

Ballinger, Buckinghamshire War Memorial

Lieut.-General Sir Francis Lloyd unveiled a bronze Memorial Tablet at the Ballinger War Memorial Hall on Saturday 7 June 1924.

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The Foundation Stone for the Memorial Hall was laid by Mrs Montague Hart on 19 August 1922, and the Hall was opened by Mrs Frederick Hampton on 4 November 1922. The Hall is in the style of an old Buckinghamshire Barn. On 7 June 1924, Sir Francis Lloyd unveiled a bronze Memorial Tablet on the outside of the building (to the right of the doorway). The inscription on the tablet reads:

This Hall was built to commemorate the service to King and Country of the men Of this district in the World War 1914-1918; to honour with reverence and gratitude the memory of:

Tom Barrett
A D Lerags Campbell
Edmund William Green George
Holloway
F R A N Knollys Alfred
Saunders Frank Sherman

Who in fearless devotion to duty passed to life beyond. *Pro. Deo: Pro Patria.*

Inside the Hall is an oak panel with the names of all those from the district who served in the War, including the seven on the bronze tablet who died. The oak panel was unveiled by the Marquess of Lincolnshire at the same ceremony.

Sir Francis Lloyd and the Marquess of Lincolnshire both gave addresses, which were reported in two local newspapers.

The entry in Lloyd's diary for Saturday, 7th June 1924 reads:

'I started at 10.30 in a Daimler sent by Mr T Bryant Smith. A very good car, but the man said he had no instruction as to where to go to. We picked up Major A Nelson, representing the Legion at the United Services Club (Senior). We drove down but had considerable difficulty in finding Ballinger being wrongly directed many times.

However, we at last arrived there at Mr Frederick Hampton's house, he being the Chairman of the Ballinger War Memorial Hall Committee. An excellent luncheon: Champagne, Queen Anne knives and forks, and Wheatsheaf chairs. A man of taste evidently, or imitative ability - I am not sure which. She seemed a nice woman.

After luncheon, where I could extract very little of what was to be done, we repaired to the Memorial Hall at Ballinger, arriving at the same time as Lord and Lady Lincolnshire, and Rupert Carrington. It came on to rain but luckily only for a minute or two. I unveiled the Memorial and spoke. We then went inside and Lord Lincolnshire unveiled a tablet of names and spoke extremely well. Major Nelson then spoke very clearly and explained the meaning and intention of the British Legion. It did not last more than about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour.

We picked up our coats at Mr Hampton's, had a cup of tea, and started for home. We took Captain Ivor Stewart Liberty, the President, with us and I dropped him at Victoria Street. When I got home I found that Muriel Munster had arrived.'

Sources:

The Bucks Examiner, 13 June 1924. (long report).

The Bucks Herald, Saturday, 14 June 1924.

[Proceedings and Order of Service](#) (pasted in Lloyd's diary).

Extract from Lloyd's diary.