

John Hargreaves (1893 – 1961)

John Hargreaves was born in Farnhill and attended Kildwick school.

A lover of sports, he was also a stalwart member of St Andrew’s Church, Kildwick – serving as both warden and sidesman. He was also a founding member of the “Kildwick Church Brotherhood”.

Apart from his WW1 service, from 1916 until 1919, he worked all his life at Woodrow’s Mill in Junction.

After they married, John and his wife lived in Crosshills, where he died in 1961.



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Pre-war life

John Hargreaves was born in Farnhill on 16th April 1893 and was baptised at St. Andrew’s Church, Kildwick, six weeks later. He was the fifth child, and eldest son, of John and Annie (nee Dean). His father was from Farnhill and his mother from Threshfield.

The 1901 census records John Hargreaves senior 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.

Civil Parish of <i>Farnhill</i>		Ecclesiastical Parish of <i>Kildwick</i>		County Borough, Municipal Borough, or Urban District		Ward of Municipal Borough or of Urban District		Rural District of <i>Skipton</i>		Parliamentary Borough or Division of <i>Skipton</i>		Town or Village of <i>Farn</i>	
ROAD, STREET, &c. and No. or NAME of HOUSE	HOUSES				Name and Surname of each Person	RELATION to Head of Family	Age last Birthday of	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION	Employer, Worker, or Own account	If Working at Home	WHERE BORN		(1) Dead (2) Blind (3) Lame (4) Limb less
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10 Do.	1			3	John Hargreaves	Head	43	Cattleman on farm	Worker		Yorks Farnhill		
					Annie Do	Wife	35				Do Threshfield		
					Elysa Do	Daughter	14	Woollen Spinner	Worker		Do Farnhill		
					Edith Do	Daughter	12	Woollen Spinner	Worker		Do Do		
					Edith C. Do	Daughter	11				Do Do		
					Margaret A. Do	Daughter	9				Do Do		
					John Do	Son	7				Do Do		
					Anthony Do	Son	5				Do Do		
					Charles Do	Son	3				Do Do		

Extract from the 1901 census return for Farnhill – the Hargreaves family living at 10 Main Street
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John’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 John attended Kildwick school and in July 1905 he won second prize for the creation of a wild flower bouquet – the first prize was won by his brother Anthony.

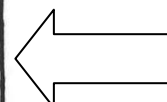
Prizes were awarded this afternoon for the best bouquets of garden & wild flowers, made by the children at school. These were won by:-
 Hill Flower Bouquet 1st Anthony Hargreaves 2nd J. Hargreaves
 Garden Flower Bouquet 1st Alan Holmes. 2nd Dora Boddy
 The flowers were afterwards sent to the hospitals and the sick people in the district.

Extract from the Kildwick school log book.
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Despite his young age it appears that John was elected as one of the wardens of Kildwick Church in 1907 and again in 1908. In January 1909 he was one of the members of the Church present at the induction of the new vicar, Rev. J. W. Rhodes.

KILDWICK.

THE NEW VICAR.—The new vicar (Rev J W Rhodes) was formally inducted to his living on the 17th by Archdeacon Kilner. The Rev A R Light (vicar of Sutton), the Rev J N Lee (vicar of Cowling), the Rev T H Lowe (vicar of Cononley), the Rev J Berry (vicar of Silsden), and Messrs Tom Appleby, F W Petty, and J Hargreaves (churchwardens), Messrs T E Sugden (Kildwick), William Sunderland and E. Longbottom (Farnhill), and F G Peacock and George Bottomley (Crosshills), sidesmen, were present at the service, and a nice little congregation. The Archdeacon, the vicar, and representatives of the clergy and laity proceeded to the door of the church, and the lay representatives passed outside, while the vicar locked the door of the church, and tolled the bell, after which he returned and re-admitted the churchwardens and others, who had gone outside, into the church. The Archdeacon then conducted the vicar to his seat in the chancel.



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He was also nominated as a sidesman in 1909 (Craven Herald, 23/4/1909), and although he was not elected to the role on this occasion, he would be in later years and go on to establish a long association with the church.

