



Woodford Remembers



Herald Dunford

Autumn 1885 – 15 November 1916

Family

Herald was born in 1885 to Samuel and Elizabeth nee Buckle, in Lyddington where in 1891 his father a Police Constable. The couple had married in Ketton in on 3 October 1872. Their first born was John (1876) followed by A (1879) and Alice (1882). Following the birth of Herald, Ethel was born in 1890, and Ida in 1893.

In 1911 Herald was a teacher living in St Andrews Street Leicester, as a border but since the end of the 1800's his father, mother and two youngest sisters had resided in the Bakers Arms, in Church Street Woodford where Samuel was the Publican. Where he was assisted by his daughter Alice. Ida died in August 1913, and in January 1915 Samuel Dunford transferred the licence of the Bakers Arms to Albert Eaton of Broughton. Samuel died in February 1919 and probate for £515 17s 6d was granted to his wife, Elizabeth and John Samuel Dunford (son) who was a butcher. Whilst all early records refer to him as Herald, most army records refer to him as Harold.

Army Service

Herald served as a Private 4824 of the Honourable Artillery Company (some references refer to him erroneously as 4324) signing up at Armoury House in London on 8th November 1915 as a reservist. At the time he was living in Leyton employed as a teacher by the London County Council. He served in France from 29 June 1916. He was reported as missing following the Battle of Ancre near Beaucourt on 13 November 1916 and was certified as killed in action on 15 November 1916

He was posthumously awarded the Victory and War medals for service to King and Country.

Burial / grave

Not known

Dependants

None

Commemoration

Thiepval Memorial Panel 08A

Woodford War Memorial Village Green

Woodford St Mary's Church Memorial

