

The Life and Remembrance of

George Butterworth

(1885-1916)

at Trinity College

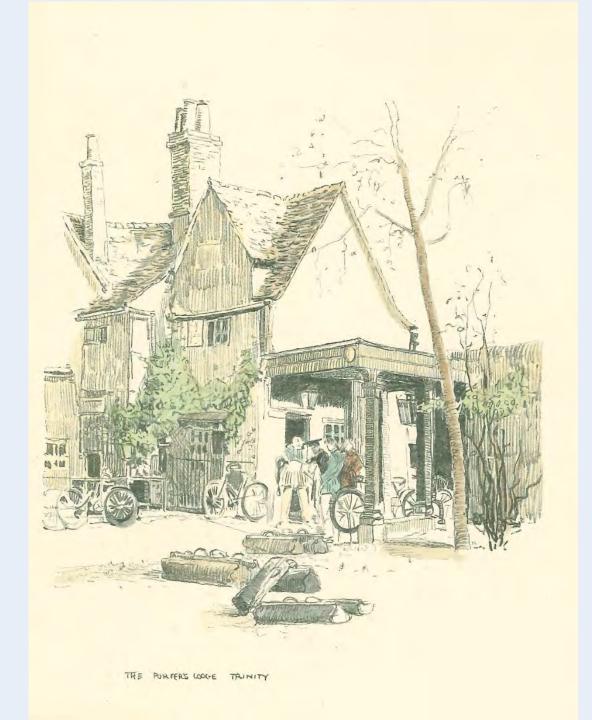
Introduction

This exhibition from the Trinity Archive explores the undergraduate life of the composer George Butterworth, and reflects on the commemoration of a generation lost in the First World War.

George Butterworth entered Trinity College in October 1904 and graduated with Honours in the summer of 1908. An outstanding musician, he remained aloof from the lighthearted musical activities of his Trinity contemporaries.

It was in the wider University where most of George's friendships were made, and his remarkable gifts developed. It was at Trinity however that he first met the English don Reginald Tiddy (fellow 1905–16). The two men shared a passion for English folk music and rural culture, and, as founder members of the English Folk Dance Society, they were to dance regularly together in demonstration Morris teams. George is circled above in a group photograph of 1906; Reginald Tiddy is circled below.





Edwardian Trinity

At the turn of the 20th Century, Trinity was one of Oxford's smaller colleges, and then as now it had a reputation for friendliness. This sketch of 1913 shows members of the cricket team with their bags and bicycles at the porters' lodge on Broad Street. George Butterworth was a keen cricketer at school, although he never played in a Trinity College first eleven.

Getting in

George came up to Oxford from Eton. There he had won a place as a King's Scholar against considerable competition, and it was hoped that he might also gain a classical scholarship at Trinity. The examination was held jointly with Wadham College in the first week of the Christmas Vacation of 1903.

Candidates spent several days in Oxford sitting papers in Greek and Roman history, philosophy and literature. There was also an English essay, entitled,

The origin and value of the sense of honour

A sense of honour was firmly inculcated in every Edwardian schoolboy. When in 1914 they heard the call to arms, they knew exactly where their duty lay.

Although conscientious in his studies, George had no particular interest in academic work. He narrowly failed to gain a scholarship and entered Trinity as the senior commoner of his year.

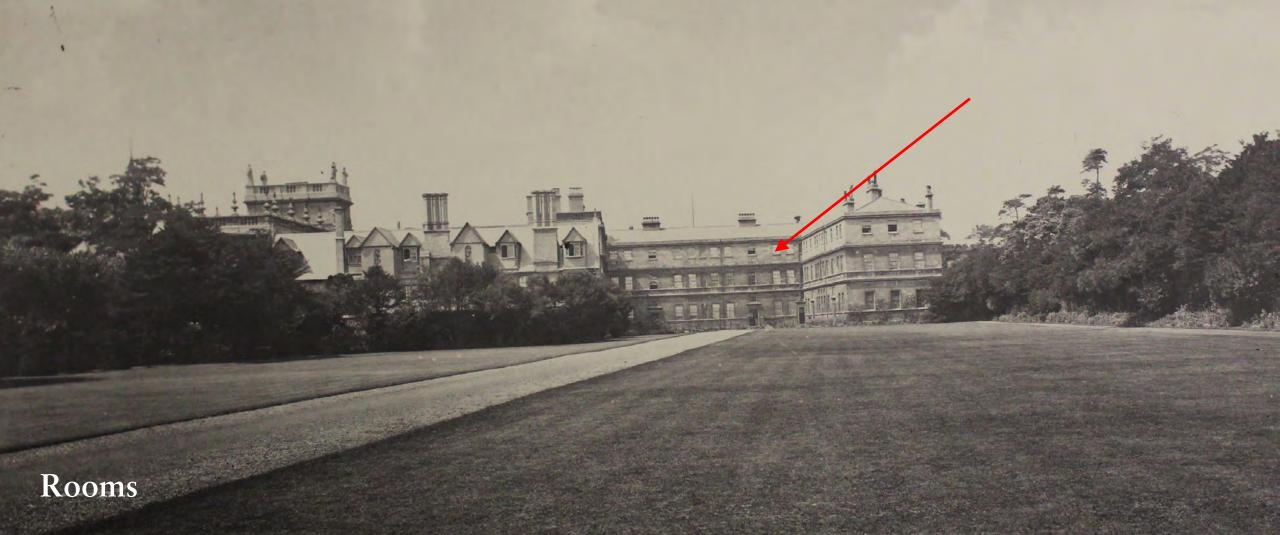


In his own hand

Since the 1660s, it has been the tradition in Trinity for each new member to write their own entry in the Admissions Register. On 14 October 1904, George inscribed the required biographical details of his name and address, father, birth and education.

