

Charles Green (1898 – 1972)

Charles Green was born in Farnhill and had three brothers and three sisters. He attended Kildwick school and later worked at Woodrow's mill, at Junction.

An active member of Kildwick Brass Band and the local Conservative Club, he joined the Prince of Wales (West Yorkshire) Regiment in 1918. He was later wounded, hospitalised and invalided home..

Employed at the bobbin mill in Steeton he married a Silsden girl. The couple, who had a daughter, lived in Silsden for the rest of their lives, where Charles was a milkman and kept poultry.



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Charles he had been a widower for nearly six years when he died, in 1972, aged 73.

Pre-war life

The Green family lived at 11 Mary Street, Farnhill. Charles Whiteoak Green, Charles's father, appears to have been from an established Farnhill family; his mother, Janet (nee Beattie), was from Scotland.

Charles was born in Farnhill on 28th August 1898, and baptised in St. Andrew's church six weeks later. He was the youngest of seven children: four boys and three girls.

Administrative County		Civil Parish		Ecclesiastical Parish		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District		Parliamentary Borough or Division		Town or Village	
Yorkshire W.P.		Farnhill		Kildwick						Skipton		Skipton			
No. of inhabited houses	ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES			Name and Surname of each Person		RELATION to Head of Family	Condition as to Mar. or Div.	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION		Employer, Worked, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN	
		Uninhabited	By Person	By Other Person						Male	Female				
97	11 Mary St.	1			Charles Green	Head	M		45	Thence		Worker		Yorks Farnhill	
					Janet Do.	Wife	M		46					Scotland	
					Ellen Do.	Daughter	S		16	Cotton Weaver		Worker		Yorks Farnhill	
					John W. Do.	Son	S		15	Wool Spinner		Worker		Do. Do.	
					Joseph Do.	Son	S		13	Wool Spinner		Worker		Do. Do.	
					Harry Do.	Son	S		12	Wool Spinner		Worker		Do. Do.	
					Charles Do.	Son	S		7	Wool Spinner		Worker		Do. Do.	
					William Do.	Son	S		6					Do. Do.	
					Charles Do.	Son	S		2					Do. Do.	
					William Do.	Son	S		69	Retired Wool Saker				Do. Do.	

Extract from the 1901 census return for Farnhill – the Green family at 11 Mary Street
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Charles's mother died in 1904, and was buried in Kildwick churchyard; the inscription on her grave, "Rest after weariness", perhaps suggesting that she suffered a prolonged illness. Charles was only five years old.

Like many of the Farnhill WW1 Volunteers, it seems likely that Charles attended Kildwick school, and in 1908 or 1909 he was included in a photograph of school-age children taken outside the school. It looks like the photograph may have been taken during a pageant and Charles appears to be in a Scout's uniform.



School children, including Charles Green (back row, far left), 1908-9
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At the time of the 1911 census, taken when he was aged 12, Charles was attending school part-time; for the rest he was employed in “Domestic purposes”.

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.									
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NAME AND SURNAME	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE.		PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards.			BIRTHPLACE of every person.	
1 Charles Green	Head	56	Widower	Y 107	Stone mason	423	19th Lanchester Works	4	Yorks Kildwick Parish
2 Ellen Green	daughter	25	single		House - Keeper				Yorks Kildwick Parish
3 John William Green	son	23	single		Weaver Gang Cotton	250		4	Yorks Kildwick Parish
4 Joseph Green	son	22	single		Stone Labourer	423	1st Lanchester Works	4	Yorks Kildwick Parish
5 Henry Green	son	17	single		Weaver Gang Cotton	277		4	Yorks Kildwick Parish
6 Lily Green	daughter	16	single		Weaver			4	Yorks Kildwick Parish
7 Charles Green	son	12			Domestic purposes	423	School	11	Yorks Kildwick Parish

Extract from the 1911 census return for 11 Mary Street, Farnhill
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Subsequent newspaper reports suggest that he later worked in the Standard Shed at Woodrow's Mill, Junction.



Woodrow's Mill. Photograph taken c.1962.
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Before the start of the war Charles joined the Kildwick Conservative Club, which opened its premises on Kildwick bridge in 1912, and also the Kildwick and District Brass Band.

