STONELEIGH REMEMBERS

Remembrance Sunday 2026

Remembering those who served, those who gave their lives,
and those who returned home.

Five displays exploring Stoneleigh's wartime history,
its memorials and the people behind the names.

Stoneleigh History Society

Lest We Forget

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL · ROLL OF HONOUR

First World War · 1914 – 1918



ARIS, E.	COOKE, H. E.	MILLS, A.
BARNACLE, H.	CRADDOCK, J.	MILLS, A.
BARNES, S.	EDMUNDS, R.	MILLS, A.
BEASLEY, H.	FARDON, G.	MILLS, H.
BOWCOCK, E.	GALLIMORE, S.	MILLS, H.
BURBURY, C.	GARDINER, F. G.	MILLS, J.
BURBURY, F.	GARRATT, J.	MILLS, J.
BURBURY, S.	HARVEY, A.	MILLS, T.
BURBURY, W.	KING, A.	MILLS, T.
CARLEY, H.	KING, C.	MILLS, W.
CARLEY, J. E.	KING, H.	MORGAN, A.
CHATTAWAY, A.	LEE, W.	MORRIS, A.
CARTER, G.	LOVELL, H.	MORRIS, A.
COLEMAN, C.	METTERS, H. H.	MOSS, A.

GAVE THEIR LIVES

AVIS, ERNEST RICHARD
CHATTAWAY, WILLIAM
CLARK, JOHN RATTRAY
CRADDOCK, ALFRED THOMAS
HEWITT, TOM
MILLS, HENRY
MILLS, WILLIAM JAMES
MORRIS, WALTER
PRIME, JOHN CHARLES
STONEY, FREDERICK GEORGE
TAYLOR, MAURICE JAMES
THORLEY, SAMUEL ERNEST
WALDEN, ALFRED TOM
WILSON, ARTHUR

PAGET, C.	SIMPSON, W.	UPTON, S.
PARKER, F.	SMITH, F.	VICKERMAN, S.
PARRISH, A.	SMITH, W.	WALDEN, T.
PARRISH, M.	STEVENS, G.	WALTON, J.
PARRISH, S.	STONEY, W.	WALTON, W.
PRIME, J.	SWEATMAN, W.	WARD, T.
PRIME, W.	THORLEY, G.	WARDELL, G.
REDFERN, G.	THORLEY, J.	WOODING, F.
ROSAMOND, P.	TIMMS, C.	WOODING, S.
RENCH, A.	TIMMS, W.	WORRALL, A.
RENCH, S.	TIMMS, W.	WORRALL, D.
ROSE, G.	UPTON, J.	WORRALL, L.
ROSE, W.	UPTON, M.	WORRALL, R.

Stoneleigh History Society

STONELEIGH VILLAGE HALL · ROLL OF HONOUR

Second World War · 1939 – 1945



ARIS, E.
ARIS, G.
ASHTON, R.
BALL, D.
BATCHELOR, R. W.
BEASLEY, J.
BURBURY, J.
BURBURY, R.
BURBURY, R.
BURNELL, F.
CRADDOCK, A.
CRADDOCK, R.
DEAN, E.
DE LA POLE, D. R.
DYKE, G.
EDMUNDS, M.
EDMUNDS, R.
GRAY, M. J.
GOODE, F.
GREASLEY, J. S.
HANCOX, C.
HANCOX, R.
HARRISON, W.
HURST, J.
LORD LEIGH
LOVELL, R.
LOWSLEY-WILLIAMS, P. S.

WOMEN

BALL, A.
BURBURY, I.
COOKE, M.
CRAINE, C. A.
EDMUNDS, G.
PARKER, M.
WHARTON, A.

GAVE THEIR LIVES

ARIS, JOHN COPELAND
COOKE, HUMPHREY DESMOND

MILLS, G.
MILLS, W.
MORRIS, E.
PARKER, E. F.
PRESTIDGE, A. A.
PRESTIDGE, G. H.
PRESTIDGE, P. R.
PRESTIDGE, S. P.
PRESTIDGE, W. R.
ROBBINS, R.
SCARSBROOKE, J.
TAYLOR, H.
THORLEY, L.
UPTON, V.
WALDEN, E. J.
WALTON, W.
WATSON, C. A.
WELLER, E.
WIDDOWS, F. A.
WALLSGROVE, J. J.

Stoneleigh History Society

STONELEIGH REMEMBERS

THE LEIGH FAMILY MEMORIAL · FIRST WORLD WAR

The memorial in St Mary's Church, Stoneleigh, commemorates two brothers who lost their lives during the First World War.



The Leigh family memorial in St Mary's Church

Major Chandos Leigh, DSO

King's Own Scottish Borderers

Died 29 August 1914, aged 41.

The memorial records that he died of wounds received at the Battle of Mons on 23 August 1914.

He is buried at Hautrage Military Cemetery, Belgium.