George was an only child. His father Alexander Kaye Butterworth was a solicitor and railway manager who could trace his lineage back to Anglo-Saxon times. Women were never mentioned in the records of an all-male college, but George's mother Julia was a gifted soprano, while Alexander had wide ranging interests in music and the arts. Sadly, Julia was to predecease her son, dying in 1911 at the age of 52.

Butterworth Grorge Sainton Kays - First son of alexander Kays Butterworth, solicitor, Riseholme, Jhe Mount, York - born July 12th 1885, in the parish of Paddington, London - educated at Eton College - admitted commoner, Gct. 14th 1904.



George was assigned to rooms at the top of staircase 13 in the Garden Quadrangle, from where he had one of the finest views in Oxford, looking down the garden towards Wadham College. He lived here for two years, although, as he pointed out to his mother in an abortive attempt to be allowed to move into lodgings after only three terms, it was not possible to get a piano up the stairs.

This photograph copied from the album of Clive Dean (1905) shows the Garden Quadrangle from the lawn.

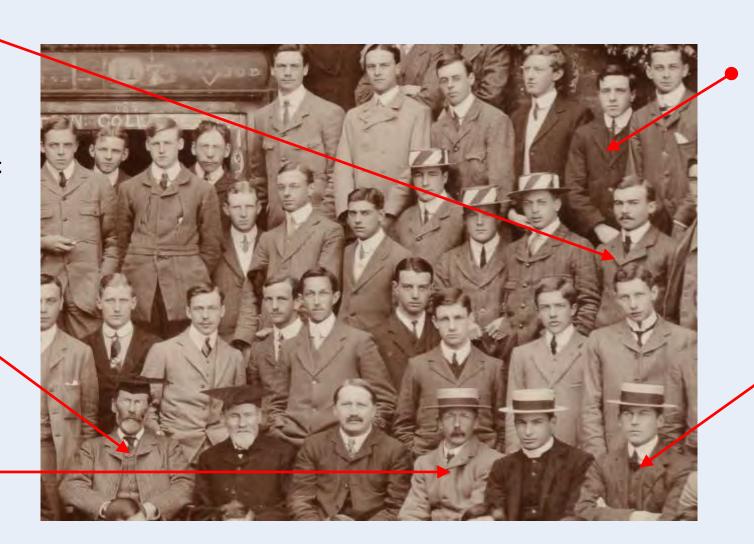


Every summer, members of Trinity assembled in Garden Quad for a group photograph. George's direct gaze to the camera is very characteristic. Moustaches were not commonly worn by Edwardian undergraduates, but George had first sported his while still at Eton.

George Butterworth

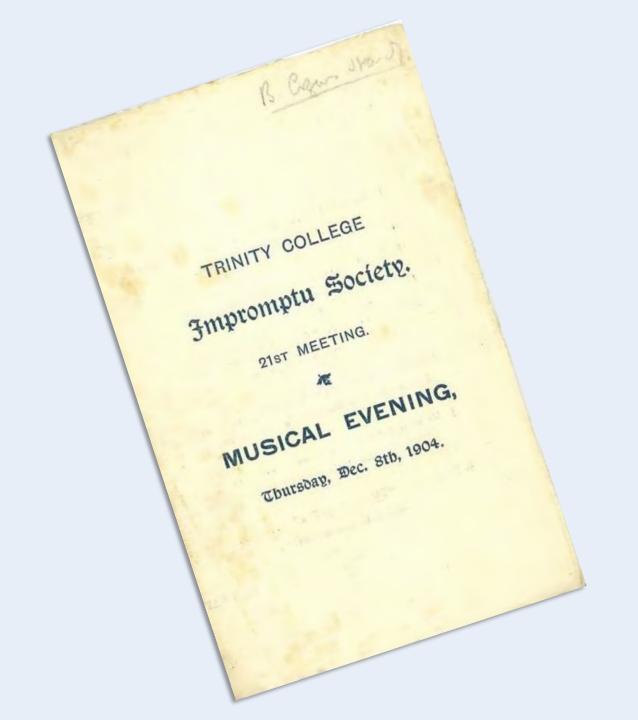
Henry Pelham (President of Trinity 1897–1907); a distinguished Roman Historian

Harold Prichard (fellow 1898-1924): George's philosophy tutor



Noel Chavasse (1904); winner of VC and Bar; killed in action, 1917

Reginald Tiddy



An Outstanding Performance

Although a small college, Trinity had many sporting and cultural clubs and societies. George was immediately recruited by a group of musicians who styled themselves the Impromptu Society, and he obligingly played the opening number in their concert at the end of his first term in December 1904.

Shown with thanks to the family of Basil Cozens-Hardy (1903)

PROGRAMME.

