

IN MEMORY OF REGINALD JOHN BEARDSWORTH

DIED IN ACTION 3 MAY 1917

Lived at the Vicarage, Church Street (no longer standing). 'The Lymes' is now at the location

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Reginald was born on 31 March 1893, at Astley Bridge, Bolton, Lancashire, to Reverend John Edward Beardsworth.

The Reverend is interesting to look at - a photograph of him shows the man all sharp angled cheekbones, a lick of hair about his scalp, hooded eyes. There is a reflective bent to the mouth, an image of contemplation.

The family moved from Bolton to Harbury, where they took up residence in the Old Vicarage. Reginald attended Greyfriar's School in Leamington Spa, then King's School in Canterbury.

In 1913 he moved to Canada working as a Clerk at the Bank of Montreal. He enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, serving as a Private in the 27th Battalion, Canadian Infantry. His entrance papers, written when he joined on 26 September 1914, show a man of 21 years, standing 5'9", with a 'fresh' complexion speaking of good health, and plain brown eyes and hair.

Reginald was killed on 3 May 1917 during the Third Battle of the Scarpe but his body was never found.

He is remembered on the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge. His father conducted the ceremony unveiling the village war memorial in 1922, including the name of his son.



Harbury World War 1 Memorial Trail

Remembering the men of Harbury parish who fell during the first world war in service of their country.

