

Weston Turville Times

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REMEMBRANCE

THE SIGNING OF THE ARMISTICE

How the News was received in Aylesbury

The glad news that the Armistice had been signed by Germany at 5 a.m. on Monday, and that hostilities would cease on all fronts at 11 a.m. was first made known to the general public in Aylesbury and the district by a special official telegram issued from the Bucks Herald office between 10 and 11 o'clock. The news spread like wildfire, and in a remarkably short space of time the town became jubilant with excitement. Flags were hoisted on all the prominent buildings of the town, and there was scarcely a house where there was not some flag display, whilst the designs on several business premises were particularly effective. The hooters and sirens at factories soon sounded forth the joyful news and a succession of detonators were exploded at the Joint Railway Station. The Market-square, the scene of many an historic gathering, presented a remarkable scene. The school children's lessons were cut short, and they marched on to the Market-square and made it ring with their cheers in exuberance of their joy. There was a spontaneous cessation of work in shop, factory, and office, and hearty congratulations were exchanged on all hands. Everybody donned the national colours and gave vent to their gladness in all sorts of ways, and without let or hindrance. A general half-holiday was proclaimed by employers.

PROCLAIMING THE ARMISTICE

An impromptu procession was then formed, headed by the Mayor (Alderman R. W. Locke), Deputy Mayor (Councillor G. J. Thrasher), the Vicar, President of the Free Church Council and Sunday School Union, General Swann, Chief Constable and members of the Corporation. They marched by the County Hall, where, after cheering by the immense crowd for the King, the British Navy and Army, and our Allies, with "boos" for the Kaiser, the Mayor made a formal proclamation of the signing of the Armistice.

The Mayor's first note was one of thankfulness to God that it was his unspeakable privilege to read them the official declaration of the signing of the Armistice by Germany. He was never more proud of the privilege of standing in front of that noble building to make a declaration. He proceeded to say: - I hereby declare that the Armistice for the cessation of hostilities was signed at 5 o'clock this morning, and all fighting on all fronts ceased.

The declaration was received with a burst of cheering, three cheers being given for "Our brave boys." The Mayor, continuing, said he considered it his first duty as head of the borough to go to the Church of God and give thanks for the great deliverance. He had wrought for them, and was proud to see the grand old Church packed to its utmost capacity with inhabitants desirous of giving thanks in the first place for victory. (Applause.) The fight for liberty and freedom had been won, and he now had the good news to tell them that before the Armistice was signed our brave Canadian brethren took the town of Mons. (Loud cheering.) That was a name which had been inscribed on their hearts,

and they thanked God for its capture. (Cheers.) The only thing he would add was that the Ecstasy of their joy they should give a moment's thought to the brave lads who had fallen, and who had taken their part in obtaining victory. In their rejoicing let them think of those who had been bereaved. As they remarked all that happened let them make up their minds that anything they could do for the great British Empire, of which they were justly proud, they would do. (Applause.)

The singing of the National Anthem was followed by cheers for the Bucks boys and for the Mayor.

A HAPPY THROG

The rejoicings were continued throughout the remainder of the afternoon and evening. In spite of leaden skies and misty rain crowds of people – men, women, and children – paraded the streets, shouting, signing, flag-waving, never ceasing and apparently never tired, while more quietly disposed folk looked on smiling contentment and sympathy. The Borough Band early arrived on the scene, and under the conductorship of Bandmaster R. Payne played patriotic music to the delight of the crowd. Soon after midday the soldiers from Halton Camp came crowding into the town and joined heartily, boisterously in the general jubilation, the discharge of fireworks adding to the noise and excitement. The Mayor and General Swann made speeches from the steps of the Clock Tower, General Swann enlarging on the blessing of the Constitutional monarchy under which Great Britain had showed superiority, and also on the very readiness in which our Colonies and Dependencies had rallied to the home country in the time of need. We had seen how in the time of Philip, in the Napoleonic wars, and now again Britain had saved Europe from disaster, and we had cause for great rejoicing. At the insistence of the Mayor hearty cheers were given for the King and his forces. The band subsequently paraded some of the principal streets, with an impromptu procession of soldiers and children, and in the evening returned to Market-square, where they played selections. The Chief Constable gave an early intimation that the restrictions of the Lighting Order were relaxed, and many of the shades were speedily removed from the public electric lamps, the Square being brilliantly illuminated – a wonderful transformation from the gloom of the past two to three years. The bells – also freed from restrictions – were rung at St Mary's and Holy Trinity Churches at intervals. At the conclusion of their programme of music the Band were entertained to supper by Mr. E Solloway, a kindness which was much appreciated.

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THE MEN OF WESTON TURVILLE WHO DIED IN THE GREAT WAR

JACK ATKINS	Rank/Number	Private, 7934
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 2nd Battalion
	Age/Date of death	25?, 03 Oct 1914
	How died/Theatre of war	Died of wounds, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Vailly British Cemetery, Aisne, France
	Date/Place of birth	c.1889?, Weston Turville

JOHN KIRTLAND	Rank/Number	2nd Lieutenant
	Regiment	East Surrey Regiment 2nd Battalion
	Age/Date of death	32, 12 Mar 1915
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Cemetery	Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Mesen, Belgium
	Date/Place of birth	12 Apr 1882, Weston Turville



WILLIAM JAMES INGRAM	Rank/Number	Sergeant, 907
	Regiment	Australian Infantry 1st Battalion
	Enlisted	Randwick, NSW, Aust
	Age/Date of death	27, 13 Aug 1915
	How died/Theatre of war	Died of wounds, Malta
	Last known address	Australia
	Cemetery	Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta
	Date/Place of birth	c1888, Aylesbury