"Out on the Deep" .. G. Löhr. 7. SONG .. Mr. T. H. Bischoff. Chopin. I. PIANO SOLO .. Nocturne .. 8. DIALOGUE, "No. 1, Round the Corner" MR. G. S. K. BUTTERWORTH. Mr. C. Strange, Mr. C. H. M. Fasson. 2. Song .. "A little Irish Song" ... 2. BANJO Mr. W. L. SANDOVER. Mr. H. A. PRICHARD, .. "Oompah" 3. SONG .. MR. R. M. HUNTER. 10. MUSICAL SKETCH Mr. A. CALDECOTT. 4. Selections from "The Orchid" Soloist-Mr. R. G. MACSWINNEY. Chorus-Omnes. II. INIMITABLE BILL in his "Imitations" Mr. W. B. Drake. 5. MUSICAL SKETCH ... 12. SELECTIONS from "The Country Girl" MR. A. CALDECOTT. Soloist-Mr. H. A. PRICHARD. Chorus-OMNES. 6. Song .. "The old Grey Fox" Mr. R. G. MACSWINNEY.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

George's Chopin Nocturne stands out in an otherwise entirely light-hearted programme which included a solo on the banjo and a series of comic or sentimental music hall numbers.

Relationships between fellows and undergraduates were very close at this date. Note the two contributions by George's philosophy tutor Harold Prichard.

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They'd none of them be missed!

Another college society, The Savoyards, were equally keen to enlist the support of a talented singer for their weekly evenings of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas and popular plays. The Society's minute book records George's election, also during his first term. Turning the pages, however, reveals that he never turned up, even once, to a meeting.

MUSIC OF THE WEEK.

LAST Wednesday, the date of the third Public Classical Concert, was a red-letter day in Oxford music; the programme included two works that may fitly be taken as twin climaxes, in different ways, of modern English art-Sir Hubert Parry's Blest Pair of Sirens and Sir Edward Elgar's orchestral Variations, conducted by their respective composers-and also Beethoven's Choral Symphony, directed with notable insight by Dr. H. P. Allen. The Choral and Philharmonic | Mrs. Society and the Bach Choir sang in really excellent style throughout; the tone was well kept even in Beethoven's cruelly high passages, and the only thing that might be said on the other side is that there was not much of the required pianissimo at "Über Sternen muss er wohnen." The soloists in the symphony-Miss Fillunger, Miss Norah Dawnay, Messrs. Webster Millar and Harford—though their ensemble in the great cadenza was a trifle ragged, sang individually finely, especially the first-named; but the London Symphony Orchestra was after all the chief performer. For beauty of tone in wellnigh every department, and for polish and refine- | Jose

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Much more to his taste

The undergraduate-edited Oxford Magazine illustrates the more serious musical fare that was available in Oxford. In George's second term, Edward Elgar was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of the University, and during his stay in the city he joined the Professor of Music Sir Hubert Parry in a concert at the Town Hall. Elgar conducted the London Symphony Orchestra in his Variations, and Parry his choral work Blessed Pair of Sirens.

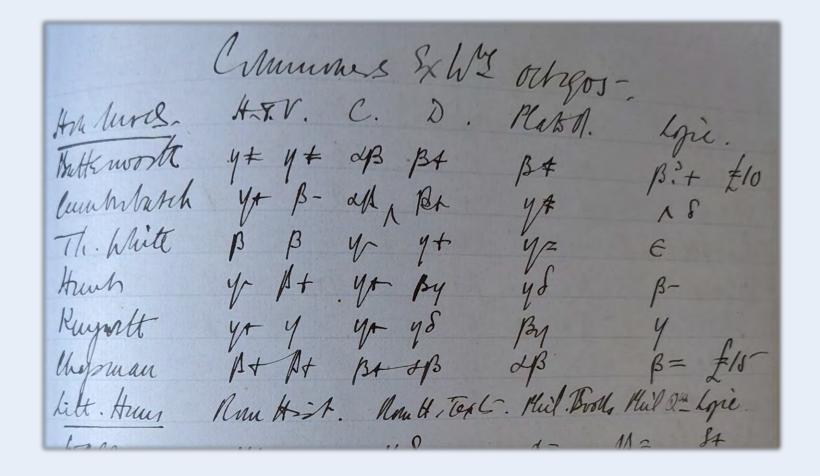
After the concert, Elgar attended a meeting of the Oxford University Musical Club, whose activities were much more to George's taste. He was elected President of the Club in his second year at Oxford.



Dinner in Hall

Despite his diverging interests, George participated willingly enough in the rituals of collegiate life. In February 1906 he joined the whole college community in a Bump Supper Dinner to celebrate the College Eight's success in the Torpids boat races.

Indoor and late-night photography was difficult and expensive, and treasured prints of this photograph survive in a number of albums in the Archive. Although partly obscured by one of the waiting staff, George can be seen sitting just below High Table.

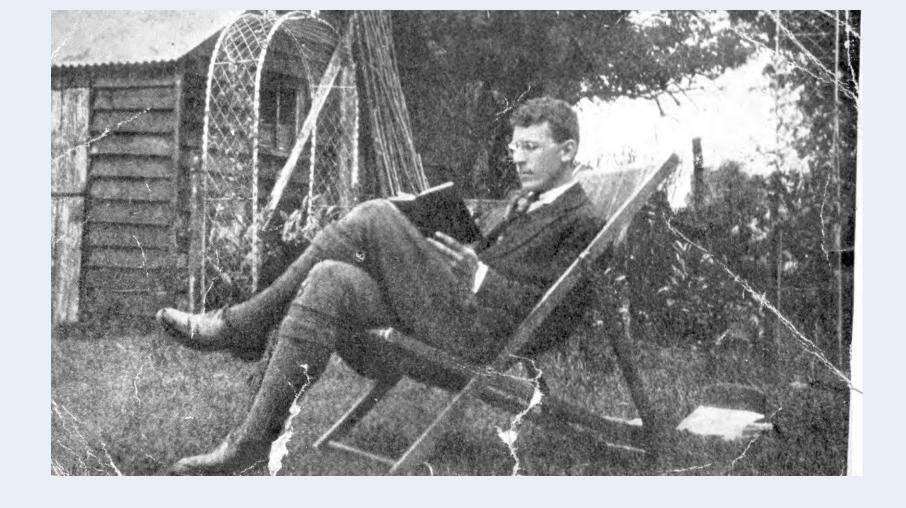


Results

Despite his lack of enthusiasm for classical literature, philosophy or history, George was sufficiently assiduous to take Second Class Honours in his part one examinations.