By the time of the 1911 census, taken when he was 17, John was working as a warp-twister at Woodrow's Mill, Junction.



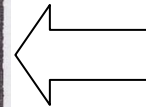
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John became a member of both Kildwick Old Boys' Football Club and Kildwick Albion Cricket Club, and was elected to the Football Club committee in July 1914 (Craven Herald, 10/7/1914) and the Cricket Club committee in January 1915 (Keighley News, 23/1/1915, below).

KILDWICK.

ALBION CRICKET CLUB MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Kildwick Albion Cricket Club was held on Friday evening week in the Kildwick and Farnhill Institute, Mr. J. Kitson presiding. It was reported that the club had a balance in hand of 12s. Mr. Feather was re-elected secretary and A. Hargreaves treasurer, and the following were appointed a committee: Messrs. B. Lister, H. Forster, P. Hartley, G. Sunderland, J. Hargreaves, Jack Kitson (captain), and Albert Kitson (vice-captain). Mr. T. Hargreaves, the vice-captain, is now serving in the 6th Battalion West Riding Regiment. Mr. B. Lister was re-appointed groundsman, and Messrs. J. Kitson and F. Pollard were chosen as representatives on the Skipton and District League.



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Note: The A. Hargreaves mentioned in the above news report as club treasurer is likely to have been Alec Hargreaves, of Kildwick, rather than John's younger brother Anthony. Anthony was, however, a member of the Kildwick Old Boys' Football Club committee.

WW1 service

John Hargreaves attested his willingness to serve in the armed forces at Keighley on 26th November 1915, swearing his oath in front of a local magistrate.

As was usual for men who attested, he was initially accepted into the general army reserve before being assigned to the 11th (Reserves) battalion of the Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment (Private, no. 18009) on 22nd January 1916. He then underwent four months of training before being transferred to the 10th battalion on 18th May 1916 and sent over to France.

The Regimental diary of the 10th battalion for September and early October 1916 describes their actions on the Somme, particularly in an area a few miles east of the town of Albert in Northern France. It was here, on 3rd October, that John Hargreaves received a shrapnel wound to the head that put him in hospital in Rouen. His injury was reported in the Keighley News on the 14th.

FARNHILL

Mrs. Hargreaves, Main Street, Farnhill, has received intimation that her son, Private John Hargreaves, of the West Riding Regiment, has been wounded in the head by shrapnel. He is at present in a base hospital at Rouen. On Thursday last Mrs. Hargreaves received a letter from her son in which he said "it felt nice to get where he could lie in a bed." He was going on nicely and they need not worry about him. Private Hargreaves has been "somewhere in France" for over five months. He joined the forces in January this year, and his battalion went into the trenches on the Sunday and he was wounded on the following Tuesday. He has two brothers in the Army, Private Charlie Hargreaves (Mechanical Motor Transport Section) and Private Anthony Hargreaves (West Riding Regiment). Private John Hargreaves was very popular in Kildwick and Farnhill.

<p>Note: Both Charlie Hargreaves and Anthony Hargreaves were also included on the Farnhill Parish Council list of WW1 Volunteers.</p>
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He was out of action for three weeks and rejoined his battalion on 26th October 1916.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 10th Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regt
 Regimental No. 118604 Rank Lieut Name John Hargreaves
 Enlisted (a) 26/11/15 Terms of Service (a) Regular Service reckons from (a) 26/11/15
 Date of promotion to present rank } Date of appointment to lance rank } Numerical position on roll of N.C.O.s. }
 Extended. Re-engaged. Qualification (i)

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
			EMBARKE	18.5.16	
6.10.16	C.O.	Wounded.	Italy	3.10.16	Memo
9.10.16	3rd Lt	From 10. G.H.	England	18.10.16	book
7.10.16	H.S. C.C.S.	St. N. Head.	Italy	4.10.16	H.24076
4.10.16	1/3rd Lt	St. N. Head		4.10.16	H.24018.
26.10.16	3rd Lt	So on	"	26.10.16	Memo 29th
2.11.16	Revised	G.S.W. Head	"	5.10.16	H.23099
3.11.16	—	G.S.W. Scalp. 2nd C.S.	Rome	14.10.16	H.23351
5.11.16	—	off to Base Hosp.	Italy	16.10.16	H.23400
7.11.16	—	G.S.W. Head. 2nd C.S.	Rome	14.10.16	H.23351
28.10.16	C.O.	Returned to	Italy	26.10.16	H.215.

