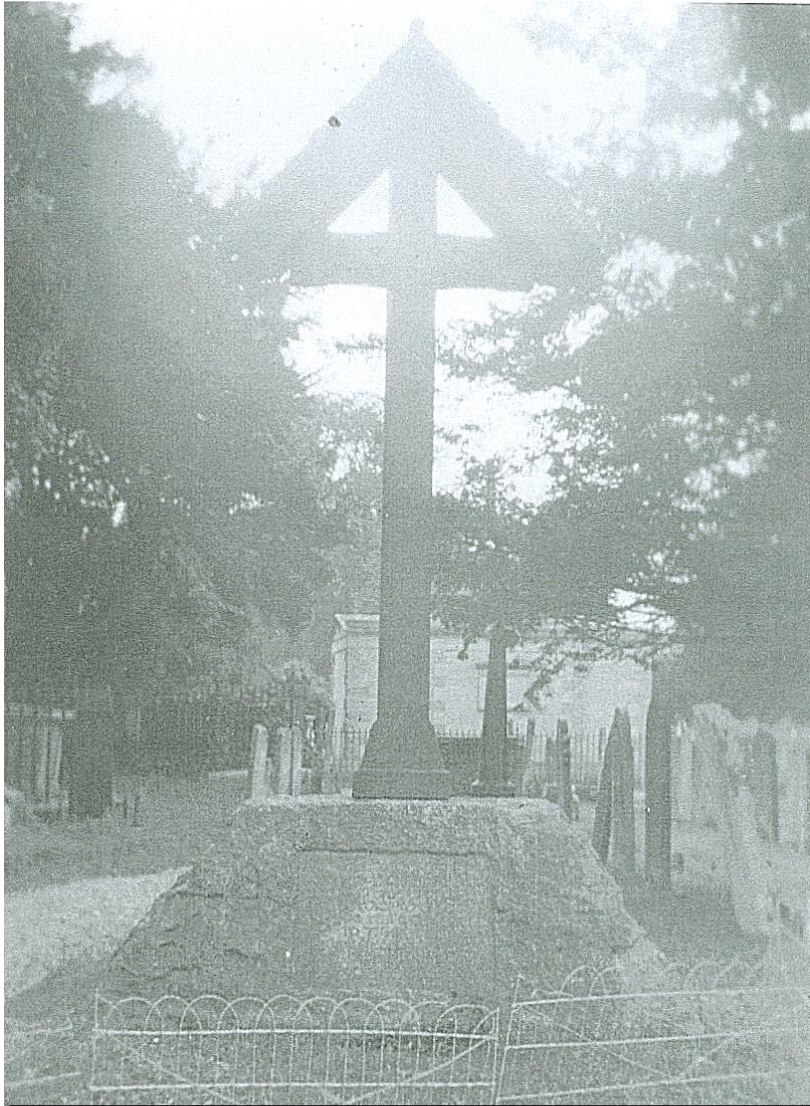


FARNINGHAM WAR MEMORIALS



Farningham War Memorial with wooden Calvary cross, 1930s

April 1919 - The Parish Council discussed the subject of a War Memorial. The vicar reported that the Parochial Church Council had collected funds from parishioners for a memorial in the churchyard.

A memorial wooden Calvary cross on a granite base was erected, and unveiled in 1923.

