 of his wounds.
BURIED France
FAMILY son of W Ashley of Elton Cottage, Sandbach
Born at Elton he enlisted at Chester.

William Boulton
NUMBER Private 18373 of the 7th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 24 April 1916 in France.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Born in Warmingham the son of John and Ann Boulton of
Moss Farm Warmingham.
He Enlisted in Aldershot

Joseph Thomas
NUMBER Private 51554 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 26 October 1918 in France.
BURIED Nord in France.
FAMILY Born and lived in Elton he enlisted at Crewe. Joseph was
the only son of John James and Mary Thomas of Clay Lane, Elton.

# #20j WHEELOCK AND HASSELL

## (Memorial Statue in Churchyard)

## 1914 -1918 (37 Died)

Frederick George Allen
NUMBER Sgt 686821 550th Bty. 330th Bde Royal Field Artillery
DIED / AGE - 25 on the 28 Apr 1917 (Sat) from wounds received in France.
BURIED In Longuenesse (St Omer) Souvineer Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
FAMILY The son of Ernest Edgar Allcock and Ann Allen Allcock

William Astle (Also on the Sandbach Memorial)
NUMBER Private 292806 1st / 14th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE - 26 Oct 1918 of his wounds
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY Husband of Mrs M Benson (Formally Astle) of
74 Union Street, Sandbach

Richard Ayres (also on Sandbach Memorial)
NUMBER Private 11679 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.
DIED / AGE - In Action on Friday 16 Aug 1918.
BURIED France
FAMILY Married (*Name not known so far*) and living in Union Street.

Ernest Beardmore
NUMBER Private 29137 of the 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action 17 Dec 1917 (Mon) aged 22.
BURIED Commemorated on Jerusalem Memorial in Israel
FAMILY Son of George and Sarah Beardmore of 25 Forge Fields, Wheelock

Joseph Boulton (Also on the Brunner Mond Memorial)
NUMBER Private 49294 of the 16th Battalion the Lancashire Fusileers
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Wednesday 2 October 1918
BURIED at Aisne in France
FAMILY The son of Mrs E Boulton of Elworth Street, Sandbach.

George Henry Bourne
NUMBER Private 12621 of the 1st Battalion Irish Guards.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 20 Oct 1918.
BURIED Commemorated in France.
FAMILY Born one of 10 Children with six brothers serving in the army.
He was the Husband of Alice Bourne (Married 3 Weeks prior to his death)
of 113 Market Street, Crewe and worked at the Crewe Goods Sheds

before enlisting.

John James Butler

NUMBER L/Captain 54671 of the 16th Battalion The Manchester Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Thursday 21 March 1918 aged 19 years.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France
FAMILY He was the son on John Thomas and Maria Butler of Wheelock and is also commemorated on the family grave at Christ Church. Prior to the war John J Butler was an agricultural labourer for Mr Witter at his farm in Wheelock Heath.

Arthur Cooke

NUMBER Private 50366 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Friday 19 October 1917 aged 21.
BURIED Commemorated in Belgium
FAMILY The Son of G.H. Cooke and fanny Cooke of 500 Crewe Road, Wheelock.

George William Cooke

NUMBER Private 244302 of the 5th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Of an accident on Wednesday 6 February 1917 in France aged 28.
BURIED Calais, France.
FAMILY The son of W and Sarah Cooke of 29 Rotherne Terrace, Wheelock Heath, Sandbach, he is remembered on the grave of his parents and sister Emma at Christ Church, Wheelock.

Herbert Cooper

NUMBER Private 32582 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action 27 Oct 1916.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France
FAMILY Born in Sandbach

Charles Dickenson / Charles Dickinson

NUMBER Private 28511 of the 8th Battalion King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Wednesday 21 August 1918.
BURIED France
FAMILY Unknown

William Dixon (also on the Brunner Mond Memorial)

NUMBER Private 290188 of the 9th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Friday 3 August 1917 aged 23.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY The son of John and Alice Dixon of 646 Liverpool Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan. He was born in Wheelock and lived at Canalside, Wheelock and worked at Brunner Mond.

Albert Dodd (also on the Market Square Memorial)

NUMBER Private 35529 of the 13th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – 2 April 1917 aged 23.
BURIED At St Mary's Church
FAMILY Lived at Elworth Street, Sandbach

William Gibson (also on the Sandbach Memorial)

NUMBER Gunner 706701 "A" Bty 237th Bde Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Sunday 12 November 1916 aged 25.
BURIED Commemorated at **Ypres on the Menin Gate**, Memorial and also at Leper in West Vlaanderen in Belgium.
FAMILY Born in Betchton he was the son of Thomas and Hannah Gibson of Malkins Bank, Sandbach. He was the Husband of Matilda Gibson (Later Matilda Pratt) of 214 Conway Street, Birkenhead.
**His brother Leonard Gibson also died in the war on the 19 Dec 1917**.

Ernest Guest (also on the Sandbach Memorial)

NUMBER L / Corporal 34715 of the 11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in action at the Battle of Messines on Thursday 7 June 1917 aged 24.
BURIED Mesen in Belgium
FAMILY The son of Joseph and Mary Guest of 17 Coldmoss Heath

(Now Hassell Road), Sandbach

Arthur Harrison (also on the Sandbach Memorial)

NUMBER L/ Captain 15459 of the 8th Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Sunday 16 May 1916 at Ovillers, France at the age of 26.
BURIED Commemorated at the Somme, France Memorial.
FAMILY He was the son of Mrs Betsy Harrison of 517 Crewe Road, Wheelock.

Joseph Johnson

NUMBER Rifleman Z/831 of the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Friday 15 January 1915 aged 28.
BURIED France.
FAMILY The son of William and Esther Johnson of Ettley Heath.
Husband of Agnes May Kenderdine (formerly Johnson) of 7 Honeywell, Stoke on Trent.

John Howard Vincent Latham

NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force.
DIED / AGE – Died in a flying accident on the 20 April 1918 aged 19.
BURIED at the family grave in St Michael's Churchyard, Grimsargh, Lancashire.
FAMILY The son of Howard and Emma Alice Latham of 7 Sunny Bank, Grimsargh, Lancashire.
The family originated at Wheelock and Howard (Father) was a worker at Crewe Railway Station before moving to Grimsargh, Lancashire where he became the Station Master there.

Thomas Mason

NUMBER Private 33268 of the 8th Battalion, Boarder Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 5th June 1917 aged 21.
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY The son of Charles Henry and Eliza Jane Mason of Crescent Villas, Malkins Bank.
Before joining up Thomas was employed by Mr Gorst of Hassell Green.

Fred Moses

NUMBER Lance Corporal 27351 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Tuesday 9 October 1917.
BURIED Commemorated in Belgium
FAMILY Born in Wheelock.

Wilfred Henry Newton

NUMBER Captain 63549 of the 163rd Siege Battalion, Royal Garrison Artillery.
DIED / AGE – 30 November 1917 aged 21 in France.
BURIED France
FAMILY The son of John and Hannah Newton of Pear Tree House, Wheelock.