PERCY EDWARD CHAMBERLIN	Rank/Number	Driver, T4/111902
	Regiment	Army Service Corps
	Age/Date of death	25, 11 Jun 1915
	How died/Theatre of war	Died, Home
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Weston Turville (St Mary) Churchyard, Bucks
	Date/Place of birth	27 Feb 1890 Weston Turville



Percy Chamberlin and his family.
Standing from left: Unknown;
Lewis Austin, husband of
Maude; Maude Austin, Percy's
sister; Percy Chamberlin; Alf
Chamberlin, Percy's brother
(with cane) Front seated: George
and Louisa Chamberlin, Percy's
father and mother

STEPHEN ALEC KEMPSTER	Rank/Number	2nd Lieutenant (TP)
	Regiment	Middlesex Regiment 17th Battalion
	Age/Date of death	34, 08 Jun 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action
	Cemetery	Roelincourt Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
	Date/Place of birth	29 Oct 1882/3?, London

WILFRED CHARLES LIONEL RICKARD	Rank/Number	Sapper, 63832
	Regiment	Royal Engineers 77th Field Company
	Age/Date of death	25, 14 Feb 1916
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Ieper, Belgium
Date/Place of birth	01 Apr 1891, Weston Turville	



ERNEST ARTHUR PERCY CLARK	Rank/Number	Private, 266638
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 2/1st Bucks Battalion
	Age/Date of death	20, 19 Jul 1916
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Wellingborough, Northants
	Cemetery	Loos Memorial, Pas de Calais, France
Date/Place of birth	17 Apr 1896, Weston Turville	

GEORGE ERNEST EDWARDS	Rank/Number	Private, 255
	Regiment	Australian Imperial Force 26th Battalion
	Enlisted	Brisbane, Queensland
	Age/Date of death	28, 05 Nov 1916
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Brisbane
Cemetery	Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Somme, France	
Date/Place of birth	30 Dec 1888, Weston Turville	

EDWARD JOHN AXTELL	Rank/Number	Corporal, 267350
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry, 2/1st Bucks Battalion
	Age/Date of death	28, 15 Mar 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France
	Date/Place of birth	1889, Weston Turville

JOSEPH BROOKS	Rank/Number	Sergeant, 18307
	Regiment	Essex Regiment 13th Battalion
	Enlisted	Stratford, Essex
	Age/Date of death	34, 26 Oct 1916
	How died/Theatre of war	Died of wounds, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Plaistow, Essex
Cemetery	Couin British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France	
Date/Place of birth	c1882 Stratford, Essex	



ARTHUR PURSSELL	Rank/Number	Private, 28508
	Regiment	East Surrey Regiment 1st Battalion
	Age/Date of death	33, 05 Oct 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Isleworth, Middx
	Cemetery	Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
	Date/Place of birth	C1884, Tring

ALISTER LESLIE MUNGER	Rank/Number	Lance Corporal, 49785
	Regiment	Royal Fusiliers 9th Battalion
	Age/Date of death	27, 09 Apr 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Finchley, London
	Cemetery	Ste Catherine British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
	Date/Place of birth	08 Jan 1890, Weston Turville



HERBERT JOHN BRILL DEAN	Rank/Number	Private, 202223
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 1/4th Battalion
	Age/Date of death	36, 27 Aug 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
	Date/Place of birth	10 Oct 1881 Weston Turville

FRED AXTELL	Rank/Number	Gunner, 199655
	Regiment	Royal Field Artillery 465th Bty 65th Brigade
	Age/Date of death	29, 03 Nov 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Died of wounds, France & Flanders
	Last known address	1911, West End, Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
	Date/Place of birth	23 Nov 1887, Weston Turville

THOMAS CHARLES KEMPSTER	Rank/Number	Able Seaman, SS/6562(Ch)
	Regiment	Royal Navy HMS Ragoon
	Age/Date of death	22, 09 Jan 1918
	Cemetery	Rathmullan (St Columb) Church of Ireland Churchyard, Co Donegal, Ireland
	Date/Place of birth	18 Dec 1896, Tring

HENRY JAMES HOWE	Rank/Number	Private, 240042
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 2/1st Bucks Battalion
	Enlisted	Aylesbury
	Age/Date of death	27, 22 Aug 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Cemetery	Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
	Date/Place of birth	1890, Weston Turville

PETER WEEDON	Rank/Number	Private 4750
	Regiment	Royal Warwickshire Regiment 2/8th Battalion
	Age/Date of death	27, 21 Dec 1916
	How died/Theatre of war	Died, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Weston Turville (St Mary) Churchyard, Bucks
	Date/Place of birth	c1889 Weston Turville



ALBERT BUNCE	Rank/Number	Private, 28627
	Regiment	East Surrey Regiment, 13th Battalion
	Age/Date of death	28, 26 Nov 1917
	How died/Theatre of war	Killed in action, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Wendover
	Cemetery	Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, Nord, France
	Date/Place of birth	30 Mar 1889, Weston Turville



THOMAS BISHOP	Rank/Number	Lance Corporal, 267413
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 2/4th Battalion
	Age/Date of death	36, 15 Apr 1918
	How died/Theatre of war	Died of wounds, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Wendover
	Cemetery	Aire Communal Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France
	Date/Place of birth	30 Apr 1882, Weston Turville

