Anthony Dean Hargreaves (1895 – 1975)

Anthony Dean Hargreaves was one of three brothers who volunteered to serve in WW1.

Anthony attended Kildwick School and later worked in one of the local mills. He was a member of both Kildwick Old Boys' Football Club and Kildwick Albion Cricket Club.

He saw active service in the front line, in France, with the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment, in February 1917.



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Wounded on more than one occasion, he returned to Farnhill at the end of the war, and once again became involved in the life of the village.

Anthony Dean Hargreaves died in 1975 aged 79.

Pre-war life

Anthony Hargreaves was born in Farnhill on 11th October 1895 and was baptised at St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick, six weeks later. He was the sixth child, and second son, of John and Annie (nee Dean). His father was from Farnhill and his mother from Threshfield.

The 1901 census records John Hargreaves as being a "cattle-man", which presumably means he worked on one of the local farms. The family – mother, father and seven children (four girls and three boys) – were living at 10 Main Street, Farnhill; a four-roomed dwelling.

Anthony's father died, in Farnhill, on 22nd February 1902, aged 44, shortly after the birth of the family's last child, a fourth son, Lambert Edward. He was buried in Kildwick graveyard.

Young Anthony attended Kildwick school and in July 1905 he won first prize for the creation of a wild flower bouquet – the second prize was won by his older brother, John.

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Extract from the Kildwick school log book.
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By the time of the 1911 census, taken when he was 15, Anthony was working as a loomer's assistant in one of the local mills. If he had followed his older brother, John, this would have been at Woodrow's Mill, Junction.



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This does seem likely, as a man of the same name was later included on that mill's WW1 Roll of Honour.



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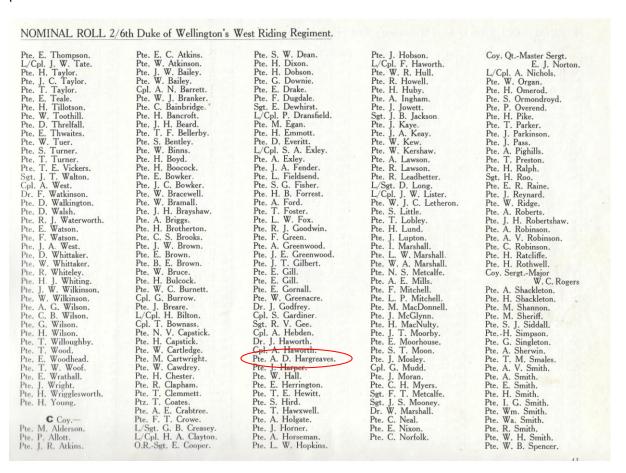
It was probably around this time that Anthony became a member of Kildwick Old Boys Football Club. He was elected to the club's committee in July 1914.

He was also a member of Kildwick Albion Cricket Club, and it is possible that he was elected treasurer in January 1915 (although this might have been his cousin Alec).

WW1 service

Anthony Dean Hargreaves' WW1 service records have not survived (70% of the records were destroyed during WW2, in the London blitz of 1940) but his inclusion on the Farnhill Parish Council Roll of Honour, created in February 1916, suggests that he had either attested or signalled his intention to serve by that date.

He initially served as a member of 2/6 battalion the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment (Private, no. 267232) and his name was included in the list of men who were members of the battalion's "C" Company recorded in the book "Craven's Part in the Great War", which was published after the war.



A page from "Craven's Part in the Great War" listing men of 2/6 battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment

A newspaper article about his brother, John, (West Yorkshire Pioneer, 13/10/1916) gives a good clue as to when his service started as it says he had "joined the forces during the week".

The war diary of 2/6 battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment records that an inspection was carried out by the GOC (General Officer Commanding) of the Northern Army at its Bedford headquarters at 12:45pm on 3rd February 1917, and later that day it received the order to embark on the 5th.

The battalion, a total of 33 officers and 953 men, including Private A.D. Hargreaves, sailed from Southampton to Le Havre on three vessels: Mona's Queen, Caesarea and Huntscraft, arriving at 8am on 6th February 1917. By the 17th they were in the front line.