Thomas Edward Peakman

NUMBER Private 13838 of the 11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on Thursday 7 June 1917 Aged 23.
He died at the 3rd Battle of Ypres, Messines.
BURIED Commemorated in Ypres in Belgium.
FAMILY Born in Haslington he was the son of Earnest A and Martha Peakman of 631 Crewe Road, Wheelock.
Thomas was formally a goods porter at LNWR in Crewe.

Luther Postles

NUMBER Private 29021 of "B" Company 1st / 7th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action in Egypt on Monday 26 March 1917 aged 24.
BURIED Commemorated at the Jerusalem Memorial in Israel.
FAMILY The son of Thomas and Ellen Postles of Back Lane, Wheelock Heath.

Pte. James William Shepley

NUMBER Private 11626 of the (2nd or) 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 26 February 1915 (Died of his wounds)
BURIED at Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais.
FAMILY Lived in Wheelock and was the son of Mr and Mrs Albert Shepley of 471 Crewe Road, Wheelock and had a wife and child in London.
He was a noted footballer and played twice in matches between a

team from the Belgian and the Britsh Army in Brussels.
He also played Rugby for the army and played against the Dublin Army Champions.
He joined the Guards on his 21st Birthday and he served for seven years before leaving the service and joined the Metropolitan Police at Kings Cross.
At the outbreak of war he received his call up papers and rejoined his old Regiment being sent to France in September 1914. James also fought at Mons, Ypres, Hill 60 and Bassee where he fell.

Arthur Simms

NUMBER Private 34826 of the 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 1 October 1918.
BURIED Anneux British Cemetery in Nord, France.
FAMILY Arthur lived at Forge Fields, Wheelock and the flag of the Wheelock Wesleyan School was flown at half-mast on the news of his death.
Arthur had worked for J Snelson of Lightly Hill Farm before joining the army.

Ernest Smith

NUMBER Unkn
DIED / AGE - Unkn
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Unkn (Commemorated on a stone plaque in the entrance of the Wheelock Methodist Church)

Ernest Swain

NUMBER Private 291363 of the 1st / 6th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Friday the 21 September 1917 aged 19.
BURIED West Vlaanderen in Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Thomas and Emily Swain of 557 Cotton Row, Wheelock.

Daniel Trueman

(Also on the Brunner Mond Memorial, Sandbach, St Mary's Roll and Wheelock Memorial)
NUMBER Lance Corporal 6416 of the 8th Battalion the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – died on Monday 22 May 1916 aged 35.
BURIED The Amara War Cemetery in Iraq.
FAMILY The son of Samuel and Ellen Trueman of Sandbach and the Husband of Sarah Trueman (Later Mrs Sarah Challinor) of 103 Union Street, Sandbach

George Wainwright

NUMBER Private 15326 of the 2nd Battalion South Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers) (Formally 15735 of the Cheshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on Sunday 3 September 1916.
BURIED Burried at Lonsdale Cemetery, Authuille, Somme, France.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach.

George Walley

NUMBER Driver 33317 of the 250th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on Sunday the 25 August 1918 aged 27 in Flanders.
BURIED Daours Communal Cemetery, Somme, France.
FAMILY The husband of Ellen Walley of 16 Wharf Street, Wheelock.
Prior to the war George was a Boatman employed by the North Staffordshire Canal Society.

George Yates

NUMBER Private 40613 of the 21st Battalion Manchester Regiment (Formally 1649 Cheshire Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 4 October 1918 aged 25.
BURIED Commemorated on the Vis-en Artois Memorial, Pas de Calais, France.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach he was the son of William and Emily Yates of 45 Forge Fields, Wheelock.

EXTRA NAMES NOT ON MEMORIAL

Cap. Arthur Edward Consterdine (also on the Elworth Memorial)
NUMBER Captain attached to the 9th Battalion Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 26 December 1916 aged 46.
BURIED Somme, France
FAMILY The son of the Rev. James W Consterdine and Mrs M.S. Consterdine of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.
His brother lived at Holly Bank, Elworth.

Pte Andrew Holland
NUMBER Private 28492 of the 7th Battalion Australian Infantry A.I.F.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 18 August 1916
BURIED The Somme, France.
FAMILY The son of Andrew A and Sarah E Holland of Yering, Victoria, Australia.
They had lived at Hind Heath Farm and emigrated to Australia just before the war. He is commemorated in the entrance of Wheelock Methodist Church.

M.C. William Holland (W.R. Garside)
NUMBER 2nd Lieutenant of the Prince of Wales's Own West Yorkshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 18 September 1917 aged 24.
BURIED France
FAMILY The son of William and Sarah Holland of Brook Farm, Wheelock.
He is commemorated in the entrance of Wheelock Methodist Church.

Pte Frederick Howarth
NUMBER Private 26311 of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.
DIED 22 November 1918 aged 19.
BURIED- Buried at Wheelock Heath Baptist Chapel yard.
FAMILY Son of Thomas and Hannah Wilkinson of 15 Holly Bush Row, Wheelock Heath, Sandbach (Possibly adopted or 2nd Marriage?).

Pte Thomas Newton
NUMBER Private 291570 of the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Friday 1 April 1921
BURIED - Buried at Wheelock Heath Baptist Chapel yard.
FAMILY Married and lived at 16 Green Street, Sandbach

Arthur Whittle
NUMBER Sergeant 11081 of the 1st Battalion the Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 22 February 1915 in Belgium.
BURIED- Buried at Heuvelland in West Vlaanderen, Belgium.
He is also commemorated on the family grave at Christ Church Wheelock.
FAMILY He was the Husband of Alice Jane Whittle of 43 Henry Whalley Street, Mill Hill in Blackburn where he originated from.

## 1939-1945

William Chadwick
Ernest Charity
Thomas Griffin
Arthur Holland
George Leese
John Leeson
John McClymont
Fred Middling
Sidney Newton
Herbert W.C. Rowe
John W Simpson

EXTRA NAMES NOT ON MEMORIAL

John William Simpson (Stoker 1st Class P/K59296 .D. 9 Oct 1942 Aged 40 as part of the Royal Navy.
Buried at Wheelock Heath Baptist Chapel yard.)

# #20k WHEELOCK HEATH BAPTISE CHURCH

## 1914 -1918

George Oaksbury Bailey

NUMBER Private 18160 11th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE - Killed in Action on the 3 July 1916 in France aged 19.
BURIED Somme, France
FAMILY He was born in Crewe and enlisted in Crewe.
The son of William and Annie Maria Bailey who lived at
11 Brown Street, Crewe.
George also had a Brother called Ernest Edgar Bailey.

Joseph Wood

NUMBER Private 345657 of "B" Company 24th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds in France on the 21 September 1918 aged 35.
BURIED - Buried at the Point-D'Achelles Military Cemetery and commemorated at
Wheelock Heath Baptist Church.
FAMILY The son of Henry and Louisa Wood of Winterley, Sandbach.
Husband of Ann Wood of Stowford, Weston, Crewe.
Joseph was born at Wheelock Heath.

