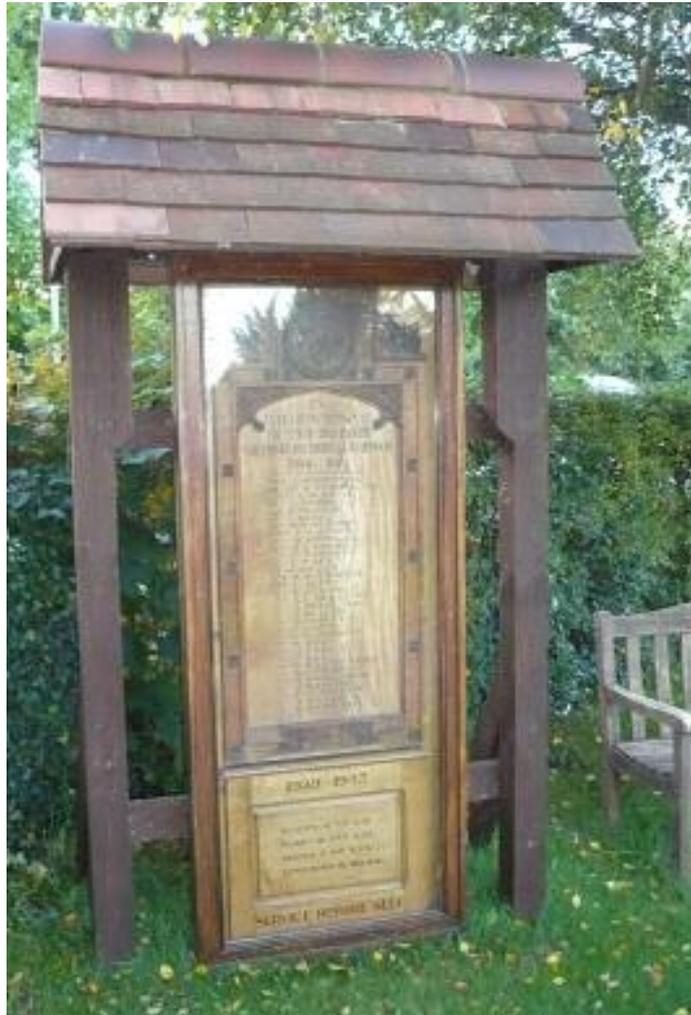


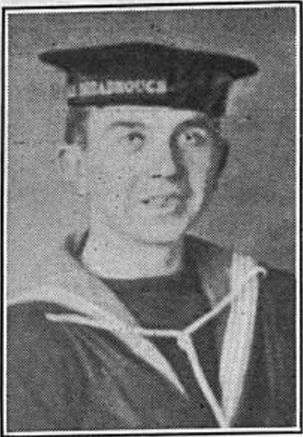
SPENCERS WOOD – WAR MEMORIAL ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH



**In ever loving memory of the men of this Parish who fought for
liberty and honour 1914-1919**

1914-1918		
<p>Simonds</p>	<p>Charles Francis</p>	<p>Major 13th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps, died on the 29th June 1916 aged 38, son of Mr and Mrs Simonds of Redlands, Reading, husband of Evelyn of Strattonend, Cirencester, Glos. Had previously served in the Boer War and was also Mentioned in Despatches. Buried at Berles-Au-Bois Churchyard Extension in France, grave G5. Also remembered on the Arborfield War Memorial.</p>
 <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 5px;">The late Major CHARLES F. SIMONDS, The Crofts, Spencers Wood, Reading.—Killed in action.</p>		