In April 1917, 2/6 battalion were in action near Mory and Écoust, southeast of the town of Arras, in northern France. The Regimental diary records a number men wounded throughout the month and, although Anthony's name is not included amongst those mentioned, he must have been one of them, as he wrote home to his mother to let her know that he was safe (Craven Herald, 11/5/1917).

FARNHILL.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

Mrs. John Hargreaves, of Farnhill, received a message from the War Office yesterday week stating that her second son, Pte. Anthony Deane Hargreaves, Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment, had been wounded and admitted to the 13th General Hospital, Le. Treport, on April 28th. The nature of the wound is slight. His elder brother, Pte. John Hargreaves, was wounded by shrapnel in the head in October

Mrs. John Hargreaves, Farnhill, on Tuesday received a letter from her son, Anthony Dean Hargreaves, in which he says: —"Just a line to let you know I am still living, but I might say that I think myself lucky. We have been taking part in the big advance, but I can tell you our lot has caught it this time. I have got through with a slight shrapnel wound and so shall have to go to the hospital for a little time, but it is nothing to bother about at all. I will let you know as soon as I get into hospital."

Rumours as to other local.

Rumours as to other local soldiers being wounded are rife, but no authentic information has been received.

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It seems that this wound may have been more serious than Anthony suggested in his letter, as he was later transferred to a hospital in Bristol – his treatment there, including going "under the X-rays", making the local news (Keighley News 26/5/1917).



Private Anthony Hargreaves, of the West Riding Regiment, of Farnhill, is in the Queen Victoria Hospital, Bristol, suffering from shrapnel wounds in both Lighs. In a letter to his parents be states that he has been under the X-rays, and there is now no shrapnel in his wounds.

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Although further information about his military career is sparse it is clear that these wounds were not sufficient to prevent Anthony from being returned to active service in France.

2/6 battalion was disbanded, in France, at the end of January 1918 and it seems probable that Anthony was transferred to 1/4 battalion. It also seems likely that he was wounded again while serving with his new battalion.

Anthony's WW1 medal roll entry suggests that after serving with 1/4 battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment he subsequently served in the Labour Corps (Private, no. 383949). This unit was formed in January 1917, to provide the manpower required to build and maintain roads, railways, buildings, camps, etc. both in the UK and abroad. The Corps was manned by officers and other ranks who had been medically rated below the condition needed for front line service. Many were men who had been wounded.

Anthony Dean Hargreaves ended the war serving with 44th battalion Royal Fusiliers, formed in France in September 1918, for duty at the five Army HQs and manned by troops who had been rated as medically unfit for front line duty.

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Anthony Dean Hargreaves' medal card, showing the various units he served with and his multiple service numbers

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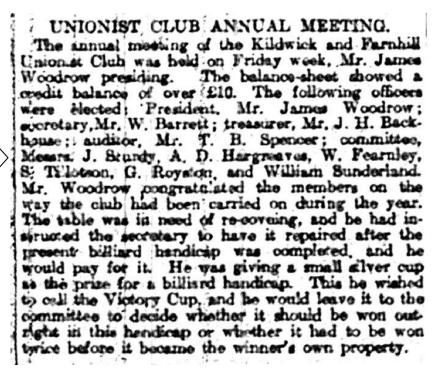
Detail from the medal roll of the 44th battalion Royal Fusiliers, showing Anthony Dean Hargreaves full service record

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A newspaper report from December 1918 (West Yorkshire Pioneer, 13/12/1918) mentions, in passing, that Anthony was still serving in France. He was still recorded as being an "absent" voter in the Farnhill electoral roll for Autumn 1919.

Post-war life

Returning to Farnhill after his war service, Anthony was elected to the committee of Kildwick Unionist Club in January 1920 (Keighley News, 24/1/1920).



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The 1921 census records Anthony living at home, with his mother and six of his siblings (all unmarried). He gives his occupation as a Cotton Loomer and Twister at Woodrow's Mill.

In addition to his association with the Unionist Club, Anthony also re-established his relationship with Kildwick Albion Cricket Club and was a member of the team for the 1922 season, when they won the Wilberforce Cup. In the photograph below, Anthony is the player at the far left of the back row; his brother Edward is to his left (in a suit); brother Charles is on the left of the front row (seated); and the umpire (far right, in a white coat) is his brother John.