HERBERT LEONARD KEMPSTER	Rank/Number	Private, 30825
	Regiment	Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 3rd Battalion
	Enlisted	Aylesbury
	Age/Date of death	18, 13 Oct 1918
	How died/Theatre of war	Died, Home
	Cemetery	Weston Turville (St Mary) Churchyard, Bucks
	Date/Place of birth	22 Oct 1899, Weston Turville

HARRY LANGSTON	Rank/Number	Private, 40467
	Regiment	Kings Shropshire Light Infantry 7th Battalion
	Enlisted	Watford
	Age/Date of death	36, 02 Oct 1918
	How died/Theatre of war	Died of wounds, France & Flanders
	Last known address	Weston Turville
	Cemetery	Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France
Date/Place of birth	c1884, Halton	

ANDREW ERIC
HAMILTON-AGNEW

Rank/Number Captain
Regiment Royal Dublin Fusiliers
Age/Date of death 26, 03 Nov 1918
How died/Theatre of war Died, Home
Last known address Manor House,
Weston Turville
Cemetery Weston Turville (St
Mary) Churchyard, Bucks
Date/Place of birth 1892, County Dublin



FRANK
JOHN RIDGWAY

Rank/Number Private, 50604
Regiment Suffolk Regiment 2nd Battalion
Enlisted Aylesbury
Age/Date of death 37, 28 Mar 1918
How died/Theatre of war Killed in action France & Flanders
Last known address 4 Northern Rd, Aylesbury
Cemetery Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France
Date/Place of birth 09 Nov 1881, Weston Turville

ERIC GEORGE
KEMPSTER

Rank/Number Private, PS/2329
Regiment Middlesex Regiment 16th Battalion
Enlisted Shepherds Bush
Age/Date of death 17, 01 Jul 1916
How died/Theatre of war Killed in action, France & Flanders
Last known address Barnes, Surrey
Cemetery Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France
Date/Place of birth c1899 Weston Turville

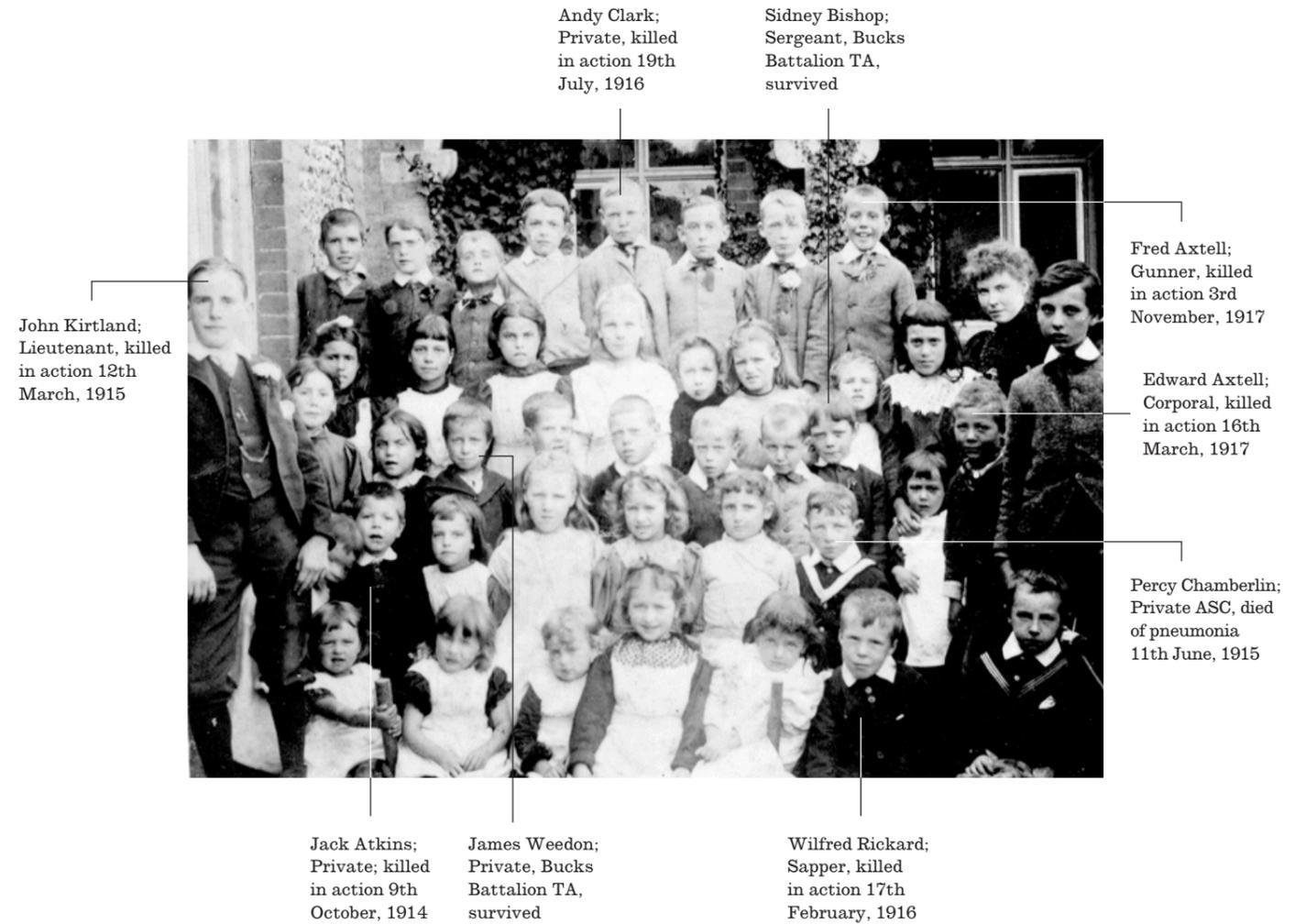
LEONARD CLARK

Rank/Number Lance Corporal, 8259
Regiment Royal Berkshire Regiment 1st Battalion
Enlisted Reading
Age/Date of death 31, 29 Apr 1917
How died/Theatre of war Killed in action, France & Flanders
Last known address Tring, Herts
Cemetery Arras Memorial, Pas de Calais, France
Date/Place of birth 22 Jun 1885, Little Missenden