<p>Smith</p>  <p>The late J. W. SMITH, H.M.S. Good Hope, son of Mrs. E. Smith, Spencer's Wood.—Lost at sea.</p>	<p>J W</p>	<p>Mechn Royal Navy HMS Good Hope, lost at sea, son of Mrs E Smith of Spencers Wood. HMS Good Hope was sunk along with HMS Monmouth by the German armoured cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau under Admiral Graf Maximilian von Spee with the loss of her entire complement of 900 hands in the Battle of Coronel, on 1 November 1914, off the Chilean coast.</p>
<p>White</p>  <p>[Photo by Donna Roma. The late LAWRENCE WILFRED WHITE, The Nest, Spencer's Wood.—Killed in action.</p>	<p>Lawrence Wilfred</p>	<p>Leading Stoker 312249, Royal Navy HMS Invincible, died at the Battle of Jutland on the 31st May 1916 aged 27, son of Robert and Fanny White of "The Nest" Spencers Wood, Reading. Remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, panel 17. HMS Invincible was the flagship of the 3rd Battlecruiser Squadron during the Battle of Jutland. on the 30 May, the entire Grand Fleet, along with Admiral Beatty's battlecruisers, had been ordered to sea to prepare for an excursion by the German High Seas Fleet. At 5:53 Invincible opened fire on Wiesbaden, the German ship turned for the south after fruitlessly firing torpedoes and attempted to find shelter in the mist. As they turned Invincible hit Wiesbaden in the engine room and knocked out her engines. As Invincible turned north, her helm jammed and she had to come to a stop to fix the problem, this was quickly done and the squadron reformed heading west. At 6:30 Invincible abruptly appeared as a clear target before Lützow and Derfflinger. The two German ships then fired three salvos each at Invincible and sank her in 90 seconds. Of her complement, 1026 officers and men were killed, including Rear-Admiral Hood. There were only six survivors.</p>
<p>Benham</p> 	<p>Edwin</p>	<p>Stoker 1st Class K/39501, Royal Navy HMS Suffolk, died 19th June 1919 aged 38, son of Edwin and Charlotte Benham of Westgate-on-Sea, Kent, husband of Amy Maude Benham of the Square, Spencers Wood, Reading. Buried at Shinfield (St Marys) Church Cemetery. HMS Suffolk was a Monmouth class armoured cruiser of the Royal Navy built in 1903 and sold out of the Royal Navy in 1920. She had a displacement of 9,800 tons, a speed of 23 knots, and a crew complement of about 680. Her primary armament consisted of 14 quick-firing 6-inch guns, arranged in a mixture of turrets and casemates. Smaller guns and two submerged torpedo tubes complemented this.</p>
<p>Norris</p>	<p>P</p>	<p>Ab Royal Navy</p>

<p>Tubb</p>  <p>The late A.B. Seaman Gunner GEORGE TUBB, H.M.S. Broke, Spencer's Wood. Killed in the action off Dover.</p>	<p>George</p>	<p>Able Seaman J/17147, Royal Navy HMS Broke, died on the 21st April 1917 aged 21, son of Mrs G Tubb of Spencers Wood, Reading. Buried at the Dover (St James's) Cemetery, grave M.L.4. On 20 April 1917, while on night patrol of the Dover Barrage near Goodwin Sands, HMS Broke came into action against six German destroyers of the Kaiserliche Marine that had started to bombard Dover. Along with HMS Swift she engaged the German destroyers in what became known as the Battle of Dover Strait. A torpedo from HMS Swift sank one of the enemy destroyers, G-85. Then the Broke deliberately rammed another, G-42, almost breaking it in two. The two ships became locked together and for a while there was close-quarters fighting on Broke's deck until the Broke managed to break free. The German destroyer sank while the remaining German warships escaped. The badly damaged Broke was towed home.</p>
<p>Wright</p>  <p>The late Sgt. STEPHEN R. WRIGHT, Hoddesdon, late Spencer's Wood.— Killed in action. Aged 24.</p>	<p>Stephen Reginald</p>	<p>Lance Sergeant 3138, 2nd/4th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, Killed in Action on the 10th June 1916 aged 24. Born Reading, enlisted Reading, resident of Hoddesdon, Herts, late Spencer Wood. Buried at the Rue-Du-Bacquerot (13th London) Graveyard, Laventie in France. The 2nd/4th Battalion diary entry for the 10th June 1916, relieved 10th SWB between 12.30am and 5.30am. Whole Battalion in front line from Fauquissart Section 3 1/2 miles SE of Laventie Casualties 2 OR Killed, 1 Wounded. Weather cold and wet.</p>
<p>Jones</p>  <p>Pte. T. C. JONES, Spencer's Wood.— Wounded.</p>	<p>Thomas Charles</p>	<p>Lance Corporal 13135, C Company 6th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, Killed in action on the 4th November 1917 aged 25. Born Swallowfield, enlisted Reading. Son of Mr and Mrs T Jones of Spencers Wood, Reading. Buried at Poelcapelle British Cemetery in Belgium, grave VIII.D.18. Previously served in the 8th Battalion and was wounded on two occasions. The 6th Battalion diary entry for the 4th November 1917, 8.15am - Battalion marched to PROVEN and entrained for Boesinghe. 12 noon - Arrived Boesinghe where dinners were served. 3.30pm - Battalion left Boesinghe for front line, rations were carried for the whole 3 days tour in the line. Quiet journey up - Relief complete by 8pm. Sector taken over by battalion with dispositions D Coy Right Front - C Coy Left Front - B Coy Right Support around Les 5 CHEMINS and A Coy Left support around FAIDHERBE Cross.</p>

Wheeler	Harry Cussel	Lance Corporal 200855, 8 th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, died of wounds on the 29 th August 1918 aged 22. Born Reading, enlisted Reading. Son of William and Elizabeth Wheeler of Spencers Wood, Reading. Buried at the Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre in France, grave Div.62.V.A.9.
Double	James Thomas	Sapper 19658, 38 th Field Company Royal Engineers, killed in action on the 6 th October 1915 aged 25, son of Mr C S and Mrs E Double of "Holmleigh" Spencers Wood, Reading. Remembered on the Loos Memorial in France, panel 4 & 5.
		