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# #20L THE FALLEN NOT ON A MEMORIAL

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Randal Alexander Casson

NUMBER Second Lieutenant 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 26 Sept 1917 at Polygon Wood, Ypres
aged 23
BURIED Belgium
FAMILY He was the son of Randal Casson Snr of Betchton House, Sandbach
and Lucy I Casson of Bron-y-garth, Portmadoc in Carnarvonshire, Wales.
(**See below**)

TD William Casson

NUMBER Major 7th Battalion The London Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 25 Sept 1915 aged 42.
BURIED Calais, France
FAMILY He was the son of Thomas and Laura Ann Casson of Portmadoc
in Carnarvonshire, Wales.
He was also the Husband of Annie Gertrude Casson of 183
Ladbroke Grove,
London and Nephew of Randal Casson of Betchton House, Sandbach
(**See above**)

C Grisdale

NUMBER Driver with the Royal Engineers
DIED / AGE – Died by Accident when he was cleaning the barrel of his Gun
a Salonika Revolver when it went off, shooting him through his
eye killing him instantly. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.
BURIED Unknown
FAMILY Lived in Bradwall Road, Sandbach

Harry Houghton

NUMBER Private 7308 of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / AGE – Died on Monday 24th August 1914 after being taken Prisoner of War.
The regiment withdrew from Wasmes to Hornu and were entrenched
alongside the Mons Road on their way to Dour. They took up defensive
positions at Audregnies where they came under attack on the 24 Aug 1914.
BURIED Commemorated in France and at Sandbach Roll of Honour in St Mary's.
FAMILY Tba

Ralph Kettell

NUMBER Private 235367 of the 1/4th South Lancashire Regiment
(Prince of Wales's Volunteers) Formally 5015 Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action in France on the 20 February 1917 aged 21.
BURIED Remembered on the family grave at Christ Church Wheelock.

FAMILY Born in Warmingham the son of Ralph and Mary Kettell of the **Forester's Arms**, Wheelock Heath.

Joseph Leech

NUMBER Private 10108 of the 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Died on the 21 July 1917 aged 26.
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY The son of George Leech of 2 Ellen Street, Mottram Road, Godley.
Joseph was married with two children and live in Union Street, Sandbach.

F Robinson

NUMBER Royal Engineers
DIED / AGE – January 1917
BURIED Unkn
FAMILY Lived at Bradwall Street.

John W Whittaker

NUMBER Private with the 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers
DIED / AGE – 25 Dec 1916 when he was with a party on Christmas day
when a shell exploded in the trench they were in and a fragment struck
John in the chest killing him instantly. He was 20 years old.
BURIED Unknown
FAMILY John had been an apprentice at Foden's Motor Works
He had joined at the start of the War.

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# #20m ST MARY'S ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-18

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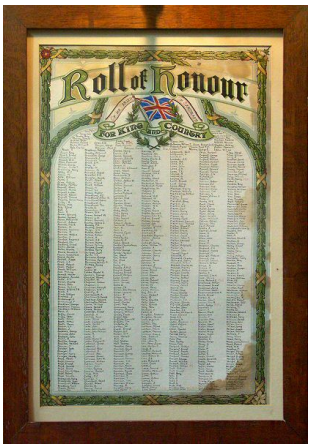


A list of all those from the Parish who served in the First World War a total of 726.

ALCOCK A
ALCOCK Ernest
ALCOCK Percy
ALLCOCK Cyril Garner (.D. 10 Apr 1916)
ALLCOCK W A
ALLEN Frederick George (.D. 28 Apr 1917)
ALLMAN George
ALLMAN Harold T
ARMSTRONG Henry
ASHLEY A J

ASHLEY W
ASTLE William (.D. 26 Oct 1918)
AYRES C
AYRES Richard (.D. 16 Aug 1918)
BADDILEY Matthew
BAGNALL Albert
BAGNALL Harold
BAGNALL Luther
BAGNALL Robert
BAGNALL Thomas
BAGULEY Farrier Thomas
BAILEY A
BAILEY W E
BAILEY William H
BALE Alfred
BALE Charles
BALL J
BANN R
BARBER Edmund
BARKER Herbert
BARON William W
BARRATT Arthur (.D. 2 June 1918)
BARROW Frank
BARROW H
BARROW Lawrence
BARROW S
BARROW Wilfred
BARTON E
BARTON Frederick
BASFORD Eli
BASFORD Ernest
BATES James
BATES Reginald
BATES Stanley [K] (.D. 29 Mar 1917)
BEARD Donald Wainwright MM = (Military Medal)
BEARD Herbert C W
BEARD Neville
BECKETT Joseph
BEECH C E
BEECH John (.D. 25 Aug 1916)
BEECH Robert
BEECH Walter
BEECH William
BELL William
BENNETT Walter [K] (.D. 10 Apr 1917)
BERESFORD Arnold (.D. 5 May 1918)
BETTS A J
BEVAN Charles
BEVAN Herbert
BEVAN John
BEVAN Wilfred J B
BIRCH F
BIRCH William
BIRCHALL J
BIRCHENOUGH A
BIRCHENOUGH F
BLACKHAM George
BLACKHAM Thomas
BLACKHAM William
BLACOWE Reuben

BLOOR E
BOFFEY Hamlet
BOFFEY Peter
BOLSHAW Samuel [K] (.D. 28 Oct 1914)
BOOTH Alfred
BOOTH Arthur
BOOTH Horace
BOOTH Walter
BOSSON G A
BOSSON J
BOSSONS George
BOSSONS John
BOSTOCK John
BOULD E
BOULTON George
BOULTON Herbert
BOURNE J
BOWKER Seth
BOWYER F
BOWYER Harry (.D. 24 Dec 1915)
BOWYER Harvey
BOYD Albert
BOYD Clemence
BOYD Ernest
BOYD Harold [K] (.D. 25 Feb 1915)
BOYD James
BOYD John William
BOYD Robert
BOYD Timothy
BRACEGIRDLE Harry
BRACEGIRDLE John
BRACEGIRDLE William
BRADBURY Frank
BRADBURY Nelson
BRADBURY William J
BRANDRETH A
BRANDRETH George [K] (.D. 26 Mar 1915)
BRANDRETH Thomas
BRATT G W
BRAY H
BREEZE W
BRENNAN M
BRERETON Albert
BRERETON E H
BRERETON Harold
BRETT Albert
BRETT Wilfred
BRETT William
BROAD H
BROAD Ted
BROAD Walter
BROADHURST A J
BROADHURST Arthur Th
BROADHURST C
BROADHURST Cedrick
BROADHURST Ebenezer
BROADHURST Tom
BROADHURST William James
BROOKS G
BROOKSHAW J W

BROWN G H
BROWN Herbert W
BROWN L D
BROWN Reginald
BUCKLEY Clarence J
BUCKLEY F E
BUCKLEY George (.D. 16 Aug 1917)
BUDGE G W
BULLAMORE William T (or W. **H**. Bullimore) (.D. 22 Feb 1919)
BULLOCK A
BULLOCK A E
BULLOCK Albert (Brigade of Guards, the Cheshire's and the Royal Army Medical Corps)
BULLOCK Arthur
BULLOCK Harry
BULLOCK William
BUMBY Percy
BURGESS Ernest
BURGESS Harry
BURGESS Jack
BURKE F E
BURROWS George
BURROWS Harry
BURROWS William
BUTTERS James
CAPPER F
CAPPER W
CASSON Randal Alexander (.D. 26 Sept 1917)
CHADWICK Fred (.D. 3 Sept 1916)
CHAMBERS Thomas
CHANTLER Albert
CHANTLER W
CHAPMAN Arthur
CHAPMAN C
CHAPMAN E O
CHAPMAN Harry E
CHARITY C
CHARLESWORTH A
CHARLESWORTH Harold
CHEETHAM Edward
CHERRINGTON William
CLARKE William
CLOWES Herbert
CLOWES James
CONDLIFFE Ernest (.D. 2 July 1917)
CONDLIFFE H
CONDLIFFE Jacob
COOKE Alfred
COOKE Frank [K] (.D. 16 Mar 1915)
COOKE Geoffrey William (.D. 6 Feb 1917)
COOKE Harold
COOKE John
COOKE John Charles
COOKE John William
COOKE R
COOKE T
COOKE Walter
COOPER Richard M
COPPENHALL J
COPPENHALL Joseph
COPPENHALL Peter