CHARLES
PETER AXTELL

Rank/Number Private, 266560
Regiment Oxford & Bucks Light Infantry 2/1st Bucks Battalion
Enlisted Aylesbury
Age/Date of death 23, 30 Apr 1920
How died/Theatre of war Died, Home
Last known address Church End, Weston Turville
Cemetery Weston Turville (St Mary) Churchyard, Bucks
Date/Place of birth c1896, Weston Turville

WESTON TURVILLE SCHOOL, CLASS PHOTOGRAPH c.1897



UBIQUITOUS THEATRE – JOURNEY’S END

NOVEMBER 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th 2018 7.30pm

World’s End Garden Centre Restaurant Theatre

**UBIQUITOUS
THEATRE**

CAST

Rhydian Hill	Lt Hibbert
Jason Middleton	Lt Trotter
Richard Higham	Colonel
Ed Wickens	Sgt Major
Andrew Reston	1st Lt Osborne
Tim Minshull	Capt Stanhope
Julian O’Hare	Capt Hardy
Ryan McGregor	Lt Raleigh
Randal Stokes	Cpl Mason

Directed and Produced by Nick and Lynn Andrews
of Ubiquitous Theatre.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Stage Manager	Becci Andrews
Set Design and Construction	Max Heathcote-Smith
Lighting and Sound Design	Ian Robinson and Steve Curtis
Wardrobe	Harvey’s of Hove (UK)
Props	Colleen Tudway
Front of House	Mary Heathcote-Smith and John Wilsen
The Band	Rod Puddifoot and friends

THE AUTHOR

R. C. Sherriff was born in 1896 and educated at Kingston Grammar School and New College, Oxford. He entered his father’s insurance business, but shortly after, on the outbreak of the First World War, he joined the army and served as a captain in the East Surrey Regiment. He rejoined the business in 1918 and spent ten years as a claims adjuster.

It was an interest in amateur theatricals which let him to try his hand at writing. After rejection by many theatre managements, Journey’s End was given a single Sunday evening performance by the Incorporated Stage Society in December 1928. Laurence Olivier played Stanhope on that occasion. In 1929, Shaw was instrumental in having Journey’s End produced at the Savoy Theatre. The play’s enormous success, in both Europe and America, enabled Sherriff to become a full-time writer.

Among his other plays are Badger’s Green (1930); Windfall (1933); St Helena (1935), a play about Napoleon, written in collaboration with Jeanne de Casalis; Miss Mabel (1948); Home at Seven (1950); The White Carnation (1953); and The Long Sunset (1955), a vivid picture of the last day of Roman civilisation in Britain. He wrote screen plays for many films including The Invisible Man (1933), Goodbye Mr Chips (1933), The Four Feathers (1937), Lady Hamilton (1941), Odd Man Out (1945), Quartet (1948), No Highway (1950) and The Dam Busters (1955). He also published an autobiography, No Leading Lady (1968). R. C. Sherriff died in November 1975.

THE WAR IN THE TRENCHES

The Western Front

The play takes place during World War I. It is set in an officers’ dugout in the trenches on the Western Front. This was the battle line between the Allies and Germans that lay across Northern France, Belgium and down to the Swiss border. For much of the war this front remained fairly static with neither side giving nor taking much territory; indeed advances were measured in just a few miles gained over half a year or more.

The Trenches

The Trenches of the Western Front stretched in a continuous line from the English Channel to the Swiss frontier. These were not two distinct parallel lines on a map but a rabbit warren of fire, communication and supply trenches. Getting lost in the trenches was a real possibility. Any advances in territory for both sides were minor. The technique of advancing over a trench wall and running directly into your enemy’s line of fire across the barbed wire, decaying bodies and mud of ‘no-man’s land’ was costly to human life. Casualties were high. At the end of the four year conflict 908,371 British men had been killed and 2 million injured whilst 1,773,700 Germans were killed and over 4 million injured.

St Quentin

The play opens just before the advance at St Quentin. St Quentin lies 45 miles west of Amiens and 90 miles north of Paris. By 1918 German forces out-numbered the Allies on the Western Front and in the spring of that year Germany staged three offensives. The advance at St. Quentin, a city in the Somme River Valley, in March 1918 pushed British troops into a 30 mile retreat. Over the next four months the Germans progressed east towards Paris shelling the city with their enormous guns known as Big Berthas. These had a firing range of 75 miles. With American help the Allies managed to contain the German advance. The turning point was the Second Battle of the Marne fought from July 15th to August 6th, 1918. By early September 1918, the Allies had regained the territory they had lost that spring and by the end of the month Germany realised it could no longer overcome the strength of the combined Allied forces. The Germans surrendered in November 1918.

Equipment

British soldiers on the Western Front would carry in total 30 kilos of equipment. This would include: a steel helmet, a rifle, two grenades, 220 rounds of ammunition, wire cutters, field dressing, entrenching tools, great-coat, two sandbags, rolled ground sheet, water bottle, haversack, mess tin, towel, shaving kit, extra socks, message book and rations.