Charles Green during WW1

Although Charles Green must have volunteered to serve before the end of January 1916 – otherwise his name would not have been included in the Farnhill Parish Council Roll of Honour – it seems likely, perhaps because of his young age, that he wasn't called to serve until later in the war.



Charles Green, in uniform
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Charles was certainly in the village in November 1916, when he was one of the masters of ceremonies at a dance, held at Farnhill Institute, on behalf of the Kildwick and District Brass Band.

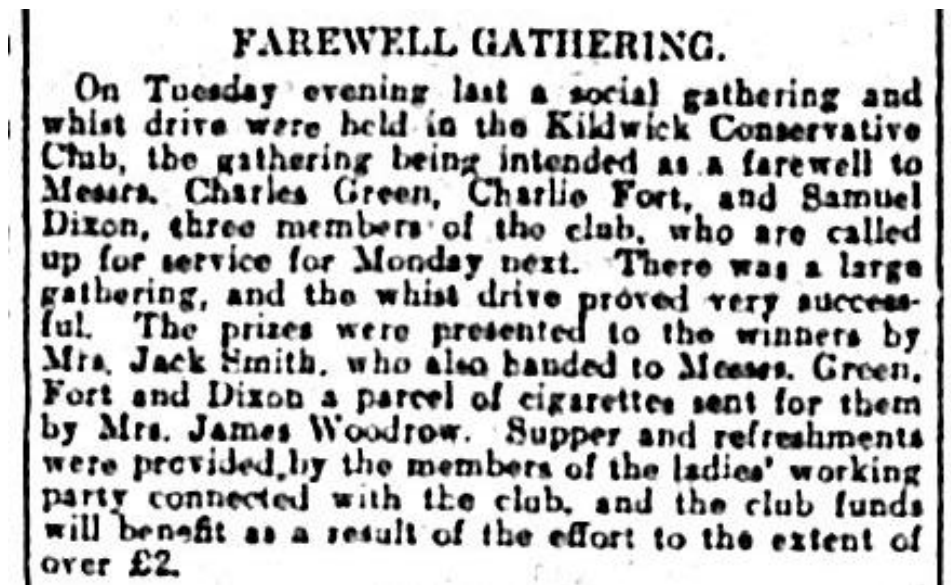
KILDWICK.

KILDWICK BAND'S ANNUAL DANCE.

On Saturday evening last the Kildwick and District Brass Band held their annual dance in the assembly room of the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute. Messrs. Charles Green and H. Wilcock officiated as masters of the ceremonies, and Mr. Smith Overend supplied the music. There was a good attendance, members of the fair sex predominating. The proceeds will go to the band funds.

Report on Kildwick Brass Band's annual dance, held on 4th November 1916
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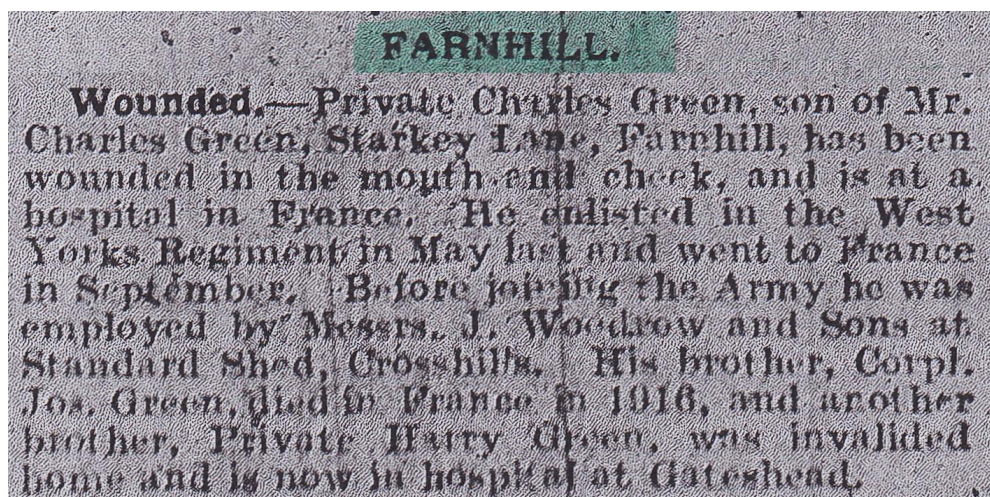
Three months later, on 13th February 1917, Charles was one of the guests of honour at an event held in the Conservative Club, prior to his departure to serve in the forces.