COPPENHALL R
CORWOOD Abel
CORWOOD James
CORWOOD John W
CORWOOD William
COTTON Frank
COTTON John
COTTON Sydney
COUSINS Herbert
CRAGG W H
CULLEY A J
CUNLIFFE F
DAVENPORT Albert
DAVIES Albert
DAVIES George [K] (.D. 23 Aug 1915)
DAVIES Henry
DAVIES J E
DAVIES Samuel (.D. 29 Mar 1917)
DAWSON John W (.D. 26 Apr 1918)
DEAN George
DEAN William
DENSON H
DICKINSON G Edward
DODD Albert [D] (.D. 2 Apr 1917)
DODD Harry (.D. 5 Oct 1918)
DUCKWORTH J
DUNN William (.D. 23 Dec 1917)
DUTTON Arthur W
DUTTON F
DUTTON Samuel
DUTTON T
DUTTON William A [K] (.D. 23 Dec 1917)
EACHUS Richard [K] (.D. 19 Aug 1915)
EAYRS Hugh R H
EDMONDS F
EGERTON Fred
EGERTON H
EGERTON Oliver
EGERTON Thomas
ELLIS Percy
ELSBY Albert (.D. 20 Oct 1918)
ELSBY Harry
ELSBY John (.D. 26 Nov 1917)
ELSBY Samuel
ESTCOURT F
ESTCOURT James
EVANS George E (.D. date unknown)
FAIRHURST Thomas
FARR H
FARR L
FERRAND Cyril
FINNEY F
FLAHERTY C L
FLAHERTY F
FLUX Pie MM
FODEN Dennis
FORSTER Charles Henry
FORSTER F
FORSTER George
FORSTER Herbert

FOX Albert
FOX Arthur
FOX Fred
FOX S
FOXLEY F C
FRANKS A J M
FRANKS Joseph
GAFFNEY Ernest
GARNETT William
GATER Ernest
GATER James (.b. 1877 James Richard Gater. Lived at 61 Park Lane, Sandbach)
GATER Samuel (.b. 1900 Lived at 45 The Hill, Sandbach Heath)
GIBSON C H
GIBSON G
GIBSON John Thomas
GIBSON Leonard [D] (.D. 19 / 20 Dec 1917)
GIBSON R
GIBSON William [K] (.D. 12 Nov 1916)
GODDIER John S
GORDON Wm
GORST Charles
GORST Noel
GREENWOOD Harry (.D. 17 June 1917)
GREGORY Roland
GREGORY William
GRESTY Frank
GRIFFIN Peter
GRIFFITHS Francis W
GRIFFITHS T W
GRIFFITHS W
GRIMES W
GUEST Ernest [K] (.D. 7 June 1917)
HALDEN G P
HALDEN W H
HALL Herbert
HALL M
HALL Stephen
HALL Sydney [K] (.D. 28 June 1917)
HAMER F H
HAMPTON Herbert (.D. 8 Nov 1918)
HAMPTON Harry
HANCOCK David
HANCOCK F P
HANCOCK George
HANCOCK H
HANCOCK T W
HANCOCK Thomas
HANCOCK W [K] (.D. 11 Apr 1918)
HARRISON Arthur (.D. 16 July 1916)
HARRISON Frank
HARRISON Frederick
HARRISON Harold
HARRISON Jesse DCM
HARRISON S
HARRISON T
HARRISON T W
HARRISON William
HARROP Bert
HARROP E
HAWKINS A W

HAWKINS Harry
HEALEY Charles E
HEALEY Percy
HEATH Arthur
HESLINGTON P
HEWITT D
HEWITT Ernest
HICKSON D R A
HILDITCH Bryan
HILDITCH Norman
HINDLEY Albert
HINETT H
HOCKENHULL H
HOCKENHULL Norman
HOCKENHULL Ralph
HODGKINSON W
HODGSON C
HOLLAND T
HOLLAND W E
HOPWOOD W
HORSLEY John
HOUGHTON Harry [K] (.D. 24 Aug 1914)
HUDSON Harry
HUDSON W H
HUDSON William
HUGHES A
HUGHES Frank [K] (.D. 22 Oct 1914)
HUGHES James E
HUGHES John H L
HULME Ernest
HULME George
HULME Henry
HULME Jack
HULME Job
HULME Thomas
JACKSON A
JACKSON A E
JACKSON F
JACKSON Seymour [D] (.D. 4 Oct 1917)
JACKSON Thomas (.D. 7 Oct 1917)
JEPSON James
JINKS W
JODDRELL Harry
JOHN William M
JOHNSON A
JOHNSON Charles
JOHNSON Daniel [K] (.D. 6 Nov 1916)
JOHNSON Dennis
JOHNSON E
JOHNSON Frank
JOHNSON H
JOHNSON J
JOHNSON Thomas
JONES Alec (.D. 5 Nov 1918)
JONES Alfred
JONES Ernest [CF]
JONES H B
JONES Horace
JONES J H
JONES Robert

JONES Sydney
JONES W
JOYCE Percy
JOYCE William
KAY John R
KAYE Herbert
KELLY B
KELLY Charles
KELLY John [K] (.D. 17 Feb 1917)
KELLY Patrick
KELLY Peter [K] (.D. 28 Nov 1916)
KERSHAW Frederick (.D. Unkn)
KESTEVEN Harry (.D. 30 Dec 1917)
KETTELL H
KINGSTON Frederick
KINGSTON Harold
LANE W Lovatt
LARVIN T
LATHAM Alec
LATHAM Alfred
LATHAM Frank **[MC**]
LATHAM Thomas
LAWSON Percy L
LEA Frederick
LEA Harry
LEA J W
LEA John William [K] (.D. 8 May 1915)
LEA Percy James
LEA Walter E
LEACH A
LEATHER Herbert
LEATHER William H
LEES Arthur W
LEES J E
LEES James Crane
LEES Richard E
LEESE Frank [D] (.D. 6 Mar 1918)
LEESE James Mr James Lees of 25 Forge Fields who had joined the Cheshire Regiment on the 10th December 1915 was discharged from the army on the 24 July 1917. He applied to the War Relief Fund on the grounds that he was unable to keep his wife, 5 children with the eldest child being 4 years old on an a pension of £2 a week as he was unable to work. He had been a chemical labourer before he joined the army. The War Relief Fund felt they were unable to help him as it was not a case for the Committee. (*3 January 1918 Meeting*))
LEESE Samuel [K] (.D. 26 Mar 1917)
LEIGHTON William P
LEWIS Arthur
LEWIS Jack
LEWIS John T (.D. 31 July 1918)
LEWIS Joseph
LITTLE T
LOMAS Arthur
LOMAS C
LONGDEN J
LONGTON James
LONGWORTH Bert
LONGWORTH H
LOVATT O
LOVELADY J F
LOWE A D