Alcohol in the trenches

Rum was the alcohol that was given to soldiers. Each division (20,000) had 300 gallons which was usually distributed after an offensive and in very cold weather.



SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

The play is set in an officers’ dugout in St Quentin. The date is March 18th 1918 and the action takes place over three days. The German spring offensive is under way and their army has significant forward momentum; a fact known to the British troops of the time.

Act I

Scene 1 – Monday evening

Act II

Scene 1 – Tuesday morning

Scene 2 – Tuesday afternoon

Interval – approximately 15 - 20 minutes

Act III

Scene 1 – Wednesday afternoon

Scene 2 – Wednesday night

Scene 3 – Thursday, towards dawn

PRODUCERS’ NOTES

We could not have mounted this production without the help and encouragement of Martyn Lincoln and his team at World’s End Garden Centre. Steve Lambell and Colleen Tudway of Thame Players have provided advice, props and expertise and Ubiquitous Theatre owes them a huge debt.

This production was inspired by a Journey’s End mounted at Hyde Heath, directed by Howard and Erica Olsen; we offer our thanks and admiration to them.

We have been grant aided by the Heart of Bucks Foundation. Rehearsal facilities have been provided by Bucks College Group. Glynn White of the Weston Turville Historical Society mounted the Exhibition and we acknowledge the amazing knitters of Weston Turville who made over 1,000 poppies for our Poppy Cascade.

DIRECTORS’ NOTES

Ubiquitous Theatre is delighted to return to the Worlds End Garden Centre for the third time. Journey’s End is a truly great play, beautifully written by RC Sherriff. It has endured.

As we have rehearsed it we all came to realise how balanced it is; how the characters are given room to breathe and develop and how Sherriff avoids stereotyping the characters. Life is never that simple — so why should men at war be? The reason for this classic status is, we believe, his respect for the men under extreme pressure as human beings first and soldiers second. This allows us to believe in the characters - if we were there we would surely talk about our lives back home, our gardens, our loved ones.

Sherriff served at the front; in the original production a young unknown actor called Laurence Olivier had to use Sherriff’s old uniform as there was no money for costumes. The play is not an anti-war polemic, it is primarily about fear and duty; flight or fight. The men ‘stick it: “because it is the only decent thing a man can do”.

As performers we remain in awe of the men who actually went through this — why them and not us? - an accident of timing we know but working on Journey’s End with this cast, which has been a real privilege for us, makes us wonder what meaning that has for us now.

There may not be trenches in Flanders any more but there are still young men huddled together somewhere tonight wondering whether the next shell or bullet will be the end of them.

**Thank you for coming tonight and
we hope you enjoy our production.**

**MEN OF WESTON TURVILLE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED
FORCES DURING THE GREAT WAR 1914 – 1918**

Surname	Forenames	Residence	Rank	Regiment / Ship	Notes
Atkins	Ernest	West End	Pte	Territorial	
Atkins	Jack	Weston Turville	Pte	2nd OBLI	KIA 3 Oct 1914
Atkins	William	Weston Turville	Dr	RE	
Axtell	Charles Peter	Church End	Pte	1st OBLI	WIA died 30 Apr 1920
Axtell	Edward	Weston Turville	Cpl	1st OBLI	KIA 16 Mar 1917
Axtell	Fred	West End	Gnr	RA	KIA 3 Nov 1917
Axtell	Horace		Boy	HMS Birkenhead	
Axtell	Joseph	Church End	Cpl	4th Dorset Regt.	
Axtell	Sidney		AB	HMS Woolwich	
Axtell	Thomas	Church End	Gnr	RFA	
Axtell	Walter	Main Street	Sapp	RE	
Axtell	William Thomas	Church End	Pte	RAF	
Baker	Herbert	Worlds End Lane	Dmr	1/22 London Rgt	
Bateman	Walter Henry	Main street	Pte	Lab.Co	
Bates	Stanley William	Church End	Pte	M.G. Batt.	
Bates	Thomas	School Lane	L-Cpl.	RE	
Bishop	H		L-Bdr	RFA	
Bishop	Sidney George	Church End	Sgt	Bucks Bn TA	
Bishop	Thomas	Wendover	L-Cpl	2nd OBLI	KIA 15 Apr 1918
Booth	Reginald Percy	The Post Office	Pte	2/6 Devons	
Brice	Jack		Tpr	2nd Life Guards	
Bright	William	New Road	Rfn	Rifle Bde	
Brooks	Joseph	Plaistow, Essex	Sgt	13th Bn Essex Rgt	KIA 26 Oct 1916
Brooks	Stanley	School Lane	Pte	Territorial	
Brown	Herbert	Brook End	Gnr	RGA	
Bull	Sidney	Brook End	Sapp	208 Field, RE	
Bunce	Albert	Wendover	Pte	E Surrey Reg	KIA 26 Nov 1917
Bunce	George	Church End	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
Bunce	Joseph	West End	Pte	31 (H.S.) Wks LI	
Bunce	Victor Ernest Charles	School Lane	Pte	3rd Somerset LI	
Campbell	David Patrick	Wendover Road	Lieut.	ASC	
Chamberlin	Albert Cyril	West End	Pte	AOD 3rd Army	
Chamberlin	Alf. Victor	Weston Turville	Pte	Territorial	
Chamberlin	Percy E	Weston Turville	Pte	ASC	WIA died 11 Jun 1915
Chappin	Reginald Joseph	Brook End	Pte	10th Hussars	
Clark	Leonard	Tring	L-Cpl	1st R Berks Rgt	KIA 29 Apr 1917
Clarke	Charles		Pte	NZ Army	
Clarke	Ernest A P	Wellingborough	Pte	2nd OBLI	KIA 19 Jul 1916
Clarke	Joseph	Church End	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
Clarke	Reginald John	Weston Turville	Pte	Territorial	
Cooke	Brian Kennedy	Weston Turville	Major	5th OBLI	Military Cross 1918
Dean	Herbert J B	Weston Turville	Pte	4th OBLI	KIA 27 Aug 1917
Deering	Frederick	School Lane		ASC	