Extract from John Hargreaves WW1 Active Service Casualty form – showing hospitalisation due to wounds October 1916
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In November 1917 the 23rd Division of the British Army, of which the 10th battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment was a part, was relocated from France to Northern Italy.

John Hargreaves' service record indicates that he spent the time between 29th May and 3rd June 1918 in field hospitals. Although the nature of this illness or injury was not made clear it is not likely to have been serious.

After the end of the war John remained with the army in Italy for a number of months. He was returned to the UK in March 1919 and finally discharged on 2nd April.

STATE		SERVICES of No. <i>415009</i>		Name <i>John</i>	
Corps	Branch or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	
General Service		Attested	<i>Pte</i>	<i>26-11-15</i>	
General Service		To Army Reserve	<i>Pte</i>	<i>26-11-15</i>	
	<i>8</i>	Mobilized		<i>22-1-16</i>	
	<i>11</i>	Posted		<i>25-1-16</i>	
	<i>10</i>		"	<i>18.5.1916</i>	
Transferred to Class "Z" Army Reserve on Demobilization.					
Date <i>2-4-19</i>			<i>Pte</i>		
Signature					
Place <i>York</i>			Officer i/c Records		
Home Address <i>10, Main St, Farnhill, Kildwick, Keighley</i>					
<i>PM 26-2-19</i>					

"Statement of Services" from John Hargreaves' WW1 service record
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Post-war life

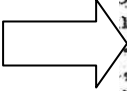
Even while he was still serving in Italy John was elected sidesman of St. Andrew's Church, Kildwick (Craven Herald 13/4/1918).

On returning home, John appears to have wasted little time in resuming his pre-war life in Farnhill. He returned to his old job at Woodrows', where he would spend the rest of his working life and, early in May 1919, was elected to the committee of the newly reformed Kildwick Old Boys' Football Club (Keighley News, 9/5/1919).

KILDWICK & FARNHILL.

Old Boys' Football Club.—A general meeting was held in the Kildwick and Farnhill Unionist Club on Friday evening. Mr. T. Appleby presided over a large attendance. In his opening remarks the Chairman dwelt on the history of the Club, which was formed in 1898 from the "old boys" of the Kildwick day and Sunday Schools, and carried on first in the Keighley Junior League, and then in the second and first Keighley League where it did fairly well. When war broke out it was thought best to suspend the Club during hostilities, as many of the members had joined the Colours. With the exception of one the whole of the forty registered playing members of 1913/14 have seen service, six having died for their country, many others having been wounded. A vote of condolence with the relatives of those who have died was passed by the meeting. The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of about £4. A suggestion had been made from outside that one good Football Club should be formed for the district comprising Salfon, Kildwick, Crosshills, etc.; instead of a few small clubs as hitherto, but this received no favour with the meeting. It was generally thought that the Club should carry on as before the war, both in memory of the old boys who have fallen, and also to keep alive the sporting spirit in the district. The Club was raised in the first place on this principle, and the meeting generally approved of this, and it was decided to join the Keighley League for the next season. The following officers were elected:—President the Rev. C. E. Hodge, Vicar of Kildwick; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. E. Walker, T. B. Sugden, J. J. Nelson, W. Fearnley, W. Bamft, T. Appleby, W. Sunderland junr., H. Smith, and H. Slater; secretary, Mr. A. D. A. Davson; treasurer, Mr. P. Slack; committee, Messrs. F. Pollard, J. Hargreaves, B. Holmes, W. Dixon, J. Talbotson, S. Holmes, C. Peake, and J. Hur-

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In the 1921 census, John is recorded as living with his mother and various siblings, and working as a Cotton Loomer and Twister at Woodrow's Mill.