LOWE A L
LOWE Ernest
LOWE Harry
LOWE J H
LOWE John
LOWE Sydney H
LOWE T E
LOWE Walter
LOYNES A
LOYNES G
LOYNES H
LUNT Frank [K] (.D. 19 Sept 1915)
LUNT Sydney
LYNES Albert
MADDOCK Harry
MADDOCK William
MAINWARING Arthur
MAJOR F
MALEY James
MARSHALL Percy
MARTIN G J
MARTIN J
MASKERY Francis
MASON Cecil
MASON Harry
MASON James
MASON W
MASSEY Cyril
MATTHEWS Samuel
MATTHEWS Thomas
MELLOR Albert E
MELLOR Arthur
MELLOR Frank
MELLOR Harry
MELLOR Jacob
MELLOR John T
MELLOR Leonard [K] (.D. 12 July 1916)
MELLOR T
MELLOR W
MELLOR Wilfred E
MERCER John [D] (.D. 13 Feb 1917)
MERRETT Frank
METCALFE F
MILWARD Charles
MILWARD Harry
MINSHULL Arthur
MITCHELL Charles W
MITCHELL Martin
MORGAN Alfred
MORGAN Arthur
MORGAN Charles
MORGAN Frank
MORREY Arthur
MORREY Frank
MORREY Harry
MORREY James
MORRIS W
MOSES Fred (.D. 9 Oct 1917)
MOSES George
MOSTON Arnold

MOSTON Fred
MULLINER Thomas Victor (.D. 19 Sept 1918)
MURRAY Samuel [K] (.D. 1 Aug 1917)
MYLROIE James
MYLROIE Joseph
NEWTON J J
NEWTON John
NEWTON William H (or Wilfred Henry Newton) (.D. 30 Nov 1917)
NIELD E J
NIELD Edward
NORBURY H
NORRIS George E
OAKES Abraham [D] (.D. 15 Jan 1918)
OAKES Wilfred
O'GARA E
OLLIER Harold
PARKER James
PARKES Harry
PARRY Thomas
PASS Alec
PASS Dudley
PEOVER Fred
PIERPOINT Arthur
PIERPOINT Ernest
PIERPOINT Frank
PIERPOINT Robert
PIERPOINT Thomas
PIMLOTT George
PIMLOTT William (.D. 21 Nov 1918)
PLASKETT John A
PLASKETT William Chris [K] (.D. 29 July 1916)
PLATT Arthur
PLATT Ernest
PLATT Percy
POTTS E
POTTS G
POTTS H
PRATT A
PRATT Fred
PRICE Herbert
PROPHETT George
PROPHETT John
PROPHETT Walter (.D. 10 Aug 1915)
PROPHETT William
PROUDLOVE Arnold
PROUDLOVE Herbert
PROUDLOVE John
PROUDLOVE Joseph
PROUDLOVE Walter (.D. 21 Oct 1916)
PROUDLOVE William
RAMSELL Edward
RAMSELL Thomas
RATCLIFFE J W
RICHARDS D
RICHARDSON Charles Frederick (.D. 30 Apr 1917)
ROBERTS F
ROBINSON Albert E
ROBINSON Alec
ROBINSON Arthur
ROBINSON Edmund J (.D. 8 Apr 1921)

ROBINSON Fred (.D. Jan 1917)
ROBINSON George
ROBINSON Harold
ROBINSON J W
ROBINSON S
ROSSON William J
ROWE J
ROWLEY W E
RUCK Claude
RUCK E N
RUTTER James
RYDER Alfred [K] (.D. 9 July 1916)
RYDER Frank (.D. 6 Sept 1917)
RYDER Henry
RYDER Herbert
RYDER William H
SALMON Alfred
SALMON John
SANT Arnold
SCHOLES A
SEAMAN Ernest
SHAW A
SHAW G
SHAW John
SHAW Shaw R
SHAW T
SHELLEY Thomas [D] (.D. 9 May 1918)
SHEPHERD Charles (.D. 19 Sept 1918)
SHEPHERD Harold
SHEPHERD J H
SHERRATT C
SHERRATT F R
SHERRATT Frederick
SHERRATT Samuel
SHERWIN Arthur
SIMCOX A
SIMCOX J
SIMPSON W
SKELLON F
SKERRATT J W R
SLADE Dennis
SLADE Roland E MC
SMALLWOOD Arthur
SMALLWOOD Ernest
SMALLWOOD James
SMALLWOOD Joseph (.D. 18 Sept 1915)
SMALLWOOD Walter
SMALLWOOD William H
SMITH Ernest (.D. Unkn)
SNELSON A
SNELSON John R
SNELSON John T
SNOW Sydney MM
SNOWBALL T
SPOONER A
SPOONER Frank
SPOONER W B
SPROSTON Frederick S (.D. 4 Nov 1920)
SPURRIER J W
SPURRIER Thomas

SPURRIER W
STATON Albert
STATON Allan
STATON Edward
STATON Philip
STATON Walter
STEVENSON J
STOCKTON C
STOCKTON William (.D. 19 Feb 1917)
STOKES George
STOREY R
STREET Frederick (.D. 17 Feb 1916)
STUBBS J
STUBBS P
SUTTON E
SWAIN Ernest (.D. 21 Sept 1917)
SWALES Edward R
TAYLOR D E
TAYLOR Walter
TENCH Harry
TENCH Herbert
THOMASON W
THOMPSON A
THOMPSON G E
THORLEY Major
THORNHILL John
THORNHILL Norman (.D. 9 Nov 1918)
TILLEY Alfred
TILLEY William
TOLLEY F
TRUEMAN Daniel [D] (.D. 22 May 1916)
TRUEMAN George
TRUEMAN Harold
TRUEMAN Samuel [K] (.D. 7 April 1916)
TUNNEY Thomas
TWEMLOW Cyril
TWEMLOW Wilfred
TWIGG William
TWISS Henry MM
UPTON William George (.D. 4 Oct 1918)
USHER E
VENABLES Percy
VENABLES William [K] (.D. 17 Sept 1917)
VICKERS William
VINE Arthur
VINE Charles MM (.D. 27 May 1918)
VINE John
VINE Joseph (.D. 10 Aug 1915)
VINE Thomas (Brother of Charles and Joseph)
WADE Richard
WAINWRIGHT George (.D. 3 Sept 1916)
WAINWRIGHT Jesse
WAKEFIELD Charles (.D. 8 Mar 1919)
WAKEFIELD F J
WAKEFIELD Frank
WAKEFIELD George (.D. 20 Nov 1916)
WAKEFIELD Hector
WAKEFIELD John
WAKEFIELD Oliver (.D. 21 Feb 1921)
WAKEFIELD William