	<p>The late Spr. J. T. DOUBLE, Spencers Wood.—Killed in action. Aged 25.</p>	
Hewitt	Percival William	Sapper 48746, 73 rd Field Company Royal Engineers, died on the 24 th June 1917 aged 30, only son of Mr and Mrs J H Hewitt of Spencers Wood, Reading. Buried at the Brandhoek Military Cemetery in Belgium, grave II.L.6.
Lee	Eric Francis	Private 69588, 9 th (Northumberland Hussars) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, died on the 9 th April 1918 aged 18, son of Reginald Lee of 5 Ormiston Road, East Greenwich, London and the late Annie Jane Lee. Remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium, panel 2.
Dicker	J	Gunner
Merritt	Maurice William	Air Mechanic 1 st Class F/28513, Royal Naval Air Service HMS Louvain, died on the 20 th January 1918 aged 28, son of Maurice John and Mary Merritt, husband of Lillian Jane Merritt of 37 Lymington Avenue, Wood Green, London. Remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial, reference 30. HMS Louvain was an armed boarding steamer that was torpedoed by U-Boat UC22 in the East Mediterranean on the 20 th January 1918.
Allen	T	Private
Beales	Edward Ernest	Private 10259, 2 nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 25 September 1915, born Aylesbury, enlisted Shinfield, resident of Spencers Wood. Remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial in Belgium, panel 7 and 8. Also remembered on the Shinfield War Memorial. The 2 nd battalion attacked at Bois Grenier on the 25 th September 1915 simultaneous to the battle of Loos, the attack was to prevent the enemy from moving reserves down and jeopardising any breakthrough at Loos. Diary entry for the Battalion, sustained the following casualties: Officers Killed: 7, Wounded: 5. Other Ranks: Killed 32, Missing 143, Wounded 216.

Bennett	Albert Edward	Private 26869, 2 nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 11 th June 1918 aged 39, born Willesdon, Middx, enlisted Reading, resident of Shinfield, husband of Florence Mary Bennett of the Lodge Cottage, Hyde End, Shinfield, Reading. Remembered on the Soissons Memorial in France.
Bradfield	Alfred	Private 201940, 2 nd /4 th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 5 th December 1917 aged 25, born Reading, enlisted Reading, son of Joseph Bradfield of 6 Park Cottages, Shinfield Road, Reading. Remembered on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval in France, panel 8.
Butler	A	Private
Earley	Walter	Private 4129, 26 th Battalion Australian Infantry AIF, died on the 1 st November 1917, son of George Earley of Spencers Wood, Reading. Buried at Menin Road South Military Cemetery, grave III.K.31.
		 <p>The late WALTER EARLEY, A.I.F., son of Mr. George Earley, Spencers Wood.—Died of wounds.</p>
Farmer	Charles	Private PO/17048, Royal Marine Light Infantry, killed in action on the 15 th June 1915 aged 19, resident of Three Mile Cross. Remembered on the Helles Memorial in Turkey, panel 2 to 7. Also remembered on the Shinfield War Memorial.
		 <p>The late Pte. CHARLES FARMER, Three Mile Cross.—Killed in action. Aged 19.</p>
Horner	Frederick Ernest	Private 30883, 115 th Company Machine Gun Corps (Infantry), died on the 2 nd August 1917. Remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium, panel 56.
Keep	A	Private
Keep	H	Private

