

The names of the five roads on this estate commemorate men who lived in Harbury and gave their lives in World War I. They are listed on the village war memorial on Crown Street.

Hawtin End

Stephen Hawtin was born in 1877. He married in 1907 and had two children. He went to France with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in November 1914. A German communiqué references a battle at Loos on 25 September 1915 during which Stephen, now a Lance Sergeant, advanced with his division across a coalfield. Positioned too far back, they became tangled with men coming out of the line. Stephen was wounded and taken to St Mary's dressing station only to die of his wounds later that day.



Charles Bird's gravestone, Dulsans British Cemetery, Etrun, France

Bird Walk

Charles Bird was born in 1882 and lived at 19 Mill Street with his five siblings. He was very involved in the village and never left, committed to the social life of Harbury, a member of the cricket club, church choir and a bell ringer.

Charles enlisted as a Private in the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light infantry, in 1916. He died in action on a front line trench near St Quentin 2 April 1917.



Military Medal with Bar

Rainbow Crescent

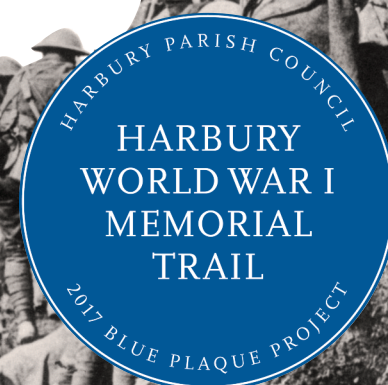
Frank Rainbow lived opposite the Crown pub in Harbury with his family: brothers Raymond, killed in 1917, and Reginald who survived. He served in the 55th Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps. In July, and a second time in November 1917, he was awarded the Military Medal for bravery. His ambulance division saw many battles from the Somme to the capture of Irles. He was killed in action on 25 August 1918 and buried at Albert where he fell.

Overs Grove

Alfred Overs was born on High Street, Harbury in 1877. In 1893 he enlisted in the British Army and for 21 years served throughout the British Empire, being honorably discharged in May 1914. At the outbreak of the Great War, Alfred was recalled as an experienced soldier. He was killed in action on 18 December 1914 and is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial near Ypres.

Brooks Drive

Raymond John Brooks was born in Harbury in 1896. By the age of 15 he was working for the Great Western Railway, but at 18, he left and volunteered his life for his country. In 1917 he was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry during the Third Battle of Ypres. On 30 November 1917, aged just 22, at the end of the battle of Cambrai, Raymond joined the list of killed, wounded or missing in action following the attack to recapture Gouzeaucourt village, where he is buried.



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More information

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