WAKEFIELD William G
WALFORD John
WALKER Clarence E
WALKER H
WALL H
WALLACE Albert E
WALLACE G
WALLACE Simeon
WALLEY Ernest
WALLEY George (.D. 25 Aug 1918)
WALLEY Harry (.D. 6 Jan 1919)
WALLEY T
WALLEY William
WARBURTON Harry
WARDLE Percy
WASSALL P
WATSON John
WATSON Joseph (.D. 30 Apr 1918)
WEAVER F
WEAVER G
WEAVER Harold
WEAVER William
WEBB A E
WEBB W
WHARTON Charles
WHARTON Hugh
WHITMARSH S E J
WHITTAKER Frederick (.D. 8 Oct 1917)
WHITTAKER William
WHITTINGHAM A
WHITTINGHAM E
WHITTINGTON E
WHITTLE R
WILDE Alfred
WILDING T
WILKES D
WILKINSON E
WILKINSON Edward [D] (.D. 27 Sept 1915)
WILKINSON Harry [K] (.D. 20 Aug 1915)
WILLIAMS James
WILLIAMS John
WILSON Harry
WILSON James
WILSON Joseph
WILSON William
WITMORE T
WOOD Alfred
WOOD Harry
WOOD James Edward
WOOD Robert
WOOD W H
WOODING J
WORTH Arthur
WRIGHT Alfred
WRIGHT Arthur
WRIGHT Charles
WRIGHT Ernest
WRIGHT H
WRIGHT Joseph
WRIGHT W A

WYATT Quinton (.D. 11 Nov 1918)
YATES Percy E

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# #20n St Winefrede's Church.

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John Kelly (Also at Sandbach Memorial and St Winefrede's Church)
NUMBER Private 36152 of the 10th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 17 February 1917 aged 25.
He died while firing his machine gun.
BURIED Belgium.
FAMILY The son of Thomas and Catherine Kelly of 8 Church Street, Sandbach.
John had four brothers who also saw active service.
He worked at Pear Tree Farm, Betchton before the war.
Peter Kelly (Also at Sandbach Memorial and St Winefrede's Church)
NUMBER Private 20509 of the 2nd Battalion Border Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 28 November 1916 aged 20.
BURIED Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.
FAMILY The son of Mr Thomas and Mrs Catherine Kelly of
8 Church Street, Sandbach.
Peter had four brothers who also saw active service. (see above)

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## #20o FODEN'S WORKS 1914 -1918 Employees who lost their lives.

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Pte Harry Bowyer (Member of Foden's Band)
NUMBER Pte 58191 20th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Central Ontario Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action 24 Dec 1915 Aged 23.
George Brandreth Private 1640 of the 1st / 7th and the 1st / 5th Battalion Cheshire Regiment
DIED / Killed in Action on Friday 26th March 1915.
Edwin Firth Cornet Player with Fodens Band
Henry Greenwood Captain 18520 "A" Bty. 148th Bde. Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Died at a casualty Clearing Station on the 17 June 1917 aged 26.
Pte. Harry Kesteven
NUMBER Private 50174 of the 1/4th Battalion Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Believed to have drowned on the 30 December 1917 aged 20.
He was returning on his way back to his regiment on a vessel when it was torpedoed. He had been at home recovering from wounds and had served in France and the Dardanelles and had been recommended for a commission.
BURIED Commemorated on the Chatby Memorial, Egypt and at Elworth.
FAMILY Unknown. He had worked for Fodens prior to the war.
John W Whittaker Private with the 8th Battalion Royal Fusiliers
DIED Killed by a shell in the trenches on the 25 Dec 1916.

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## FODEN'S WORKS 1939-1945 Employees who lost their lives.

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(***With thanks to Allan Littlemore***)

| NAME | DIED | SERVICE |
|---|---|---|
| Ronald Peel Armitage | 9 Oct 1943 | Royal Army Service Corps |
| Richard Ernest Ayres (Also known as Richard Haymel) | 6 July 1944 | HMS Trollope (Ordinary Seaman) |
| Thomas Bateman (21) | 12 May 1942 | 287 Field Company Royal Engineers |
| Arthur Raymond Bennett (17 - 18) (Brother of Gordon Bennett leader of Sandbach Town Council in 1961) | 25 Feb 1944 | HMS Mahratta (Destroyer) Sunk by U990 Submarine |

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|---|---|---|
| George Edward Nelson Birchall (20) | 5 Aug 1942 | HMS President (Able Seaman) |
| Frank Blunstone | 9 Mar 1945 | 578 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteers (Pilot Officer) Died during a Raid over Germany |
| William Buckley (21) | 17 Sept 1942 | Royal Air Force Volunteers (Sgt. Air Gunner) |
| John Spiring Flockhart (28) | 6 June 1942 | 149 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteers (Sgt. Air Gunner) |
| William Henry Hilton | 22 May 1941 | HMS Gloucester (Stoke First Class Royal Navy) |
| Oswald Jones (23) | 23 Oct 1944 | 211 Squadron Royal Air Force |
| Wallace Ernest Jones (26) | 22 Mar 1945 | HMS Vernon Portsmouth (Sub-Lieutenant Bomb and Mine Disposal) |
| Alber Maddock (26) | 13 Dec 1944 | 2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade / Died at the Battle of Cassino |
| Kenneth Richards | 25 June 1943 | 156 Squadron Royal Air Force Volunteers (Gunner in a Lancaster Bomber in the Bubble) |

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## #20p WW1 Fallen not on a Sandbach Memorial.

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Archibald John Anderson
NUMBER Second Lieutenant of the 3rd Battalion attached to the 11th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment.
DIED / AGE – Killed in action on the 27 August 1916 aged 23.
BURIED Blighty Valley Cemetery, Authuille Woods, Somme, France.
FAMILY The son of David Elder and Frances Gertrude Anderson of White Hall, Wheelock Heath.

William Edward Bailey
NUMBER Private 8929 of the 24th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Formally the Welch Regiment)
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds reveived on the 5 November 1918 aged 28.
BURIED Premont British Cemerery, Aisne in France.
FAMILY The son of Henry and Fanny Bailey of 47 Swan Street, Congleton. William resided in Sandbach.

Joseph Ball
NUMBER Private 8929 of the 24th Battalion Royal Fusilliers.
DIED / AGE – Killed in Action on the 23 August 1918 aged 32.
BURIED Pas de Calais in France.
FAMILY Husband of Amy E Ball (Later Amy Ludkin) of 33 Romborough Way, Lewisham, London. Joseph was born in Hanley and lived in Sandbach.

Joseph Barnes
NUMBER Bombardier 4656 "D" Battalion, 76th Brigade Royal Field Artillery.
DIED / AGE – Died on Monday 16 October 1916 aged 32.
BURIED Caterpillar Valley Cemerery, Longueval, Somme in France.
FAMILY Born in Sandbach the son of Samuel and Eliza Barnes.