Anthony Dean Hargreaves, back row second left.

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Anthony's mother Annie died on 22nd March 1924 and was buried in Kildwick churchyard, with her husband. (Two of Anthony's elder sisters, Edith Eleanor and Sarah Frances, neither of whom married, would later be buried in the same family plot.)



Hargreaves family grave – Kildwick old graveyard

On Easter Sunday, a month after his mother's death, the family presented a pulpit cloth to Kildwick Church in memory of John (senior) and Annie (Craven Herald 25/4/1924).

KILDWICK.

VICAR AND GOOD FRIDAY EMPLOYMENT.

The usual Eastertide services were held at St. Andrew's Church last week-end. On the morning of Good Friday a service for children was held, and in the afternoon the Rev. A. W. Armitstead (rector of Marton) conducted a three hours' service. In the evening the Rev. C. E. V. Hodge (vicar of Kildwick) gave an address on "The Man of Sorrows," illustrated by lantern slides showing the last hours of the Saviour. In the course of his address the Vicar said he regretted to see that several of the factories in the district were not closed. This was a great error, as it kept people away from worship on a day which should be given up to oblation and prayer. The offertory was for the Bishop of Jerusalem's Mission to the Jews

in Palestine.

On Easter Sunday a large number of com-municants attended the two early morning services and also the Eucharist. The interior of the Church had been beautifully decorated with lilies and daffodils. The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hargreaves. Farnhill, had presented a pulpit cloth to the Church and. after the singing of the processional hymn, this was dedicated by the Vicar "to the Glory of God and in memory of John and Annie."
The cloth is of black leather and in the centre is a cross of white and gold, and embossed in gold round the cross are the words "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in certific Company of the Company is given unto me in Heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations." The service concluded by the choir singing the "Te Deum" at the altar rails. There was a large congregation at evensong, special music comprising the anthem "Glorious is Thy Name, Almighty God." The whole of the services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar of Kildwick (Rev. C. E. V. Hodge) to whom, as is usual on this day, the offertories were given.

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On 23rd July 1927, Anthony married Alice Thompson at St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick. The marriage was witnessed by Anthony's younger brother, Charles, and Alice's father, Thomas.



Hargreaves-Thompson wedding group, 1927 Courtesy of Christine Reape

The couple moved in with Alice's father Thomas, at 85 Main Street, Farnhill. Their only child, a son called John, was born there in December 1928.

In 1937 the family bought a plot of land at the junction of Grange Road and Main Street from the owner of Farnhill Hall and built their own home, Bankfield (now known as The Banks).

On the 1939 Register, taken at the start of WW2 to enable ration cards to be issued, Alice's occupation was given as "Cake Maker and Baker" and Anthony was recorded as being a "Fancy Dress Goods Loomer". This probably means that he was employed creating items using silk or artificial silk (Rayon).

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1939 Register entry for Bankfield, Main Street, Farnhill Used under licence from the National Archive

Note: In a memoir about his 49 years working at Woodrow's Mill, Alec Hargreaves recorded that the Junction mill was the first in the area to work with artificial silk, prior to the start of WW1. Many mills would work with artificial silk during WW2 when it was in high demand for use in parachutes and barrage balloons.

Alice, Anthony's wife, died in October 1946, aged 45, and was buried in the new graveyard in Kildwick. Her father, Thomas, continued to live with his son-in-law and grandson until he died, in 1957, aged 82.

On the 28th March 1959, at Skipton Register Office, Anthony married a second time, to Eva Shepherd (nee Rushworth). He was aged 63 and she was 45.

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Anthony Dean Hargreaves – Eva Sheppard, marriage certificate (c) Crown Copyright

Eva had two children, Andrew (b. 1942) and Jennifer (b. 1945), from her previous marriage to William Shepherd, which had been dissolved. They lived for a while with Anthony and Eva at Bankfield.

Anthony Dean Hargreaves died, in Farnhill, on 16th February 1975, aged 79 years. He is buried, with Alice his first wife, in St. Andrew's, Kildwick extension graveyard.