His finest academic achievement was in October 1905, when he was awarded a prize of £10 for his performance in the internal 'Collections' exam, traditionally held in the College Hall. George best paper was on Cicero, for which he was given $\alpha\beta$ [alpha/beta or AB].

In the days before grade inflation, George's Third in finals in 1908 was a perfectly respectable degree.



Reginald Tiddy

George Butterworth first met Reginald Tiddy when he was elected as a classical tutor of Trinity College in 1905. It is likely that he was one of George's tutors. It was not until 1910 that Tiddy took up a formal position as a lecturer in the University's new-fangled Honours School of English. The main focus of his academic research was the Mummers' Play, which was to be the title of a posthumous publication of his work. An enthusiast collector of local traditions and a passionate Morris dancer, Tiddy divided his time between his college rooms and a cottage in the Cotswolds village of Ascott-under-Wychwood, where this photograph shows him relaxing in the garden.

'It took some courage...'

In the preface to *The Mummers' Play* (1923), Reginald Tiddy's close friend David Pye recalled the early days of the English Folk Dance Society, of which he, like George Butterworth, was a founding member. Regrettably, no photographs were taken of 'one of our first public appearances' as the Morris demonstration team performed at a Trinity College garden party where 'it took some courage to appear.' Tiddy's attitude – 'never conscious of the sneer of the unbeliever' – was one very much shared by George Butterworth.

Despite being very short-sighted and prone to asthma, Reginald Tiddy was determined to play his part in the First World War. As he wrote to a friend in September 1914, 'It seems to me that officers will stand a very poor chance of surviving this war, but I cannot really see how I can keep out of it, having had quite a fair amount of happy life, when these poor kids are being shot like this.'

The following February he secured a commission in the 4th Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and in May 1916 he departed for France.

Daluite udiling pipe and tabor or their modern equivalent. It was at a garden party in the grounds of his own College that one of our first public appearances took place. In those early days it took some courage to appear in the light of day before an Oxford gathering, and, speaking for myself, I was glad to feel a comparative stranger, under the raised eyebrows of a surprised, if tolerant, company. To Tiddy, I think, any self-consciousness was quite unknown: such demonstrations, of course, were not the setting in which to enjoy the dances properly—that one did in their native villages—but, while regarding the demonstrations as propaganda, he so enjoyed the actual performance of the dances, and was so convinced of their essential dignity, that he was never conscious of the sneers of the unbeliever. His wit, too, always good humoured, was ever ready to disarm the critic: he brought to the dancing, as to all he did, a lightness of touch and a delicacy of playful humour which was quite unassailable. I well remember the early misgivings when we were invited to help the O.U.D.S. as the Morris Men in Dekker's Shoemaker's Holiday, which they were then rehearsing. Tiddy jumped at the invitation. It would be a fine opportunity for gaining new recruits. And so the last enormity was perpetrated and the senior proctor of the day appeared as a dancer on the boards of the Oxford theatre. The affair proved indeed a triumphant success, and our 'side' was doubly encored at each performance of that boisterous week.

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1904 Butterworth, G. S. K., M.A. (Aug. 1914). ‡Lt. Durham L.I. France.

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War Service

George Butterworth may have been an atypical undergraduate, but like virtually every man of his generation, he saw army service as his patriotic duty.

The Oxford University Roll of Service (1920) published a succinct summary of his military career. George enlisted in August 1914, and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Durham Light Infantry. The symbol ‡ indicates previous service in the ranks: unwilling to wait or accept his father's offer to pull strings to secure a commission, George had first volunteered as a private in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. The Roll notes that he served in France and was awarded the Military Cross, which was then the second highest decoration, granted in recognition of 'acts of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy on land.'

Leading a platoon on the front line in the Battle of the Somme, George was in fact recommended three times for the MC, and was awarded it twice, the second occasion for his part in the action in which he fell. The *Roll* used bold type for the names of men who fell. George was shot in the early hours of the morning of 5 August 1916, and he was buried by his men on the same day, somewhere near the front line.

No grave marker survived in the pulverized mud of the Somme battlefield, and George Butterworth is one of 72,000 soldiers whose names are inscribed on the Thiepval Memorial.

In deepest sympathy

Each morning in his Lodgings at Trinity College, Herbert Blakiston (President of Trinity 1907–38) braced himself to look at the casualty lists in *The Times*. Blakiston had been a tutorial fellow since 1885, and Senior Tutor for many years before his election to the presidency, and every fallen member of Trinity was known to him personally.

He saw George's name and wrote immediately to his father. The next slide shows Sir Alexander's heartfelt reply, expressing his pride in a son who had volunteered so willingly and had been decorated for his gallantry, even though 'his tastes & interests were so very far removed from war & battle'.