William Reginald Bate
NUMBER Sergeant 43042 of the Royal Irish Rifles
DIED / AGE – Died of his wounds on the 6 September 1918 aged 29.
BURIED Souvineer Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
FAMILY Born in Elworth the husband of Mary Elizabeth Bate of 8 Bringswood Cottages, Whaley Bridge in Stockport.
**Awarded the Military Medal**

NUMBER
DIED / AGE -
BURIED
FAMILY

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# #21. POSTCARD MANUFACTURERS -

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Names of Postcard Manufacturer with details of the postcards they have produced. (Dates) by Stamp and Franking date.
(*Sandbach and Crewe Postcards*)

**AEROFILMS Air View by Aerofilms Ltd, Hendon NW2.**
21625 Air View of Sandbach

**A.W. BOURNE 32 Babingley Drive, Leicester**.
Parish Church Sandbach (Also showing Front street)

**BRITISH THROUGHT**
1920 Crewe Hall, Crewe

**G.A. CHARLES Sandbach**
Malkins Bank opening of Brunner Moulds Social Club (Entrance)
Malkins Bank opening of Brunner Moulds Social Club (With Children in a Pony Trap)

**CORTINA CARDS**
Sandbach – 3 Scenes Black Bear / Saxon Crosses / Old Hall

**DILLON SERIES**
K26 Saxon Crosses (1903)

DISTRICT VIEW PUBLISHING COMPANY 117 Loughborough Road, Leicester
CBT3275 Wheelock Canal Scene
CBT3276
CBT3277 Wheelock Canal Scene
CBT3278 Wheelock Canal Scene
CBT3279 Wheelock Canal Scenes and Shops

**DVP 117 Loughborough Road, Leicester**
BT 2154 The Ancient Crosses Sandbach
BT 2155 The Old Hall Hotel (same Image as Kingsley KNBT2155)
BT 2157 St Mary's Parish Church

**EACHUS AND SON The Square, Sandbach**
C9166X The Old Hall, Sandbach Cheshire. (1980's)
C9437X St Mary's Church – made by Judges Postcards Ltd.

**FIRTH'S SERIES (F Firth and Co. Ltd) Reigate (Kent?)**
Sandbach – 5 Pictures – The Ancient Crosses / High Street / Hightown / Old Hall / Black Bear.
P/SDB 1 Old Houses, Sandbach (Front Street)
SDB 02
SDB 03 Old Houses, Sandbach (Lower Chequer etc.)
SDB 04 Ancient Crosses and Market Place, Sandbach (1950's)
SDB 05 The War Memorial, Sandbach
SDB 06
SDB 07
SDB 08? Sandbach High Street (Including Zan and Vernon Cooper)
SDB 09
SDB 10
SDB 11
SDB 12F St Marys Church Interior, Sandbach
SDB 13
SDB 14 Old Hall Sandbach (1954)
SDB 15?Greetings from Sandbach – 5 Pictures – The Ancient Crosses / High Street / Hightown / Old Hall / Black Bear.
SDB 16
SDB 17
SDB 18

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SDB 20
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SDB 22
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SDB 26
SDB 27F The Tudor House, Sandbach
SDB 28
SDB 29
SDB 30 The Motorway, Sandbach
SDB 31 St Mary's Church Sandbach
SDB 32
SDB 33
SDB 34
SDB 35
SDB 36
SDB 37
SDB 38 The Fountain and High Town, Sandbach
SDB 39 The Square, Sandbach
SDB 40
P/SDB 41 Sandbach - Greetings From Sandbach 5 Scenes – Bears Head Hotel (Brereton) / Black Bear Inn / The Square and Crosses / The Secondary School / Motorway
SDB 42
SDB 43Congleton Rd Sandbach Showing Cinema at end.
SDB 44 Old Hall Hotel Sandbach.
SDB 45
SDB 46
SDB 47 Lower Chequer Inn, Sandbach (Showing Crown Bank before it was demolished)
SDB 48
SDB 49
SDB 50
SDB 51
SDB 52
SDB 53 The Grammar School, Sandbach
SDB 54 Town Centre, Sandbach (showing Literary Institute, Fountain)

**W.J. HARPER'S (Local Photographic Views 1894 list.)**
1. Crosses E and S
2. Crosses N and W
3. Crosses Old View
4. The Old Market with Old Town Hall
5. The Old Market
6. Crosses with Black Bear
7. Old Market and Crown Inn
8. St Mary's Church (The Old View)
9. Interior of Church
10. The "Old Hall"
11. Brereton Church, East
12. Brereton Church, South
13. St John's Church. East
14. Heath Church, South
15. Moreton Hall, with Moat
16. Moreton hall, Moat to Right
17. Main Entrance, Moreton Hall
18. Moreton Hall, Court Yard
19. Brereton Hall
20. Elworth Church N.W.
21. Elworth Church N.E.

22. Mow Cop, Cheshire Side
23. Mow Cop, Showing Castle
24. Mow Cop, Staffordshire Side
25. Mow Cop, "Old Man Rock"
26. New Town Hall
27. Black Bear Inn
28. Warmingham Church South
29. Warmingham Church North
30. The Institute
31. Grammar School
32. Brereton hall and Church
33. Holmes Chapel Church
34. Sandbach Church S
35. The Steps and Church
36. New Market (Side View)
37. New Market (Front)
38. Fountain, Institute etc.
39. Lawton Church
40. Market (Two Views)
41. San Mart. (Sandbach market)
42. Alsager Church, East.
43. Wesleyan Chapel
44. Brereton Hall Lodge
45. Alsager Church, West
46. Crown Bank
47. Middlewich Road
48. Alsager Church, South
49. Brereton Rectory
50. Group of Seven Views
51. Group of Thirteen Views

**HEAD'S CHESHIRE SERIES**
Somerford Park and the Famous Wild White Cattle (1907)

**DAVID HOCKERHALL Wheelock** (Printer and Stationer)
Congregational Church, Wheelock
Congregational Church, Wheelock from Crewe Rd (Colour wash) (Under Rexatone Name)
Wesleyan Chapel, Wheelock (Colour)
Wesleyan Chapel, Wheelock (Front Bridge)
Wheelock Station (Colour wash) (Under Rexatone Name)
Wheelock War Memorial (Coloured)

**JOHNSON'S SERIES SANDBACH** (1945)
Almshouses, Sandbach (1945)

**JK CARDS**
434?? The Crosses, Sandbach

**JV CARDS**
94971 Crewe Road, Sandbach (Nr 2nd Avenue)

**JUDGES POSTCARDS Ltd, Hastings, England.**
C7553 Saxon Crosses - The Ancient Crosses
C7554X Hightown Sandbach Cheshire (1980s)
C7555 The Square (Market Square with Radio Rentals and Jordans Estate Agents)
C7556 Sandbach – 4 Pictures / Saxon Crosses / War Memorial / Hightown / Market Square.
C9437X St Mary's Church – Exclusive postcard for Eachus and Son, The Sqaure, Sandbach.