He also rejoined Kildwick Albion Cricket Club. In the 1922 season, the year in which the team won the Wilberforce Cup, he stood as the team's home umpire.



John Hargreaves, in white coat and cap, at the back.
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John's mother Annie died on 22nd March 1924 and was buried in Kildwick churchyard, with her husband. (Two of John's 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 the 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 communicants 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 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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John and his siblings continued to live at 10 Main Street, Farnhill, until John married Sarah Elizabeth Wagstaff at St. Thomas' Church, Sutton-in-Craven, on 13th December 1926. They set up home at 9 Main Street, Crosshills.

In 1928 John became a founder member of Kildwick Church Brotherhood, a men's society connected to the church, and there are numerous news reports that mention him in connection with this group throughout the 1930s.

During WW2 John Hargreaves served as an ARP warden, as was recorded on the 1939 Register entry for 9 Main Street, Crosshills.

1.	Hargreaves John	M	1624	93	M	Warp Looms & Looms' Service	F.R.P. D.R.C.C.
2.	Hargreaves Sarah E.	F	1464	92	M	Warp Looms & Looms' Service	

1939 Register entry for 9 Main Street, Crosshills – John Hargreaves is an ARP warden
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John Hargreaves died on 22nd December 1961, aged 68, and was buried in St. Thomas' churchyard, Sutton-in-Craven.



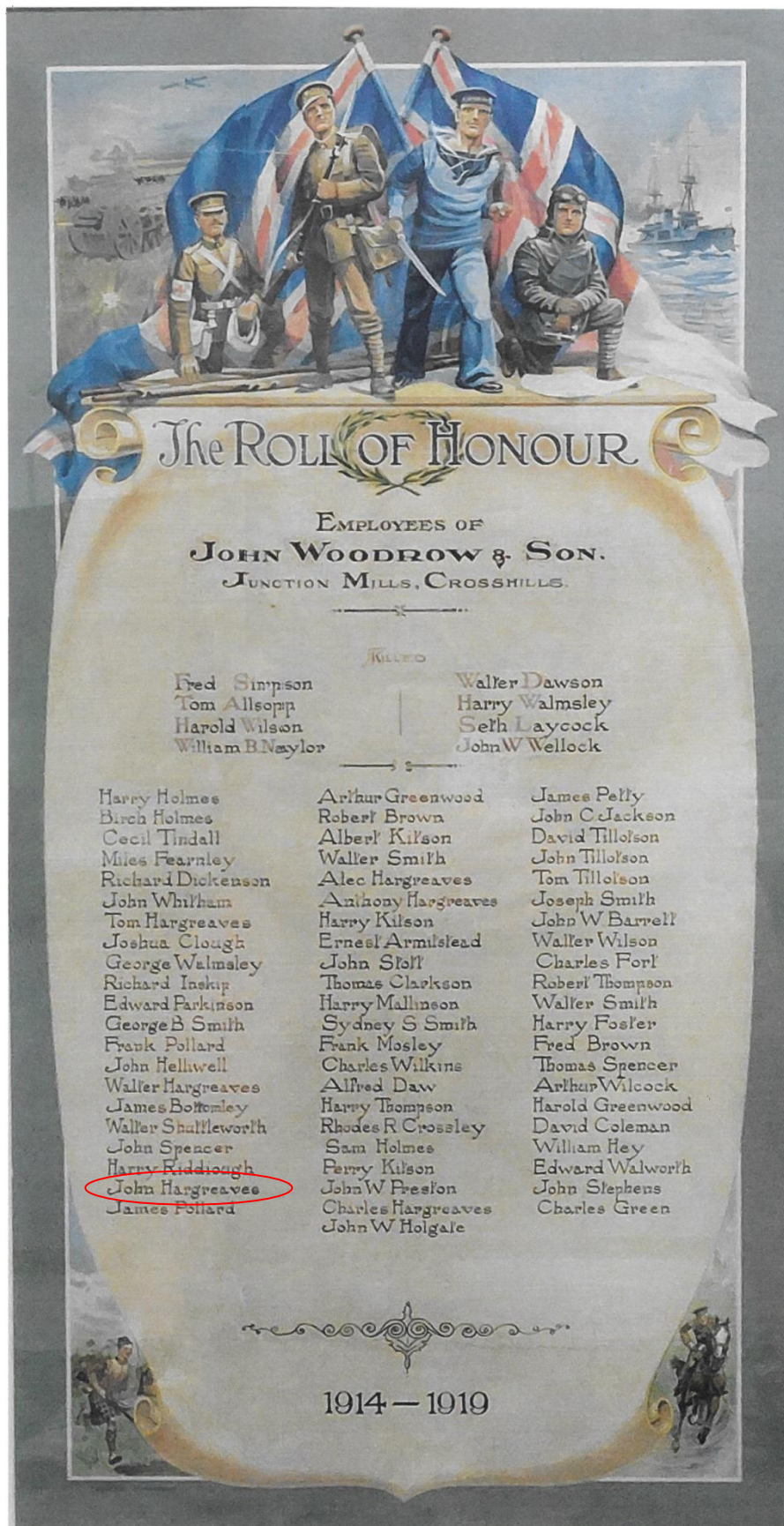
John and Sarah Hargreaves' headstone in St. Thomas' graveyard, Sutton-in-Craven
Courtesy of Isobel Stirk