FALLEN OFFICERS.

"THE TIMES" LIST OF CASUALTIES.

BIOGRAPHIES AND SERVICES.

We have received news of the death of the following officers, in addition to those whose names have been published in the official list:—

BUTTERWONTH, Lieut. G. S. K., Durham Light Infantry.
COLLINGWOOD, Capt. C., South Lancashire Regiment.
DE RITTER, Sec. Lieut. V. F., Somerset Light Infantry.
FEARNLYY-WHITINGSTALL, Lieut. G. H., Northumberland Fus.
LATTA, Sec. Lieut. A. J., Royal Field Artillery.
LLOYD, Lieut. A. S., Royal Field Artillery.
PAUL, Sec. Lieut. J. W. E., King s, Royal Rifle Corps.
SANDERSON, Sec. Lieut. F. B., Royal Field Artillery.
STRICKLAND, Sec. Lieut. J. E. T., South Lancashire Regiment.

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The Times would be obliged if relatives of officers who fall in the service of the country would forward, with the intimation of death, but on a separate sheet of paper, any biographical details in their possession.

Lieutenant George S. K. Butterworth, Durham L.I., was 30 years old and the only son of Sir A. Kaye Butterworth, general manager of the North-Eastern Railway. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Oxford, and from a very early age evinced great musical talent. One of his compositions was played at an Eton school concert while he was still a boy there. Among his musical publications are two cycles, of songs from Housman's "Shropshire Lad," and an orchestral rhapsody, played at the last Leeds Festival, also at Queen's Hall in the spring of 1914. He also devoted much time to the collection and arrangement of folk songs and folk dances in collaboration with Mr. Cecil Sharpe, and he took an active part in the formation and in the work of the Folk Dance Society. He contributed musical criticism to The Times intermittently for several years, and whatever he wrote showed shrewd judgment, sound knowledge, and independence of view. He was, in fact, a musician of great promise as well as a man of sterling character, who, if he had not given his life in a greater cause, would undoubtedly have done much to further a national ideal of musical art in this country. Lieutenant Butterworth joined the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry as a private immediately war was declared and was soon offered a commission in the Durham Light Infantry. He was abroad on active service with his battalion for a year and was slightly wounded, as recorded in the casualty list of August 7; a week later he was killed after successfully taking an enemy trench at the head of a bombing party on August 4.

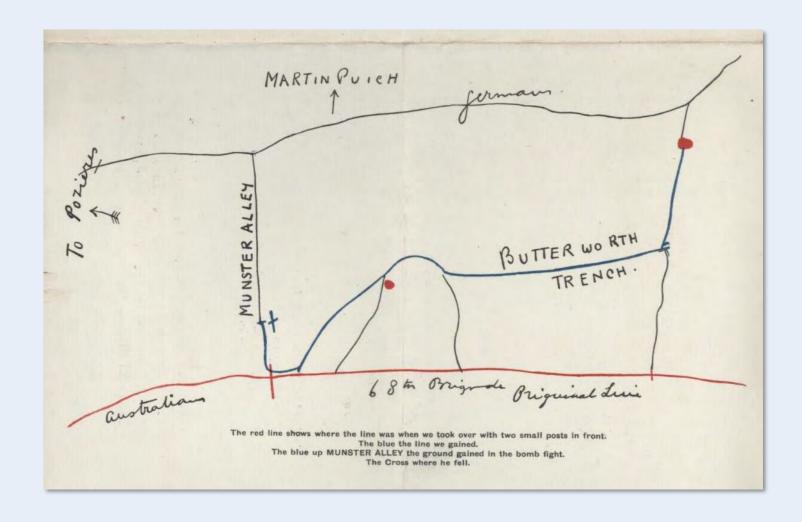
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Where he fell

Sir Alexander wrote to the President again, to send a reproduction of a map that he had received from George's commanding officer. The 'Butterworth Trench' had been dug under George's expert direction under cover of a heavy fog. A blue cross marks the place where George was shot, as he led an attack at the head of a bombing party.

'So fine a soldier'

Sir Alexander had also had copies made of Brigadier-General Croft's poignant letter, describing George's 'power of leadership' in the first 'strenuous 35 days' of the Somme offensive; and his demeanor 'cheery and inspiring his tired men' on the night of his death.

Letter from Brigadier-General H. P. CROFT, C.M.G., M.P., commanding 68th Inf. Brigade, to Sir A. KAYE BUTTERWORTH.

August 18th, 1916.

Dear Sir Alexander,

I feel I must write you a note to tell you how deeply I grieve with you and yours for the loss of your gallant son. He was one of those quiet, unassuming men whose path did not appear naturally to be a military one, and I had watched him doing his duty quietly and conscientiously. When the offensive came he seemed to throw off his reserve, and in those strenuous 35 days in which we were fighting off and on, he developed a power of leadership which we had not realised that he possessed. As you know, I recommended him for an earlier action near Contalmaison for the Military Cross, which, alas! he could not wear. When in front of Pozières he was reported to me to have done excellent work under very heavy fire in getting his men to dig a new trench right in front of the Germans, from which later the Australians were able to successfully attack that village. Later we went into a line on the right of the Australians, S.E. of Pozières.

Here we were about 450 yards from the Germans, and I gave orders to dig a trench within 200 yards of them so that we could attack with some chance of success.