**KINGSLEY 32 Charham Street, Leicester LE1 6PB**
Greetings from Sandbach – 6 Scenes – Hightown / Wheat Sheaf / Black Bear

Old Hall / Sandbach School
The Black Bear (Pictured in 1940 Sepia Colour)
High Town, Sandbach (Pictured in 1940 Sepia Colour)
KN21768 St Mary's Parish Church, Sandbach (Colour)
KN21769 The Black Bear Hotel, Sandbach (Colour 1970's image)
KNBT2155 The Old Hall, Sandbach (1970's) (same Image as Loughborough DVP117 - BT 2155)

**LILYWHITE LTD – Sowerby Bridge.**
SBCH 1
SBCH 2
SBCH 3
SBCH 4
SBCH 5
SBCH 6
SBCH 7 The Old Hall, Sandbach

**PERFECTION SERIES**
1449 Sandbach Schools and Water Tower, Sandbach.
1452 Old Black Bear, Sandbach.

**PROMISE**
P/SDB 01 Old Houses, Sandbach (Front Street towards St Marys)
P/SDB 05 The War Memorial, Sandbach (Colour wash)
P/SDB 06 Hightown Sandbach (Colour wash)
P/SDB 16 Ancient Saxon Crosses, Sandbach

**SHAW SERIES W Shaw, Burslem.**
Ancient Crosses, Sandbach (1907)
Brereton Hall (1902)
Crewe Road, Sandbach
Crewe Station
Wheat Sheaf Hotel, Sandbach

**VALENTINES REAL PHOTO Dundee and London, sold exclusively in 1899 by R.A. TOMLINSON'S, High Street, Sandbach Opposite the Town Hall.**
A Series of Albums containing 18 Views of Sandbach and District. Each Series cost 1/- (1 Shilling)
25608 The School, Sandbach (Valentines Series)
H6833 High Town towards Middlewich Rd (With Bus) (Late 1950's Early 1960's?)
H6834 High Street, Sandbach (early 1900's)
H7137 Sandbach – 5 Pictures – High Street / Hightown / Town Centre /
Market Square / Crewe Road (By Sandbach School)

**J and M. A. WOOD** (1933 to after 1938 = Printers, Stationers, Booksellers and Newspapers)
***In Number order***.
JV78083 Crewe Road, Sandbach (Abbey Road Corner)
JV78090 Hassell Church, Near Sandbach
JV78092 The Green Wheelock (Bike Shop and Nags Head)
JV78095 Crewe Road Wheelock – Main Street
JV78096 Crewe Road Wheelock – Near Church looking back (JV78096 Under "Valentines" Name)
JV78097 Crewe Road Wheelock – Looking Towards Green from Main Street (Crewe Side)
JV78098 Wheelock Bank near Sandbach
JV78486 Grammar School Lodge, Sandbach.
JV94978 A Bit of Old Sandbach (Crown Bank Shop – Lower Chequer on Left)
Unkn High Street, Sandbach (Frost's Shop)

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**UNKNOWN POSTCARDS**
1905 Birds Eye View of Sandbach
Crewe Road Wheelock (From Zan Bridge)
The Crosses and Square (with Market Tavern and Now Demolished building) (Colour wash)

The Crosses and Square (with Roberts on Corner) (1950's)
Elworth Church (St Peters) (Black and White)
Ettley Heath, Elworth (With Rookery Tavern) (Black and White)
Golden Lion, Wheelock
Gordan Terrace, Elworth
Dr Charles Latham's Funeral (by Richardson and A.W. Dickinson's Shops) Pic 1.
Dr Charles Latham's Funeral (by Lea and Richardson with A.W. Dickinson's Shops) Pic 2.
Dr Charles Latham's memorial unveiling outside Town Hall.
Dr Latham (Charles Latham) Portrait
George W Latham M.P. – Portrait (Bradwall Hall)
London Road Elworth (Black and White)
Marsh Green Farm, Elworth
Marsh Green Farm, Elworth (2) at the end of Vicarage Road
Marsh Green Road, Elworth (Black and White)
Middlewich Road from Half Way House Elworth (Black and White)
George Norris – Mill Stone Grinder
Queen's Park, Crewe
Queen Victoria Coronation Celebration Sandbach Common (1838)
Sandbach Carnival 1934 – May Queen
Sandbach Industrial Co-operative Society Limited No 2 Branch, Wheelock.
Sandbach Station Elworth (From Middlewich Track)
Sandbach Station (From Station Road)
Saxon Crosses (1910) with Walking Club on Steps.
Sir Ernest Craig (Outside Furnivall on Market Square making a speech during an election)
The Crosses, Sandbach (Unkn date with W. Mainwaring -Auctioneer and Valuer in the background)
War Memorial, Sandbach (Portrait format – Black Bear before alterations)
Warmingham Church Elworth (Black and White)
Wheelock War Memorial – May Day Queen Laying a Wreath in 1920's
Wheelock Village (Colour Wash)
Ye Olde Blacke Beare (Landlord G.H. Dickinson)

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# #22.

# Venerable Bede's Ecclesiastical History of England Chapter XXI (Pg 146 PDF Download version) "How the province of the Midland Angles became Christian under King Penda - 653AD".

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CHAP. XXI.

How the province of the Midland Angles became Christian under King Peada. [653 A.D.]

At this time, the Middle Angles, that is, the Angles of the Midland Country (probably Leicestershire) under their Prince Peada, the son of King Penda, received the faith and mysteries of the truth. Being an excellent youth and most worthy of the name and office of a king, he was by his father elevated to the throne of that nation and came to Oswy, King of the Northumbrians, requesting to have his daughter Aichfled given him to wife; but he could not obtain his desire unless he would receive the faith of Christ and be baptized, with the nation which he governed. When he heard the preaching of the truth, the promise of the heavenly kingdom and the hope of resurrection and future immortality, he declared that he would willingly become a Christian, even though he should not obtain the maiden; being chiefly prevailed on to receive the faith by King Oswy's son Alchfrid, who was his brother-in-law and friend, for he had married his sister Cyneburg, 3 the daughter of King Penda.

Accordingly, he was baptized by Bishop Finan, with all his nobles and thegns and their servants, that came along with him, at a noted township, belonging to the king, called At the Wall. And having received four priests, who by reason of their learning and good life were deemed proper to instruct and baptize his nation, he returned home with much joy. These priests were Cedd and Adda and Betti and Diuma; the last of whom was by nation a Scot, the others English. Adda was brother to Utta, whom we have mentioned before, a renowned priest and abbot of the monastery which is called At the Goat's Head.8The aforesaid priests, arriving in the province with the prince, preached the Word and were

heard willingly; and many, as well of the nobility as the common sort, renouncing the abominations of idolatry, were daily washed in the fountain of the faith.
Nor did King Penda forbid the preaching of the Word even among his people, the Mercians, if any were willing to hear it; but, on the contrary, he hated and despised those whom he perceived to be without the works of faith, when they had once received the faith of Christ, saying, that they were contemptible and wretched who scorned to obey their God, in whom they believed. These things were set on foot two years before the death of King
Penda.
But when he was slain and the most Christian King, Oswy, succeeded him in the throne, as we shall hereafter relate, Diuma, one of the aforesaid four priests, was made bishop of the Midland Angles, as also of the Mercians, being ordained by Bishop Finan; for the scarcity of priests made it necessary that one prelate should be set over two nations. Having in a short time gained many people to the Lord, he died among the Midland Angles, in the country called Infeppingum; and Ceollach, also of the Scottish nation, succeeded him in the bishopric. But he, not long after, left his bishopric and returned to the island of Hii, which, among the Scots, was the chief and head of many monasteries. His successor in the bishopric was Trumhere, a godly man and trained in the monastic life, an Englishman, but ordained bishop by the Scots. This happened in the days of King Wulfhere, of whom we shall speak hereafter.
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