Farewell gathering for Charles Green and others about to start their service in the forces
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It is clear that Charles was a member of the Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment, but it has not been possible to determine the battalion with which he served.

In October 1918 Charles was wounded and hospitalised, as was reported in the Craven Herald on the 18th.

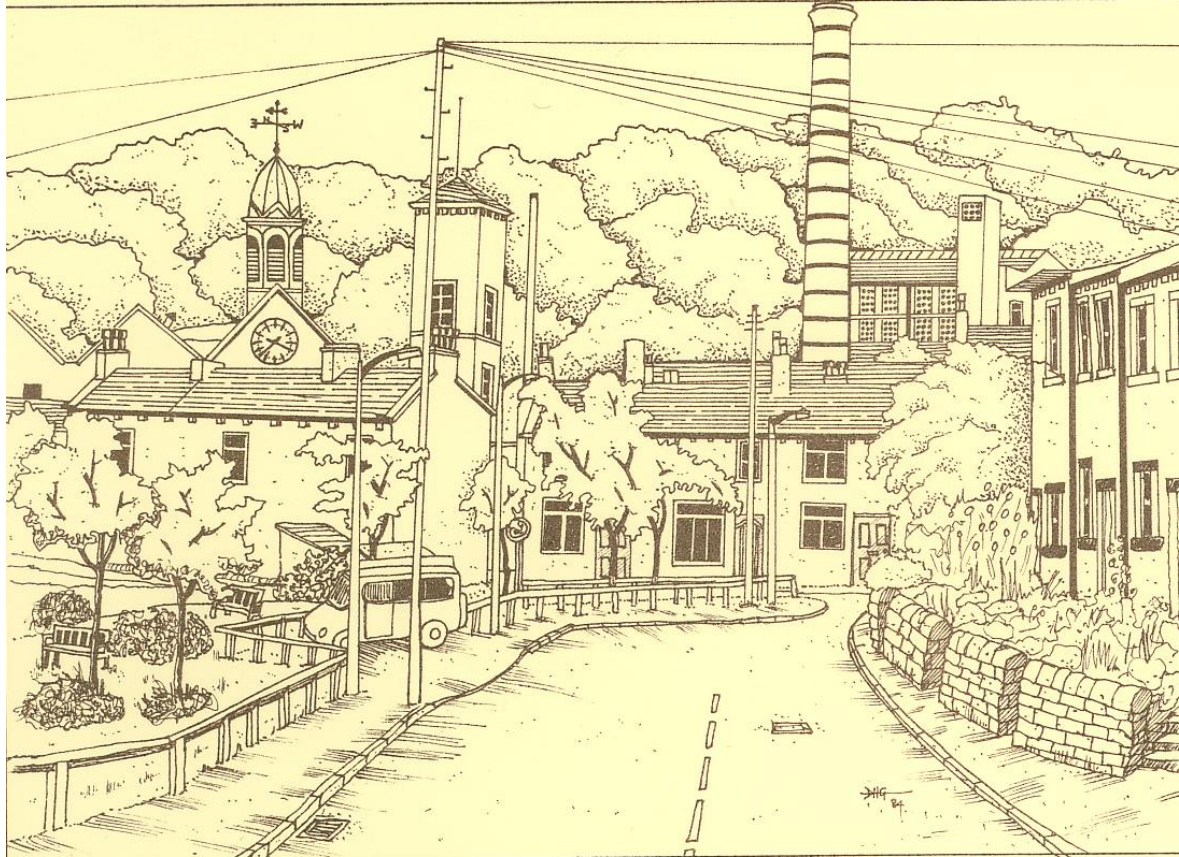


Report of Charles Green's wounding
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No further details of Charles Green's service are known.

Post-war life

After the war Charles returned to the family home at 25 Starkey Lane, Farnhill. He is recorded as living there on the 1921 census. However, by this time Charles is no longer working for Woodrow's; his job is bobbin maker with John Dixon & Son at the Steeton Bobbin Mill.



Line-drawing of the Steeton Bobbin Mill. Probably drawn immediately prior to its demolition in 1985.

The chimney was taken down in October 1984.

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Charles's father died in 1922 and was buried alongside his wife in Kildwick churchyard.



