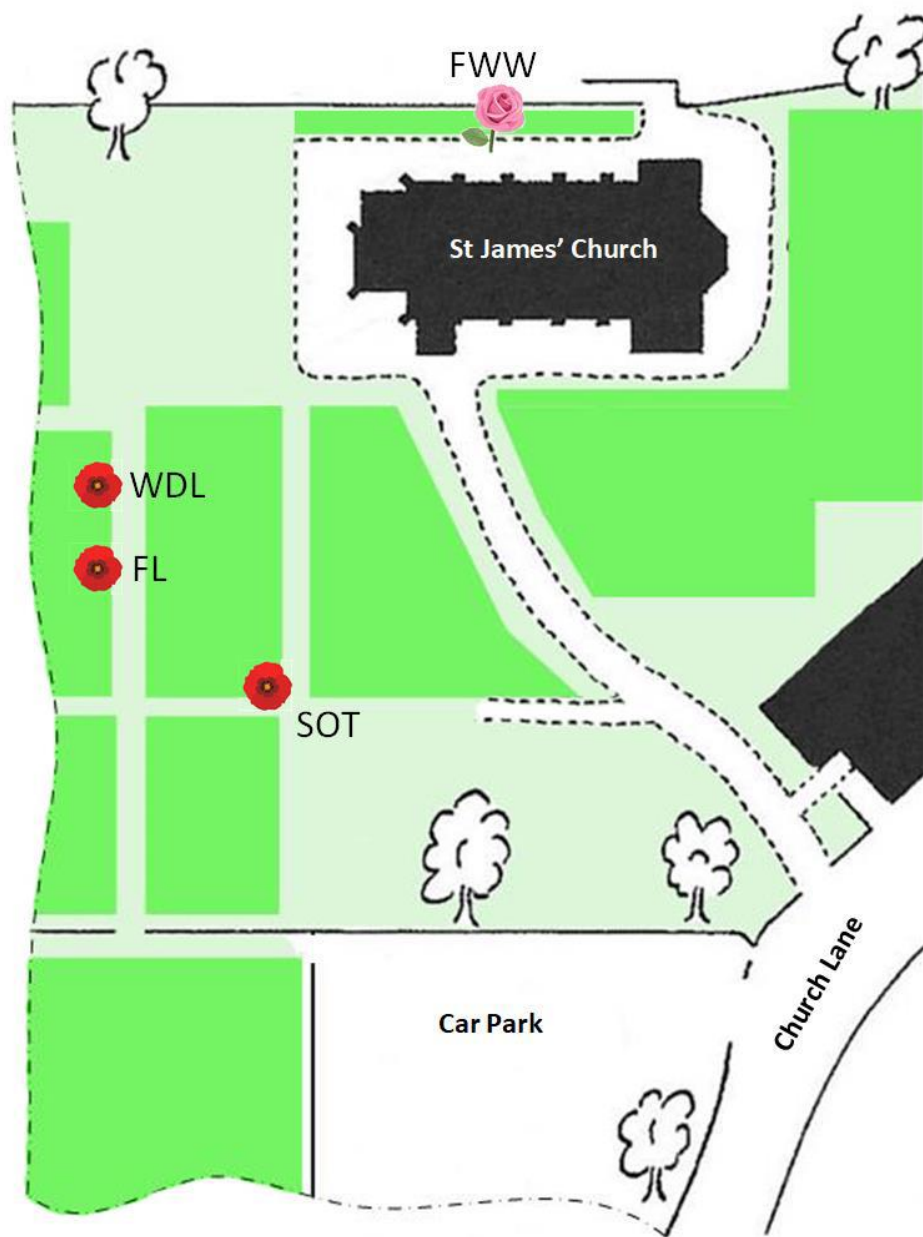




COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES
at
ST JAMES' CHURCH, SUTTON.

***"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."***

From "For the Fallen" by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869 – 1943)



Commonwealth War Grave



Lusitania grave



WALLACE DOODY LATHAM

Private W.D.Latham, 23752, Woolwich Command, Royal Army Pay Corps, formerly, 4183, Cheshire Regiment.

Born at Biddulph, Staffordshire in 1893, Wallace was a son of Henry Latham and his wife Frances (née Moss). Henry was a coachman who had moved from Biddulph in the late 1890's to live in Cheshire. In the 1911 census Henry, Frances and their family of five sons and two daughters were living at 49, Gurnett. In that year Wallace was employed as an assistant in an outfitter's shop. He died in 1920 at Kendal in Westmoreland, at the age of 28 years.

Unfortunately we have been unable to establish where and when he enlisted, or when he was transferred from the Cheshire's to the Pay Corps.



FRED LOMAS

Private F.Lomas, 302455, Manchester Regiment.



Born in 1886 at Macclesfield, Fred was the son of George Lomas and his wife Alice (née Swindells). In 1891 Fred lived with his family at 93 Walker Lane, Sutton. Educated at the Centenary School, he attended Brunswick Chapel in Macclesfield. The 1911 census indicates that Fred was working as a domestic servant at Manor House, North Rode. He married Ellen Buckley in 1912 and in 1916 was employed as a gardener at Sutton Hall.

Fred enlisted on 18 August 1916 at Macclesfield and, after his initial basic training, was drafted to France in March 1917. Here he received a severe head wound on 21 March (first day of the German Offensive). He was evacuated to Netley Hospital in Hampshire for treatment. This was followed by stays at Hurdsfield

House Hospital and then Scarborough. He was later transferred to Chester War Hospital. While there he had an attack of influenza which developed into pneumonia. Fred died in Chester Hospital on 3 November 1918 aged 32 and was buried in the churchyard six days later.

STANLEY OLIVER TURNOCK

Driver S.O.Turnock, 151278, Royal Army Service Corps.

Born in April 1911, Stanley was the son of Thomas Edward (Ted) Oliver Turnock and his wife Hannah (née Caldwell). Ted was a farmer of Throstles Nest, Sutton, who later moved to Yew Tree Villa.

Stanley died on active service on 31st January 1940 and was buried in the churchyard five days later.



FLORENCE WALLACE WATSON

Although not a Commonwealth War Grave, we also remember Florence Wallace Watson (née Standcliffe). Born in nearby Byrons Lane, in 1887 Florence married William Wallace Watson and together they moved to Montreal, Canada. When elected to the Royal Montreal Golf Club in 1891 Florence became the first female member of any golf club in North America.



In 1915 the widowed Florence boarded the Cunard Liner *Lusitania* to travel to see her family in Britain. On 7th May the ship was torpedoed with the loss of 1198 lives, including that of Florence.

Her body was recovered and was one of very few to be returned to their family for burial. She was interred in St James' churchyard on 14th May 1915.

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