Memorial inscription:

In loving memory of two brothers Major CHANDOS LEIGH D.S.O. King's Own Scottish Borderers the elder son of the Honorable Sir Edward Chandos Leigh K.C. K.C.B. who fought with distinction in the South African War afterwards serving ten years with the Egyptian Army where he was decorated with the orders of the Medjidieh & Osmanieh and the Bahr el Ghazal medal & clasp. He married Winifred daughter of the Rt Honorable A F Jeffreys M.P. and died in Flanders aged 40 of wounds received at the battle of Mons 23rd August 1914.

Lieutenant Edward Henry Leigh

2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

Mentioned in Despatches

Died 9 May 1915, aged 26, during the attack on Aubers Ridge.

He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial, Belgium (Panel 10).

Memorial inscription:

Also, of his only brother EDWARD HENRY LEIGH Lieut. 2nd Batt the Rifle Brigade who fell in the attack upon the Aubers Ridge 9th May 1915 aged 26 after being previously mentioned in Despatches.
Both brothers were educated at Harrow and Cambridge.

Their names are commemorated here separately from the village's principal church memorial and the Village Hall Roll of Honour.

STONELEIGH REMEMBERS

RUPERT WILLIAM DUDLEY LEIGH · SECOND WORLD WAR

Rupert "Robin" Leigh, 4th Baron Leigh (1908–1979) — military service and life in Stoneleigh



Memorial stone in the Leigh Chapel, St Mary's Church

Rupert William Dudley Leigh, known as 'Robin', was born in 1908 and educated at Eton before attending the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, in 1927. He joined the 11th Hussars in 1928, serving until 1936, and later served with the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars from 1938 to 1944. He succeeded as 4th Baron Leigh in 1938.

In August 1944, Major Leigh arrived in Normandy to become second-in-command of the Sherwood Rangers under Lieutenant Colonel Stanley Christopherson. The regiment had endured heavy losses during the Normandy campaign. Robin joined it as the Allied advance continued through northern France, where he witnessed the devastation left by the fighting around the Falaise Gap.

His letters offer a personal glimpse of that extraordinary period. At the end of August, he described a welcome pause in the advance, when officers found time to play cricket and football. In September he wrote warmly about the enthusiastic welcome given to Allied troops in Brussels, where he enjoyed the rare comforts of a bed and a hot bath. The Sherwood Rangers went on to support the American 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Market Garden and fought in the Netherlands and Germany.

Robin's account also reveals the friendships formed during wartime. He wrote affectionately about Corporal 'Curley' Waite, who looked after him and made sure he had everything he needed. In December 1944 the regiment helped arrange a Christmas celebration for children in the Dutch village of Schinnen, saving sweets and chocolate from their rations to give as presents.

Robin had married Anne Hicks-Beach in 1931. He was remembered in Stoneleigh for his genial nature and generosity. He died on 24 June 1979, aged 71, and was buried in Stoneleigh churchyard (Section F, Row 8, Grave 10). The memorial stone in the Leigh Chapel commemorates his military service and his marriage to Anne.

This tribute is condensed from Stoneleigh History Society's VE Day presentation, "Rupert 'Robin' Leigh – The Baron's Second World War".

STONELEIGH REMEMBERS

THOSE WHO SERVED

Remembering members of our village community buried in Stoneleigh churchyard who served in the Armed Forces, including those who undertook National Service.

Name	Born–Died	Section / Row / Grave	Regiment / Service
Ernest (Ernie) Ball	1932–2023	F / 7 / 13	Royal Air Force (RAF)
Anthony Alexander Bianco	1940–2023	F / 7 / 16	Major, Royal Artillery – 27 Medium Regiment
Dennis Craddock	1934–2023	F / 7 / 14	Royal Air Force (RAF)
Colin George Finch	1943–2009	F / 5 / 32	Fusilier
Alan Green	1920–1976	F / 1 / 22	RAFVR – Navigator, 218 Squadron
Charles Edward Richard Hind	1925–2023	F / 4 / 6	Royal Navy
Ida Hulcoop (née Baldwin)	1922–1997	F / 8 / 1	ATS – attached to RAMC
Oswald Leonard Hulcoop	1922–2019	F / 8 / 1	British Army
Richard (Dick) James	1925–2026	E / 1 / 4	Royal Air Force (RAF)
Derwent William Ratliff	1882–1963	C / 4 / 14	Captain, Royal Field Artillery
Francis Dennis Taylor	1908–1966	B / 8 / 6	Petty Officer, Royal Navy – HMS Caldwell
David Edward Thorley	1937–1990	F / 8 / 7	Senior Aircraftman (SAC), Royal Air Force
Jesse Paul Wilkes	1920–1974	B / 12 / 13	Corporal, British Army
Joyce Cecily Wilkes (née Sibley)	1925–2016	B / 12 / 13	WAAF – Aircraftwoman First Class (ACW1), wireless operator
Raymond Harry Wright	1920–1983	B / 19 / 4	Grenadier Guards

We remember their service, and their continued contribution to village life.



Stoneleigh History Society