This trench was dug in a fog, and was a very fine deep trench which saved many lives in the days to follow, and your son again superintended the work, and it was called Butterworth trench on all the official maps.

Three days afterwards the 13th D.L.I. attacked Munster Alley just N.W. of Butterworth trench. They won 100 yards after a very hot fight, and I went up there at 4 a.m. in the morning to find the bomb fight still progressing, but the 13th holding their own. Your son was in charge, and the trench was very much blown in and shallow, and I begged him to keep his head down. He was cheery and inspiring his tired men to secure the position which had been won earlier in the night, and I felt that all was well with him there. The Germans had been bombing our wounded, and the men all round him were shooting Germans who showed themselves. Within about a minute of my leaving him he was shot, as I heard by telephone on my return. I could ill afford

to lose so fine a soldier, and my deepest sympathy goes out to his relations, for I know that the loss of one so modest and yet so brave must create a gap which can never be filled.

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Yours sincerely,

HENRY PAGE CROFT,

Brigadier-General,

Commanding 68th Inf. Brigade.

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Roll of Honour

Early in 1915, a printed scroll was produced by the University Press for the use of colleges. President Blakiston placed it on the altar table in Chapel, and began to inscribe the names of Trinity's fallen.

The first on the list, Edward Cohan (1907), had been killed in an accident during mobilization on 5 August 1914.

James Gilkison (1903) was a serving army officer who fell in one of the first battles of the war, at Le Cateau, on 26 August 1914.

Frederick Buller (1910) was killed in a largely forgotten theatre of the War, German East Africa, on 25 September 1914.

The youngest on the roll is **Stanley Knapp-Fisher** (1913). On 6 October 1914 he succumbed to blood poisoning aged 19 and 6 months, just 3 days after receiving a commission.

J. Laurence Pumphrey (1910) was the only Trinity man who fell fighting as a private soldier, killed in France on 25 October 1914. He had not sought a commission on account of his severe stammer.

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Gerard Anderson (1908) held the world record for the 400 yards hurdles. He was killed near Hooge on 9 November 1914, leading a charge with his sword in his hand.

Archer Downes (1911) and his elder brother Villiers (1909) were one of 5 pairs of Trinity brothers killed in the War. Archer died of wounds received in battle on 20 November 1914. Villiers had died of wounds a month before, on 18 October.

On 24 April 1015, **Geoffrey Taylor** (1913) was the first member of Trinity to be killed by gas. He was serving with the Canadian Highlanders in the front line at Langemarke, where chlorine was used for the first time on the Western Front. In 48 hours, the Canadian Infantry suffered 6,000 casualties, one third of them dead.

Hubert Whitaker (1910) the first to fall in the Gallipoli Campaign, on 3 May 1915. Thirteen members of Trinity are among the soldiers with no known grave listed on the Helles War Memorial. They include John Harley (1899), James Hamilton-Grierson (1905), Francis Danson (1910) and Charles Henderson-Hamilton (1901).

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The physicist **Henry Mosley** (1906) had laid aside his ground-breaking work on the atom to volunteer for the army. His death as a communications officer at Gallipoli on 10 August 1915 was described by Isaac Asimov as perhaps 'the most costly single death of the War to mankind generally'.

On 25 September 1915, **John Purvis** (1912) was Trinity's first loss at Loos, the first of many set piece battles intended to break the stalemate on the Western Front.

Names were added to the scroll as the casualties were listed in *The Times*, often many months after they had died.

The deaths of **Aubrey Baker** (1908) in Mesopamia (Iraq) and **Frederick Stoer** (1914) in France were reported immediately. But **Charles Mowat** (1903) had disappeared in the chaos of Gully Ravine in Gallipoli on 28 June 1915, and for 8 months his family held out hope he had been taken prisoner.

Alfred King (British Columbia 1912) was the first of 4 Trinity Rhodes Scholars killed in the war.

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Thirteen members of Trinity fell in the Battle of the Somme between 1 July and 18 November 1916.

Bernard Harvey (1907) and Bertram French (1912) were among the 20,000 British and colonial soldiers killed on the first day.

The artist **Brian Hatton** (1905) however had died in another forgotten theatre of the war, defending the Suez Canal at Katia on Easter Sunday, 23 April 1916.

George Butterworth is numbered 66th on the scroll. President Blakiston noted his MA, as a member of the University; and the MC, awarded just days before his death.

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The majority of the names on the second extension of the scroll were killed in the Battle of the Somme, and during a winter of ongoing attrition in the trenches of the Western Front.

Archibald Douglas (1915) had deferred taking up his scholarship at Trinity to volunteer for the Royal Artillery. Transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, he was the first Trinity member to be killed in the air service.

Charles Plummer (1909) served as an army Chaplain attached to the 61st Infantry Brigade. He was killed near the front line on 12 March 1917. His younger brother Arthur (1910) had also been killed in action in France, on 17 May 1915.

Charles Gordon (1912) was an only child who volunteered at the start of the war. He married in September 1916 just before sailing for France. He was killed in action on 28 April 1917, three months before his only son was born.

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On 13 July 1917 **David Davies** (scholar 1915) was the first Trinity man to be killed while in command of a tank.

Armoured vehicles were of little use in the mud of the Battle of Passchendaele which began on 31 July 1917.

William Roper (1911, Neville Baker (1913) and Harold Vaughan (1896) all fell on the first day of the battle.

Noel Chavasse (1904) was the only man to be awarded the Victoria Cross twice during the First World War. He died on 4 August 1917 of wounds received while treating injured men on the front line.