The grave of Alice and Anthony Dean Hargreaves

The following obituary appeared in the Craven Herald (21/2/1975).

MR. ANTHONY HARGREAVES An active, well-known, local personality, Mr. Anthony Hargreaves, Bankfield. Main Street. Farnhill, died suddenly recently, aged Of an old Farnhill family, he brought up in lvy Terrace, throughout his life served St. drew's Church in many capacities, originally in the choir, but lately as a sidesman. Until his retirement, 12 years ago, he was a loomer and twister at Woodrow's Junction Mill. but latterly spent his time oddjobbing and gardening, which he thoroughly enjoyed. A large congregation packed the church for the funeral service which was held on Tuesday week. Canon S. A. Selby, Vicar · of Gisburn and , formerly Vidar of Kildwick, who had known Mr. Hargraves well conducted the Mr. Hargreaves leaves widow, a son, a step-son and tep-daughter.

> Anthony Dean Hargreaves' obituary By kind permission of Craven Herald

Postscript

Eva Hargreaves appears on the electoral roll for Farnhill, living at Banks Field, until 1977. She subsequently remarried and moved to Crosshills.

John Hargreaves, Anthony and Alice's son, did not marry. He died in 2011.

Anthony Dean Hargreaves - a life in summary

Born: 11/10/1895, Farnhill **Baptised:** 1/12/1895, Kildwick

Died: 16/2/1975 **Aged:** 79

Home address: Bankfield, Main Street, Farnhill

Parents

Father: John; b. 26/8/1857, Farnhill; bapt. 27/9/1857, Kildwick; d. 22/2/1902, Farnhill;

buried 26/2/1902, Kildwick

Mother: Annie (nee Dean); b. 1865, Threshfield; bapt. 30/6/1865, Linton; d. 22/3/1924, Farnhill;

buried 24/3/1924, Kildwick

Married: 1886, Skipton (Registration district)

Siblings

Eliza; b. 25/11/1886, Farnhill; m. Hedley Broadbent, 19/7/1919, Kildwick;

d. 1958, Nelson (Registration district)

Sarah Frances; b. 26/4/1888, Farnhill; d. November 1981, Skipton;

buried 20/11/1981, Kildwick St. Andrew's

Edith Eleanor; b. 30/8/1889, Farnhill; d. 1961, Staincliffe (Registration district)

Margaret Annie; b. 26/5/1891, Farnhill;

m. Ernest E. Longbottom, 6/4/1935, Kildwick; d. 19/7/1950, Farnhill

John; b. 16/4/1893, Farnhill; m. Sarah Elizabeth Wagstaff, 13/12/1926, Sutton-in-Craven;

d. 22/12/1961, Crosshills

Charles; b. 27/2/1898, Farnhill; m. Lois Smith, 12/11/1932, Eastburn Methodist Church;

d. 2/9/1981, Sutton-in-Craven

Lambert Edward; b. 9/11/1901, Farnhill; m. Ida Clegg, 20/9/1930, Skipton (Registration district);

d. February 1989, Blackpool

WW1 service

Service period: October 1916 (?) to after 13/12/1918

Regt.: 2/6 and 1/4 battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regt. (Pte. no. 267232)

Labour Corps (Pte. no. 383949)

44th battalion Royal Fusiliers (Pte. no. GS110778)

Medals: Victory Medal, British War Medal

Home address: 10 Main Street, Farnhill

Relationship to other volunteers

John – brother Charles – brother

Note: The three brothers, Anthony, John and Charles, were cousins to Alec and Tom Hargreaves, who volunteered from Kildwick. However, there appears to be no relationship between these three brothers and the other Hargreaves family of Farnhill.

Marriage

Wife: (1) Alice Thompson; b. 29/11/1900, Eastburn; d. 20/10/1946, buried Kildwick

(2) Eva Shepherd (nee Rushworth)

Date: (1) 23/7/1927, St. Andrew's Kildwick

(2) 28/3/1959, Skipton Register Office

Children

John, b. 11/12/1928; baptised at Kildwick church, 3/2/1929; d. 12/10/2011, Steeton