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On the 7th June 1924, Charles Green married May Gallagher of Silsden. The marriage was witnessed by Clarence, the oldest of her brothers, and Lily Green, the youngest of Charles's sisters.

1924. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish
of Silsden in the County of York

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
114	June 7 th 1924	Charles Green	25	Bachelor	Butlin-maker	25 Parky Lane Kilnwick	Charles Whitworth Glen (deceased)	Plaster-mason
	1924	May Gallagher	29	Spinster	—	20 Beed Court Silsden	Daniel Gallagher	Weaver

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by James after Banns by me,
This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Charles Green } in the Presence of us, { May Gallagher } E. S. Pithers M.A. Vicar.
{ May Gallagher } { Lily Green }

Green – Gallagher marriage certificate
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The couple set up their home at 2 Bright Street, Silsden, but moved to 3 Fairfax Street, Silsden before 1928.

In 1935 the couple moved to 35 South View Terrace, which is where their only child, Barbara, was born in 1937. It would be their home for the rest of their lives.

By the time the 1939 Register was compiled, to enable the issuing of ration cards at the very start of WW2, Charles had left his job at the mill and was employed as a milkman. He later became a poultry dealer and member of the Silsden Co-op management committee.

Note: Fellow Farnhill WW1 Volunteer Ernest Gibson, who also lived in South View Terrace, was also a member of the Silsden Co-op management committee.

Charles and May's daughter, Barbara, married in 1961 and subsequently moved to the Ripon area.

May Green died on 16th June 1966.

Charles Green died on 28th February 1972, aged 73, in Ripon. It seems likely that he moved there after his wife's death, to be closer to his daughter.

The following obituary appeared later in the Keighley News.

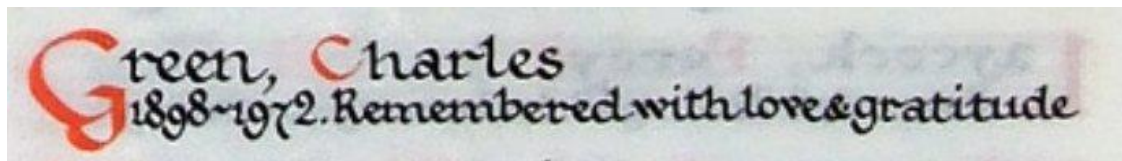
POULTRY DEALER DIES

Mr. Charles Green, of 35 South View Terrace, Silsden, who died on Monday, was a Farnhill man who lived at Silsden for most of his life after he married Miss May Gallagher. He was for some years a member of Silsden Co-operative Society management committee and almost to the end of his life was an enthusiastic poultry keeper. He was employed until retirement at John Dixon and Sons, bobbin mill, Steeton. Mr. Green leaves a daughter.