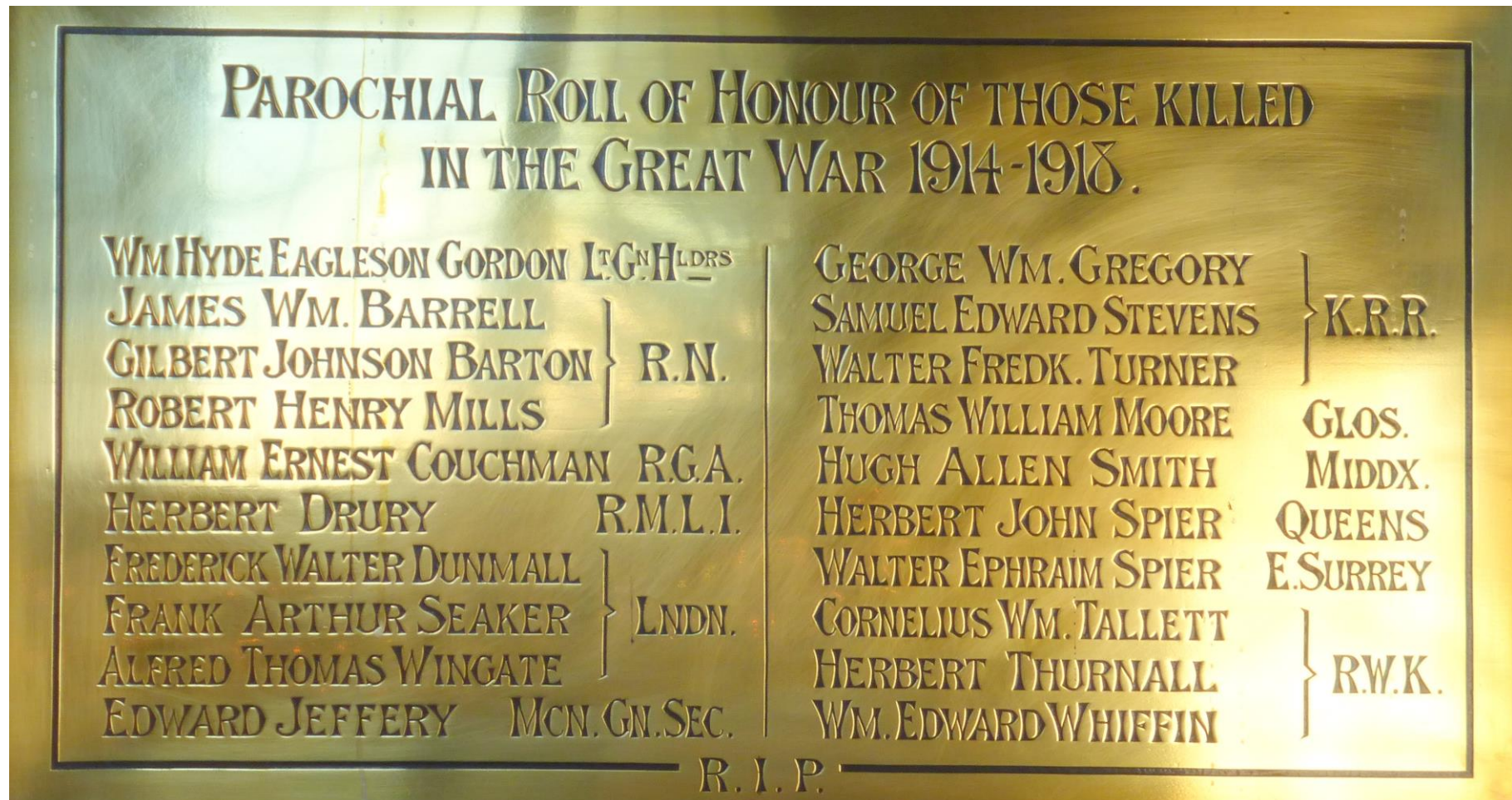
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
IN MEMORY OF THE FALLEN
AND A THANKOFFERING
FOR VICTORY TO OUR ARMS
AND FOR THE SAFE RETURN
TO THIS PARISH
OF ALL WHO SERVED IN
THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918 (date 1939-1945 added later)

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Farningham war memorial, inside south gate to Church, July 2013

BRASS MEMORIAL TABLET IN FARNINGHAM CHURCH LISTING THE DEAD SERVICEMEN OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR



This was unveiled at the same occasion as the memorial in the Churchyard in 1923. It lists 20 names and is fixed opposite the main door on the south wall, December 2013

FARNINGHAM WAR MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Apart from the war memorial in the churchyard, the village wanted another type of memorial, which would provide an amenity for the whole community, so in November 1919 Farningham War Memorial Association was set up.

AIM – To provide, carry on and maintain a Memorial of the Great War for the Parish of Farningham

Farningham War Memorial Association Rules June 1921

- To be run by a Management Committee, with Secretary and Treasurer
- AGM to receive Chairman's, Treasurer's reports, elect Committee
- 3 Trustees – A.G. Guthrie, J.W. Hetherington, H.J. Ward, with powers to purchase and sell land or property, take out mortgage, with consent of Management Committee

Land was purchased next to the Church school for A Village Hall and Club premises, but plan abandoned as too expensive.

After a village meeting it was decided to provide a Village Hall.

THE PURCHASE OF CROFT HOUSE AS A VILLAGE MEETING PLACE

The purchase of Croft House, premises of the Farningham Men's Club and Institute, became focus of attention in 1921. The Women's Institute and Men's Club shared the premises, and it was planned to build a Village Hall on the land.

Public meeting agreement January 1921, purchase October 1921.

January 1922

<u>Money in</u>	<u>£1335</u>	including:
	£500	From the Soldiers' Clubs Association, conditional on condition the Club was open to present and past members of the armed forces.
	£200	From the Women's Institute
	£50	From Farningham Men's Club

Estimated costs

<u>£2300</u>	without cost of equipment, but including:
£500	Purchase of property
£250	Structural repairs
£1300	For hall
£250	Repairs/ alterations for Women's Institute

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The Croft House, once Farningham Men's Club & Institute, July 2013