Dowthwaite	Herbert William	Weston Turville		HMS President II	
Edwards	George Ernest	Brisbane, Australia	Pte	Australian Army	KIA 5 Nov 1916
Eldridge	Arthur Harry	Mill Lane	Pte	OBLI TA	
Eldridge	Frank	Church End	Pte	Ag.Co., LC	
Fitkin	Berrington Thomas	The Poplars	Ass. Paymaster	HMS Cyclops	
Ford	George		Pte	DLI	
Francis	Walter		Pte	1st R Berks Regt	
Goodson	Arthur	Weston Turville	Tpr	Herts Yeomanry	
Goodson	Charles Thos.	Weston Turville	L-Bdr	RGA (19 Hy Bty)	
Goodson	T		Pte	ASC	
Goodson	William	West End	Stoker	HMS Edgar	
Goodson	William Thomas	West End	Sapp	RE	
Green	James Joseph	Wendover Road	Pte	Royal Bucks	
Griffin	Ernest George	Main Street	Pte	Lab. Co., LC	
Griffith	George	Main Street	Pte	ASC	
Gurney	Alfred	Weston Turville	Pte	1st Bucks Batt	
Hamilton-Agnew	Andrew	Manor House	Captain	Royal Dublin Fusiliers	WIA died 3 Nov 1918
Horne	Fred C	West End	Pte	OBLI TA	
Horne	George	West End	Pte	MGC	
Horne	Jack	West End	Pte	Territorial	
Horne	James Thomas	Weston Turville	L-Cpl	RE	
Howe	Harry J	Weston Turville	Pte	1st OBLI	KIA 22 Jun 1917
Hughes	William	Valley Field	S-Sgt	AOC	
Humphreys	Harold	Main Street		HM Training Ship	
Humphreys	Henry	Main Street		HM Training Ship	
Humphreys	William	The Post Office	Pte	AOC	
Ingram	William	Randwick, NSW	Sgt	Australian Army	KIA 13 Aug 1915
Jamieson	Alexander	Burnside	Lt	8th York & Lancs	
Jones	Albert Sidney	Wendover Road	Cpl	ASC	
Kempster	Alec		Pte	RAMC	
Kempster	Eric George	Barnes, Surrey	Pte	16th Middlesex Rgt	KIA 1 July 1916
Kempster	Herbert Leonard	School Lane	Pte	3rd OBLI	KIA 13 Oct 1918
Kempster	Stephen Alec	Weston Turville	2lt	17th MiddlesexRgt	KIA 8 Jun 1917
Kempster	Thomas Charles	Weston Turville	AB	HMS Ragoon	KIA 9 Jan 1918
King	Harry G	West End	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
King	William	West End	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
Kingstone	David		Gnr	RGA	
Kirtland	Frederick	Weston Turville	Pte	NZ Army	
Kirtland	George	Weston Turville	Sgt	SA Mtd Rifles	
Kirtland	John	Weston Turville	Lt	2nd E Surrey Reg	KIA 12 Mar 1915
Langston	Harry	Weston Turville	Pte	Kings Shropshire LI	WIA, died 2 Oct 1918
Langston	Thomas	Church End	Cpl	ASC	
Lee	Frederick Leslie	Weston Turville	Sgt	Bucks Bn TA	Military Medal 1918
Lee	Wilfred		Pte	RAMC	
Mason	William	Church End	Gnr	RGA Malta	

