

# IN MEMORY OF EDWARD COOPER

DIED IN ACTION 27 MARCH 1916

*Unknown Harbury connection*

## NO PLAQUE

Edward's parents were Frederick and Mary Ann Cooper. They registered his birth in Southam, on 3 March 1894. He was baptised three months later, on 27 June.

His early childhood was marked by the death of both parents, first his father in 1900 then his mother in 1903. By the age of 16 he was a farm labourer living in Fernhill cottages, Kenilworth. However, on the record of 'soldiers who died in the Great War' he is noted as living in Temple End, Harbury.

There is an interesting connection between Edward Cooper and Albert Wyatt, suggesting a stronger link to Harbury. It is very clear that Wyatt lived in Harbury, and he and Edward signed up to the Coldstream Guards together, on 26 November 1914 in Warwick. Edward would have been 20 years old. The ties between the two families were cemented by the 1916 wedding of Annie Wyatt to Edward's brother Frederick.

There are few details as to where Edward served during the war, but he was killed in action on 27 March 1916 and buried near Ypres.



## Harbury World War 1 Memorial Trail

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