Hubert Podmore (1906) was killed in an accidental explosion of munitions on New Year's Eve 1917.

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In January 1918 President
Blakiston drew up a new
scroll. The losses
continued, men in the
German 'Spring Offensive',
and in the Allies' 'Hundred
Days Offensive', launched
8 August 1918. Finally, the
end of the War was in
sight.

Harold Hodges (1905) who had volunteered in August 1914 was killed in the Somme region on 24 March 1918.

As the advance moved swiftly across the pulverized landscape, many men died from infected wounds, including **John Gunner** (1902) on 9 August 1918.

The army Chaplain **Cyril Buck** (1902) was killed in action on 29 September 1918. He was posthumously awarded the MC.

George Whitehead (1914) was shot down over France, serving in the newly formed RAF.

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The final part of the Roll of Honour includes many men originally listed as missing, and also those who died service while in the army of occupation, many of them in the influenza pandemic of 1918-20.

Bevil Quiller-Couch (1910) had served with great distinction since being called up as a reserve officer on the first day of the war. When the Armistice was declared his family rejoiced, and he proposed to the girl whom he had loved in secret for the past 4 years. Before they could marry, he succumbed to influenza, on 6 February 1919.

Wyatt Rushton (1916) was the first ever Rhodes Scholar from the state of Alabama. Passed unfit for military service in the US Army, he volunteered with the Red Cross in France. Wyatt died of illness on the boat home on 1 February 1919.

Another lost to illness was James Whitehead (1909), elder brother of George (1914). Their father endowed Trinity's Whitehead Travel Scholarship in their memory.

George Joy (1910) was last seen wounded in No Man's Land on 21 May 1915; but only when the war ended did his father give up hope.

The playwright **George Calderon** (1887) had been missing since the Battle of Achi Baba on 4 June 1915. He was the oldest member of Trinity to fall in action.

The War Memorial Library

In July 1919 President
Blakiston convened a
committee of Trinity alumni
to decide how best to
commemorate the fallen. They
quickly decided on an
ambitious project to create a
permanent memorial of lasting
benefit to the undergraduate
members of college.

It was Blakiston himself who suggested a library. Opened on 11 November 1928, Trinity's War Memorial Library is arguably the finest war memorial in Oxford. Two photographs were published in *The Times*.



After almost a decade of fund-raising and numerous delays while the site was acquired, the Library the new facility was greatly appreciated by Trinity's junior members. The view from the main doors – today, the entrance from the mezzanine reading area is instantly recognisable, and the original tables are still in use. The bookcases on the window side were raised and the gallery added in 1954.



A garden of English roses was created in what is today known as Library Quad; this photograph of 1938 is the earliest known colour image of any part of Trinity.





We Will Remember Them

The names of Trinity's fallen members were painted in gold on a large oak board placed within the library entrance. A second board was made to remember over 130 graduates who gave their lives in 1939-45.

The names of the fallen are read in Chapel each year on Remembrance Sunday.