Mellor	Norman	Weston Turville	Pte	Territorial	
Mellor	Robert	Chequer's Inn	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
Millins	Phillip George	Weston Turville	L-Cpl	1st Worcesters	
Moss	John William	Weston Turville	Dvr	RFA	
Munday	Charles Joseph	Weston Turville	Pte	Territorial	
Munger	George Herbert	Manor Cottage	Pte	MGC	
Munger	Leslie	Finchley, Lon.	Lcpl	9th Royal Fusiliers	KIA 9 Apr 1917
Oakley	Caleb	Weston Turville	Pte	RAMC	
Oakley	Simeon	Main Street	Tpr	7th Hussars	
Oakley	Thomas	Weston Turville	Stoker	HMS Royal Arthur	
Piddington	Frank	Broughton Farm Cottage	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
Poole	Alfred Walter	Main Street	Pte	London Rgt	
Purssell	Arthur	Isleworth	Pte	1st East Surrey Rgt	KIA 5 Oct 1917
Purssell	Charles Lionel	Worlds End Lane	Pte	3rd Somerset LI	
Purssell	Frank	School Lane	Gnr	RGA	
Purssell	Herbert Charles	Rectory Farm	Pte	Coldstream Guards	
Purssell	Roger	Brook End	AB	HMS Boadicea	
Purssell	Thomas	Weston Turville	AB	HMS Otway RNR	
Rance	Sidney Walter	Elmhurst		HMS Benbow	
Rickard	Cecil	New Road	Cpl	Labour Corp'd	
Rickard	Wilfred	Weston Turville	Spr	RE	KIA 14 Feb 1916
Rickard	William Victor	Weston Turville	Pte	Ox & Bucks LI	
Ridgway	Frank John	Aylesbury	Pte	2nd Suffolk Rgt	KIA 28 March 1918
Ridley	Richard	Mill Lane	Gnr	RFA	
Rogers	Francis		AB	RNR	
Ryal	John	Main Street	Pte	MGC	
Saw	Arthur	Brook End	Tpr	R Bucks Hussars	
Sharp	Walter		Pte	Australian Army	
Spencer	Cyril John	Main Street	Ptr	MGC	
Spencer	Francis	Chequer's Inn	L-Cpl	1/8 Worcesters	
Spencer	Herbert John	Main Street	Spr	RE	
Stoker	James Reuben	Weston Turville	Dvr	RFA	
Tapping	Frank	Bedgrove Farm	Tpr	R Bucks Hussars	
Tapping	William Ernest	Bedgrove	Pte	Royal Berks	
Thomas	Henry Edwin	West End	Sgt	AVC	
Turney	Cyril	Broughton Cott.	AB	HMS Queen Elizabeth	
Turney	Herbert Edward	Broughton Cott.	Pte	RFA	
Walton	Frederick	Weston Turville	Tpr	18th Hussars	
Watson	William		Pte	OBLI	
Weedon	James	West End	Pte	Bucks Bn TA	
Weedon	John	West End	Dvr	RFA	
Weedon	Peter	Weston Turville	Pte	R Warwicks Regt	WIA, died 21 Dec 1916
White	Eustace	School Lane	L-Cpl	Gar. Fire Bde	
White	Harold G	School Lane	Pte	AOC	
White	Rupert W	Weston Turville	C-Sgt	6th DCLI	KIA 18 Aug 1916

Information obtained from 1918 Absent Voters List and Weston Turville's Roll of Honour (compiled by Hunphrey Bunce)

LIFE IN WESTON TURVILLE AS RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE GREAT WAR (1914 – 1918) AND ALSO 1919

29TH OCTOBER 1914

A serious complaint was made to the Aylesbury District Council regarding the level of sewage in the village coming from Halton Camp. A petition had been signed by the Parish Council and residents

25TH FEBRUARY 1915

The secretary of the council was asked to write to Messrs. Horwood & James (agents to Lord Rothschild) asking for 2 stiles to be repaired (Malthouse Row and Mullin's Allotments).

19TH APRIL 1915

The secretary of the council was asked to write to the county surveyor for the roads in the village to be tarred due to the nuisance of dust cased by the motor transport of the troops.

12TH JULY 1915

The secretary of the council was asked to write to the county council surveyor and Wycombe District Council regarding straightening of 2 dangerous corners in the village (Brook End and World's End Lane).

21ST FEBRUARY 1916

The secretary was asked to write again to the county council surveyor and Wycombe District Council regarding straightening of 2 dangerous corners in the village. 2 accidents had occurred on 13th July at World's End Lane.

Letter had been received from the Board of Agriculture and Food Economy regarding maximising the amount of vegetables produced. This was regarded as not relevant to the village as a lot of land used as allotments.

10TH APRIL 1916

The secretary was asked to write yet again to the AVDC regarding the corner at World's End lane.

The secretary was asked to write to Lord Rothschild regarding the "archway" (culvert) near Warne's Allotment gate as it was causing flooding in the area.

28TH SEPTEMBER 1916

A letter was received from the County Council regarding the distribution of seed potatoes for the village.

The secretary was asked to write Horwood & James (agents for Lord Rothschild) regarding the condition of the dam in Manor House Field. Flooding of land occurring. Major concern expressed over allotment arrears from many people.

12TH FEBRUARY 1917

A letter of condolence was sent to Mrs J C Munger regarding the sad loss of her husband.

The secretary was asked write again to Lord Rothschild

regarding the "archway" (culvert) near Warne's Allotment gate as it was causing flooding in the area.

Major concern expressed over allotment arrears from many people.

Parish Constables, George Sharp, Trevor George Bates and Charles Edwin Bunce elected for next 12 months.

Half a ton of seed potatoes were ordered from County Council.

23RD APRIL 1917

Messrs John Henry Tapping and Henry Tompkins elected as Overseers to the Poor.

Offer received from Bucks County War & Agriculture Committee regarding use of farm labourers. It was considered as not necessary as WT farmers conversant with their needs.

Letter received from Messrs Horwood & James to say dam in Manor House Field will be inspected.
15th June 1917

The dam had still not been repaired and the secretary was asked to write directly to Hon Charles Nathaniel Rothschild.

Letter received from Bucks War & Agriculture Committee requesting that tenants were found for 3 acre allotment and No 2 Big Field. Mr A E Bunce agreed to take these on.

It was agreed that the council purchase a potato sprayer for the village with sufficient Burgundy mixture to spray 2 and 2/3rd acres at the cost of 3d per pole.

The secretary was asked to write to the Bucks County War & Agriculture Committee to inform them the crop of potatoes had been a complete failure.
27th August 1917

Letter had been received from Hon Charles Nathaniel Rothschild to say that he was willing to contribute £10 to the repair of the dam.

Letter received from the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries stating that the Class III seed potatoes were not as good as Class I seed potatoes (Class III seed potatoes had been received from the Bucks War & Agriculture Committee).

Issue raised our tenancy of allotments in No 3 Big Field and No1 Hill's Field.