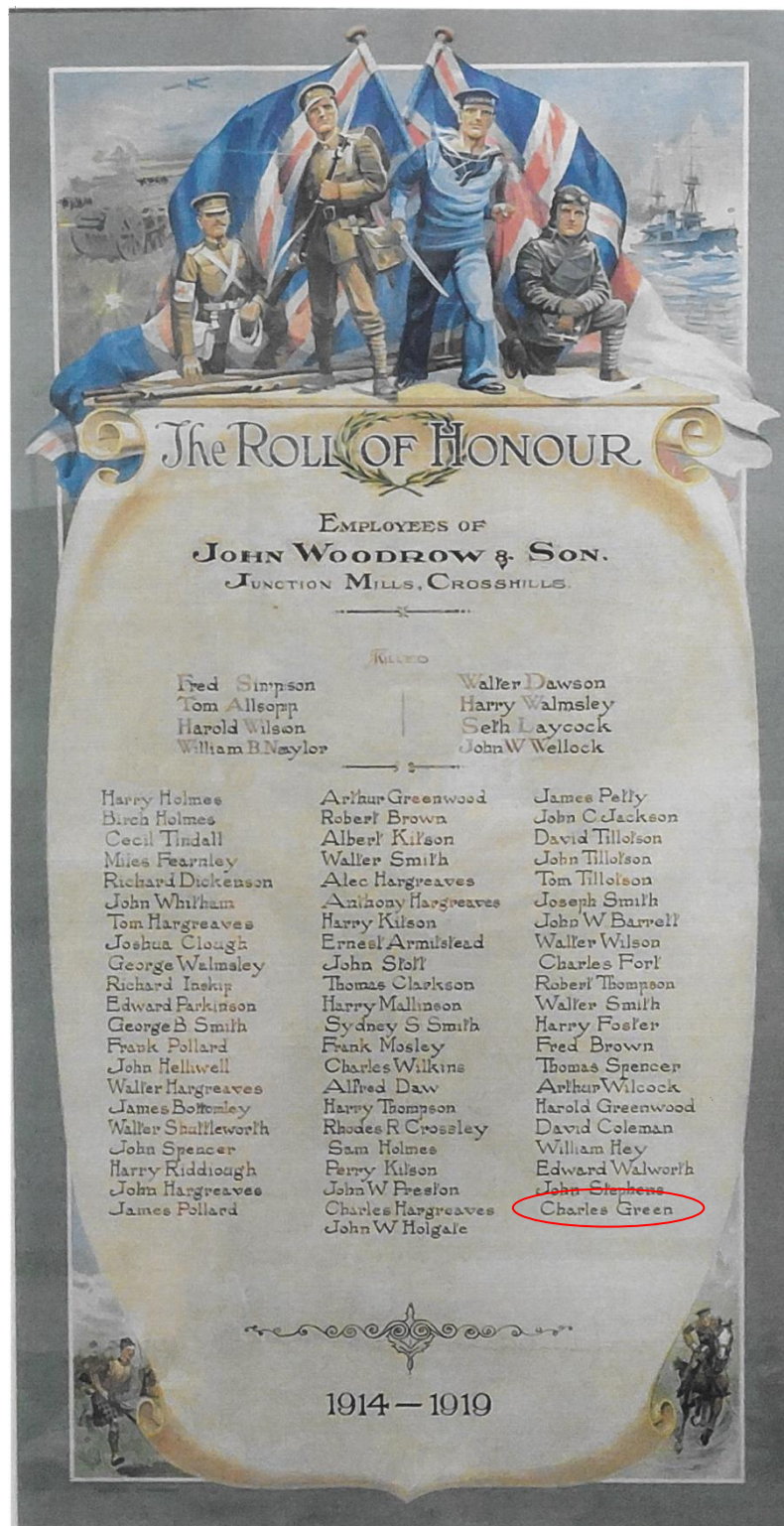
Charles Green's obituary

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He is commemorated in the Skipton Crematorium Book of Remembrance.



His name is included on the WW1 Roll of Honour of men employed by Woodrow's Mill at Junction.



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Postscript

Barbara, Charles and May's only child, died in 2013. She married, but it is not known if she had any children.

Charles Green – a life in summary

Born: 28/8/1898, Farnhill
Baptised: 12/10/1898, Kildwick
Died: 28/2/1972, Ripon **Aged:** 73
Home address: 35 South View Terrace, Silsden

Parents

Father: Charles Whiteoak Green; b. 20/8/1855, Farnhill; d. 21/1/1922, Farnhill
Mother: Janet (nee Beattie); b. 15/7/1862, Dumfries;
d. 8/4/1904, Farnhill; buried 11/4/1904, Kildwick
Married: 1882, Skipton (Registration district)

Siblings

Sarah Hannah; b. 5/9/1884, Farnhill; m. George Waterhouse, 20/8/1910, Keighley Parish Church
Ellen; b. 14/3/1886, Farnhill; d. 8/3/1936, Farnhill
John William; b. 22/7/1887, Farnhill; d. August/September 1918; buried 3/9/1918, Silsden
Joseph; b. 16/2/1889, Farnhill; d. 13/11/1916, Dunkirk
Harry; b. 29/5/1893, Farnhill; m. Ethel Earnshaw, 9/4/1921, Steeton
Lily; b. 16/3/1895, Farnhill; m. George Spencer, 1/10/1932, Kildwick

WW1 service

Served with Prince of Wales' Own (West Yorkshire). No further details known.

Relationship to other volunteers

Joseph Green – brother
Harry Green – brother
Leo Spencer – Lily Green married his father in 1932

Marriage

Wife: May Gallagher; b. 6/9/1894 Skipton (Registration district);
d. 16/6/1966, Skipton (Registration district)
Date: 7/6/1924, at Silsden, St. James

Children

Barbara May; b. 1/1/1937, Silsden; m. Derek O'Brien, 1961, Staincliffe (Registration district);
d. 19/12/2013, Kirkby Malzeard