A few days later the following obituary appeared in the Craven Herald (29/12/1961)

MR. JOHN HARGREAVES — Mr. John Hargreaves, 9, Main Street, Cross Hills, died on Friday at the age of 68. A native of Farnhill he lived there until his marriage when he moved to Cross Hills. He spent all his working life at the Junction Mills of J. Woodrow and Sons, working there altogether 58 years. He was given a gold watch on reaching 50 years service, and he retired about four years ago. Mr. Hargreaves served with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment through the first World War and was twice wounded. He had a lifelong association with Kildwick Parish Church and served for many years as a sidesman. The Church Brotherhood also interested him, and he was a founder member and a good worker for the Brotherhood. He loved outdoor sports, and was actively interested in the Kildwick Albion Football Club and the Kildwick Cricket Club. He served the latter club as an umpire for several years. He was a staunch Conservative. He leaves a widow. Mr. Hargreaves had a host of friends and this was clearly shown at the funeral service at Sutton Church, on Tuesday, when the church was full. The services were taken by the Rev. S. A. Selby, Vicar of Kildwick.

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



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Postscript

John's wife, Sarah Elizabeth, continued to live at 9 Main Street, Crosshills, until 1965. She died in Sutton-in-Craven on 30th January 1974 and was buried with her husband.

John and Sarah had no children.

John Hargreaves – a life in summary

Born: 16/4/1893, Farnhill
Baptised: 28/5/1893, Kildwick
Died: 22/12/1961 **Aged:** 68
Home address: 9 Main Street, Crosshills

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
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
Anthony Dean; b. 11/10/1895, Farnhill; m1. Alice Thompson, 23/7/1927, Kildwick;
m2. Eva Shepherd (nee Rushworth, divorced), 28/3/1959, Skipton Register Office
d. 16/2/1975, Farnhill
Charles; b. 27/2/1898, Farnhill; m. Lois Smith, 12/11/1932, Eastburn Methodist Church;
d. 2/09/1981, 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

Attested: 26/11/1915
Service period: 22/1/1916 to 2/4/1919
Regt. Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regt.; Private, no. 18009
11th battalion; 10th battalion
Home address: 10 Main Street, Farnhill

Relationship to other volunteers

Anthony Dean – 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: Sarah Elizabeth Wagstaff; b. 14/10/1892, Keighley (Registration district);
d. 30/1/1974, Sutton-in-Craven

Date: 13/12/1926, at St. Thomas, Sutton-in-Craven