28TH SEPTEMBER 1917

Additional contributions had been promised for the repair to the dam (Mercer's Company £6, Charles Burnham £1 and Mrs Stevens, Ivy House £2.2.0. Quotes had been received for the repair to the dam: Charles Richard - £49.5.0
H C Wakefield - £47.15.6

However fullness of the water in the reservoir was preventing work and this work was suspended for 6 months.

A letter to be sent to the Mr Pearce Bros of Wendover regarding their driver constantly driving across the village green (site of the war memorial).

An application received from Mr Charles Dean for permission to take over 3 acre allotment in Hill's Field that had previously been occupied by his nephew Mr Herbert Dean (KIA). Committee to check whether Mr Herbert Dean's widow wished to become the tenant.

2ND NOVEMBER 1917

The application from Mr Charles Dean to take over the allotment in Hill's Field was accepted and he was requested to plough the allotment and plant wheat.

An issue was raised concerning the large number of house sparrows in the village. It was agreed to pay 11/2d per dozen sparrow's eggs, 3d per dozen house sparrows' heads and 11/2d per rat.

1ST FEBRUARY 1918

Letter to be written to Messrs Horwood & James regarding the 2 acres of land on World's End Lane, occupied by Mr F C Walton regarding its filthy condition and the fact it was strewn with tins from Halton camp.

Letter received from Messrs Horwood & James that they would enlarge the archway to Warne's Allotments provided the steam from Marroway to the allotments was cleaned by the Parish Council. Problems identified with drains from under the road to Mr Munday's house in West End.

Messrs G Chamberlain, G Sharp, Trevor George Bates and Charles Edwin Bunce elected as Parish Constables for ensuing year.

Request sent to land owners for stiles to be repaired on their land.

18TH APRIL 1918

A letter had been received from the County Council that larger drains would not prevent the flooding in West End and the Parish Council need to clear the streams.

Letter of condolences to be sent to Councillor Lee regarding the loss of his son Frank (real name of Francis Edward Lee who died in Stoke Mandeville Hospital aged 33).

Messrs G Sharp and A S Munger to be overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

21ST JUNE 1918

Cleaning of streams had been carried out in order to overcome flooding issue.

Charges for potato spraying agreed – charge of 1/- for up to 4 poles and 3d for additional poles.

22ND AUGUST 1918

Letter was received from Mr F H Parrott, Clerk to Rural District Council regarding the number of additional houses to be built in Weston Turville for the working classes after the war.

Parish Council agreed that a minimum of 20 should be built for agricultural labourers only.

Complaints were received that produce was being stolen from allotments and that people were not keeping to footpaths.

11TH NOVEMBER 1918

The armistice, signed on 11th November 1918 was marked by the Village School: 'On hearing the Armistice had been signed, managers ordered a half holiday. "God Save the King" and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" were sung and the flag hoisted'.

Celebrations, as such, were saved for the Peace day the following year.

The soldiers returned in 1919.

Weston Turville, with a population of 737 in 1911 had sent over 130 able bodied men to war of which 26 were killed or died of their wounds and sickness.

20TH DECEMBER 1918

Letter was received from Rural District Council asking for proposed sites for the 20 additional houses in Weston Turville.

Letter to be written to Messrs Horwood & James regarding defective gate on Wendover Road to Hill's Farm Allotments.

21ST FEBRUARY 1919

Messrs G Sharp, Trevor George Bates and Charles Edwin Bunce elected as Parish Constables for ensuing year.

It was reported that 852 rats, 432 sparrows and 122 sparrow's eggs had been destroyed in the past 12 months.

24TH JUNE 1919

A "Returned Soldiers" concert with supper to be organised by the village on 15th July 1919 with £20 to be provided by the Parish Council.

A village fete to be organised with free tea for under 14's, mothers and wives of soldiers and sailors and all from the parish of 65+. All others would be charged.

19TH JULY 1919

The Peace Day Celebrations on 19th July took the form of a fete, a fancy dress parade and sports in the Church Meadow with a tea party for the children under 14, the wives and mothers of the soldiers and sailors and all those over 65 years of age.

6TH AUGUST 1919

5 sites for the 20 new houses had been proposed by the Parish Council of which 4 had been rejected by the Government inspector (times do not change!).

22ND OCTOBER 1919

First mention of erecting a War Memorial on the Village Green.

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE... 100 YEARS ON

This will be held on Sunday 11th November between 10.00am & 10.30am at the war memorial. Everyone is invited to pay their respects. The names of those who died will be commemorated and wreaths laid.

After the two-minute silence there will be a short time for refreshments at the chapel, followed by services at:

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We will remember them...

1914 – 1918

Pte J Atkins
Cpl E Axtell
Gnr F Axtell
L/Cpl T Bishop
Sgt J Brooks
Pte A Bunce
Pte P F Chamberlin
Pte E A P Clark
L/Cpl L Clark
Pte H J B Dean
Pte G Edwards
Cpt A E Hamilton-Agnew
Pte H J Howe
Sgt W Ingram
Pte H Langston
Pte E G Kemster
Pte H L Kemster
2nd Lt S A Kemster
Ab T C Kemster
Lt J Kirkland
L/Cpl L Munger
Pte A Purssell
Spr W C Rickard
Pte F J Ridgway
Pte P Weedon
Pte P Axtell

1939 – 1945

Ab E G Bates
Flt Sgt E C W Broad
Flt Sgt F G W Broad
Pte F G B Brooks
Gdsman E Bunce
L/Cpl C J Griffin
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