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

1881	William E. T. Bolitho		Brian C. Hatton		Arthur K. Hickman
1887	George L. Calderon		Arthur C. Heberden		Ferdinand, Graf von Korff gen.
1891	Oliver Field		Frederick T. Mappin		Schmising-Kerssenbrock
1893	Evelyn Ll. H. Jones		Joseph A. Phillips		Thomas McClelland
1055	Louis F. McC. Campbell-Murdoch		Reginald J. E. Tiddy (Fellow)		Vincent G. Narev
	Thomas B. Henderson	1906	Henry I. Butter		William E. Roper
	Harry E. Tyser	1200	Charles J. Fowler		Charles F. Sartoris
1894	John C, Morgan		Henry G. J. Moseley	1912	Alan S. Balfour
1024	Maxwell A. Robertson		Hubert Podmore pso		Leslie F. Dun
1895	Daniel G. H. Auchinleck		Herbert I. G. Robertson		Walter J. Forster
1093	Edward Holland MC		Harcourt J. Snowden		Bertram St G. French
	Ronald W. Mitchell	1907	Thomas Allen		Charles C. B. Gordon
1896	Harold Vaughan	1907	Alexander E. Barrow		Alfred N. King
1897	John E. K. Hall		Edward M. Cohan		Guy F. Lawrence
1897	Brian C. Harrison		Charles L. Cumming		Vladimir, Freiherr Prazák
					John R. Purvis
	Edward A. Hume		Bernard S. Harvey		Arthur G. Rigby MC
4000	Charles F. Simonds		Leslie Hastings		Bernhard Rissik
1899	Guy W. Bartholomew		Percy M. Mitchell	1913	Neville E. Baker
	Thomas R. Crawley-Boevey		Gustav F. H. Schwabach		William N. Gale
	Arthur P. Forster		Frederick H. Turner		Thomas S. Gent
	John Harley	1908	Gerard R. L. Anderson		James Hemingway
	John A. MacGregor		Aubrey H. Baker		Laurence G. Holt MC
	Noel M. Vickers		Christopher H. Counsell		Stanley B. Knapp-Fisher
1900	Henry Barnes, Lord Gorell DSO		Walter B. Davies		Günther, Graf von Korff gen.
	Ernest A. Fulton		Eyres B. M. Delmege MC		Schmising-Kerssenbrock
	Cecil A. H. Keenlyside		Allan Gilmour		John C. Lott MC
	Harold E. Pennington		Tyrrel E. Holland MC		Sigurd H. Macculloch
1901	Richard R. Ball		Allan O. Miles		Geoffrey Peel
	Thomas G. Brocklebank		John R. Milligan		Fitzroy C. Phillpotts
	Charles C. Henderson-Hamilton		John C. Warren MC		Laurance A. Pinsent
	George M. Thornton	1909	Edmund L. Beale		Prinz Heinrich XLI Reuss zu Köstritz
1902	Cecil R. Blake		Villiers C. Downes		Geoffrey B. Taylor
	Edward T. Bolton		Lennox R. M. Napier	1914	Herbert W. Hayward
	Rev. Cyril B. W. Buck MC		Duncan McK. M. O'Callaghan	1711	Montague J. Stilwell
	Maurice Cane		Rev. Charles B. Plummer		George T. Wakeford
	Harold Church		Edward H. Shears	1915	David J. Davies
	Douglas S. Flemming		John R. Trinder MC	1713	Van Dyke Fernald
	John H. Gunner		James H. E. Whitehead		Laurence A. Joscelyne MC
	Ronald F. C. Tompson	1910	David McL. Bain	1916	Wyatt Rushton
	Richard H. Vaughan Thompson		Frederick E. Buller	1910	wyatt Rusition
	Percival B. Wace		Eric L. Bury MC		
1903	Hugo Charteris, Lord Elcho		Robert A. Cameron		John S. D. Clarke
	James D. Gilkison		Herbert G. H. Copeman		Archibald Douglas
	Charles I. C. Mowat		Francis R. Danson		Harold E. Edwards
1904	George S. K. Butterworth MC		George B. Joy		John S. Goslett
	Noel G. Chavasse MC VC and Bar		Kenneth FitzP. Mackenzie		Patrick W. Gray
	George G. Chrystal		Arthur H. Plummer		Willoughby J. Littledale
	Edward W. Estridge		John L. Pumphrey		Richard Moore
	Harold A. Hodges		Bevil B. Quiller-Couch DSO MC		Gordon L. Murray
	George H. M. Robertson		Richard A. Ritchie		Philip G. Norbury
	Richard N. Strutt		Hubert J. I. Whitaker		George A. C. Smith Mc
1905	George H. M. Alington	1911	Robert C. Boyd		
1905	John M. Bell	1911	Archer C. Downes		Frederick C. Stoer William A. Sweet-Escott
	John M. Bell James G. Hamilton-Grierson		Richard P. Gilbanks		
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We Still Remember Them

Throughout the centenary period of the First World War, Trinity remembered its fallen members in an exhibition outside the Hall.

This large printed panel was based on the original commemorative board, but the roll was increased to 160, with the addition of five German and Austro-Hungarian members of Trinity who also fought, and died, in the conflict.

ΤΑ ΣΩΜΑΤΑ ΔΙΔΟΝΤΕΣ ΤΟΝ ΑΓΗΡΩΝ ΕΠΑΙΝΟΝ ΕΛΑΜΒΑΝΟΝ

For the Fallen

The centenary exhibition also featured the earliest known manuscript copy of 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon (Scholar 1888 and Honorary Fellow of Trinity 1933-43). His lyrical and prescient poem was first published in *The Times* on 14 September 1914. Two years later, Binyon wrote it out for the wife of a friend.

For the Fallen With proud Thanksgiving . And Mother for her children England morous for her dead across the sea. Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit Fallen in the Cause of the free. Stems The dreens noth: Death august & royal Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres There is music in the midet of desolation And a glory That there's tepon our trans They went with songs to the balls; they were young, Strught of limb, true of eye, steady and glighow. They were staunch with end against odds uncounted; Mey few with their faces to the for. Thay shall grow not old as we that are left grow old. Ago shall not wither them, nor the years Condense At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them They mingle not with their laughing Comrades again , They sit no more at families takes of home They have no lot in our labour of the day time, They sleep beyond England's fram But where our desires are, & our hopes profound Felt like a well spring that is hidden from sight To the innermost heart of their own land they are known As the Stars are Known to the Night; As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust Moving in marches whom he heavenly plain; As the stars that are starry in the time of our charkenen To the end, to the End they remain. Saurence Bingon

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

August 1916

3rd	Noel M. Vickers (1899), Lieutenant,
	Yorkshire Regiment
	Killed in action near Maroc, France.
5 th	George S. K. Butterworth (1904), Lieutenant,
	Durham Light Infantry
	Killed in action in the Battle of the Somme.
5 th	Thomas G. Brocklebank (1901), Captain,
	Royal Field Artillery
	Killed in action in the Battle of the Somme.
11 th	Reginald J. E. Tiddy (Fellow and Tutor in English
	Literature), Second Lieutenant,
	Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry
	Killed in action near Laventie, France.
25 th	Guy W. Bartholomew (1899), Captain,
	King's Royal Rifle Corps
	Killed in action in the Battle of the Somme.
30 th	Thomas R. Crawley-Boevey (1899), Captain,
	Gloucestershire Regiment
	Died of wounds received in the Battle of the Somme

Lost Friends

Alongside Binyon's poem was placed a monthly list of the fallen. Between August 1914 and March 1919, there were only five months in which no member of Trinity was lost.

In August 1916 there were six. Less than a week after George Butterworth was shot by a sniper near Pozières, his tutor, friend, and fellow Morris dancer Reginald Tiddy was killed by another, as he inspected a trench some 50 miles away at Laventie.