<p>Lee</p>  <p>The late Pte. CHAS. LEE, Swallowfield.—Died of wounds, July 3rd.</p>	<p>Charles</p>	<p>Private 16326, 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, born Swallowfield, enlisted Reading, died of Wounds on the 3rd July 1916 aged 21, eldest son of Mr and Mrs B Lee of Reading. Buried at Puchevillers British Cemetery in France, grave I.B.26.</p>
<p>Lewendon</p>  <p>The late Pte. F. E. LEWENDON, of 25, Howard St., Reading.—Killed in action.</p>	<p>Frederick Ernest</p>	<p>Private 21766, 8th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 31st March 1918 aged 26, born Reading, enlisted Reading, resident of 25 Howard Street, Reading, son of Mrs Davis of Fairhaven, Spencers Wood, Reading, husband of Lily North (formerly Lewendon) of 16 Kinson Road, Reading. Remembered on the Pozieres Memorial, panel 56 and 57. The 8th Battalion diary entry for the 31st March 1918, Gentelles, France, 2am Batt marched out of village and at 4am relieved troops holding front line (19th Australian Batt 19th Corps). A and B Platoons moved to the right to form a defensive flank and assist 20th Division on left of Hangard.</p>
<p>Norris</p>  <p>Pte. W. NORRIS, Spencers Wood. Wounded.</p>	<p>William Charles</p>	<p>Private 9186, 2nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 10th March 1915 during the attack at Neuve Chapelle., born Burghfield, enlisted Reading, resident Spencers Wood. Remembered on the Le Touret Memorial in France, panel 30.</p>
<p>Sweetzer</p>  <p>The late Pte. JESSE SWEETZER, late of Reading and Mortimer.—Killed in action. Aged 35.</p>	<p>Jesse</p>	<p>Private 7562, 1st Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, killed in action on the 28th April 1915, born Wakefield, enlisted Mortimer, son of David Sweetzer 73 Catherine Street, Reading. Buried at Vieille-Chapelle New Military Cemetery, Lacouture in France, grave II.C.4. The 1st Battalion diary entry for the 28th April 1915, Cuinchy, France, A most unfortunate bomb accident occurred in our trenches about 8am. Bombs were being counted prior to handing over, and an explosion occurred which killed three NCO's and men.</p>

Wallen	James	Private 22549, 2 nd Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, died of wounds on the 5 th March 1917 aged 27, born Reading, enlisted Reading, son of Mr and Mrs James Wallen of Three Mile Cross, Spencers Wood, Shinfield, husband of Bertha Wallen of 90 Sherwood Street, Reading. Remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France, pier and face 11 D.
Wallen	Frederick George	Private PLY/1639(S), 2 nd Royal Marine Battalion Royal Navy Division, Royal Marine Light Infantry, died on the 26 th October 1917 aged 19, son of Mr and Mrs James Wallen of Three Mile Cross, Spencers Wood. Remembered on the Tyne Coy Memorial in Belgium, panel 1 and 162A.
Watkins  <small>The late Pte. ALFRED H. WATKINS, Canadian, Spencers Wood.—Killed in action. Aged 25.</small>	Alfred Herbert	Private 432238, 49 th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment), died on the 27 th June 1916 aged 27, son of Harry and Anne Watkins of Spencers Wood, Reading. Remembered on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium, panel 24-28-30.
Wootton	W	Private
1939-1945		
Elliott 	Arthur James	Marine PO/X1135, Royal Marines, HMS Suffolk, died on the 17 th April 1940 aged 25, son of Arthur and Martha Elliott of Three Mile Cross, Reading, husband of Gladys Rosalie Elliott of Three Mile Cross. Buried at the Lyness Royal Naval Cemetery, plot P, row 2, grave 40. HMS Suffolk was a Kent-Class cruiser launched on 16th February 1928. On the 17 th April 1940 she met HM Submarine SEAL, which had acted as a navigational Beacon off Stavanger. She bombarded Stavanger airfield. Then she was deployed to intercept a force of German destroyers and came under heavy air attacks for several hours. Only one direct hit of the 88 near misses reported. Sustained major damage aft that disabled steering gear. Extensive flooding and fire resulted and speed was reduced to 18 knots. On the 18 th April the ship returned to Scapa Flow steering by engines and with quarterdeck awash.
Filbey	Ronald Harry	Pilot Officer 159006, 426 (R.C.A.F) Squadron, Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, died on the 3 rd January 1944. Remembered on the Runnymede Memorial, panel 211.

<p>Fisher</p> 	<p>Annie</p>	<p>Sergeant W/75794 Auxiliary Territorial Service, died on the 14th September 1945 aged 35, daughter of George Robert and Annie Fisher of Spencers Wood. Called Nancy on grave. Buried at Shinfield (Spencers Wood) Burial ground, Shinfield.</p>
<p>Longhorn</p>	<p>Robert William</p>	<p>Petty Officer P/J 32453, Royal Navy HMS Ross, died on the 3rd March 1943 aged 45, son of Robert and Louisa Longhorn, husband of May Longhorn of Spencers Wood. Buried at Swallowfield (All Saints) Church Cemetery.</p>
<p>Service before Self</p>		