

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - 21 & 22 September 1920

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held in the PUBLIC HALL, TOWNGATE, LEYLAND, on THURSDAY EVENING, the 23rd September, 1920, at 7 30 o'clock. Chair to be taken by Mr. JOHN LORD, Chairman of the Urban District Council.

All Persons interested in the above matter are urgently requested to Attend the Meeting for the purpose of considering certain recommendations suggested by the Committee as to the form the Memorial should take.

Dated the 21st day of September, 1920.

JOHN JAS. JOHNSON,

Clerk to the Leyland Urban District Council.

Towngate, Leyland.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Thursday 24 February 1921

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

At a meeting held last night, presided over by Mr. John Lord, chairman of the Urban District Council, it was decided to erect a war memorial at the approach to Leyland Parish Church. Out of 13 designs sent in, that of a local architect, Mr. F. Howarth, was accepted. The estimated cost is from £900 to £1,000.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Friday 11 November 1921

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

Last evening Mr. John Lord, chairman of the Leyland Urban Council presided over a well attended meeting of the Leyland War Memorial Committee. The design of Mr.

Fred Howarth of Leyland and Preston, of a memorial has been accepted, and the site in Church-road near the approach to the Parish Church has been decided upon. The committee decided to open a fund for the carrying out of the work.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - 14 & 15 November 1921

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

The committee invite Subscriptions to a fund for carrying out this Scheme. The same may be paid to their Account at the District Bank, Preston, or to Mr. GEO. M. CARNALL, Hon. Secretary, Council Offices, Leyland.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Wednesday 28 May 1924

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

EFFORT TO BE MADE TO COMPLETE THE SCHEME.

A meeting of the Leyland War Memorial Committee was held last evening at the Council offices. Mr. John Lord, the chairman, said the memorial ought to have been erected years ago, but for some reason it was not taken up. He thought the time had arrived when they ought to go on with it, and he wanted the people of Leyland to take up the matter with enthusiasm and to subscribe towards the fund in order to make it a success. Some time ago a sum of £20 was offered for the best design for the memorial, a local architect (Mr. Fred Howarth, of Leyland and Preston) being successful, and Canon Stather Hunt and Mr. William Higham jointly gave the prize money.

It was decided that the architect should obtain alternate tenders for the erection of the memorial in Portland and Yorkshire stone with ebony black panels.

The Secretary (Mr. M. H. Wilkinson) stated that there was only a small balance in hand towards the object. It was proposed to erect the memorial on public ground in Church-road.

It was decided to hold another meeting shortly to discuss ways and means of raising the money required.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - 19 & 20 March 1925

LEYLAND PUBLIC WAR MEMORIAL.

Will the Collectors please complete the first visit of the area allotted to them not later than Monday, the 23rd inst., and attend the Committee Meeting on the Evening of the 24th inst., bringing their collecting books with them?

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Saturday 28 March 1925

LEYLAND PUBLIC WAR MEMORIAL.

The Total Sum required to carry out the selected design for the Erection of the MEMORIAL is £1,100, and the amount collected up to date £414. Will all who have kindly PROMISED a DONATION please SEND the SAME at an EARLY DATE? The Committee would also be grateful for FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS on as liberal a scale as possible.

Payments can be made direct to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. GREGSON, District Bank, Leyland.

JOHN LORD

Chairman of the Committee

Will all Collectors please Canvass their Districts, Collect All Slips (this is very important), and Attend to Report at the NEXT MEETING, to be held on TUESDAY, the 7th April, at 8 p.m., in the MASONIC ROOM?

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Friday 6 November 1925

SCHEME FOR BUILDING OF FIFTY DWELLINGS

Leyland Urban Council, yesterday, decided to make application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to build 50 houses under the assisted scheme, there still being a great need for working-class houses in the district.

It was resolved to ask the Ministry of Health for permission to use a plot of land in Church-road, now utilised as a store yard, for the purpose of a new memorial.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Monday 9 November 1925

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

At a meeting yesterday morning in the Leyland Public Hall of the Urban District Council and members of public bodies who had attended the service at the Parish Church, Mr. John Lord made an appeal for the proposed war memorial.

It had hung fire, he said, for a long time, but he considered there were good reasons for this. They hoped to get permission from the Ministry of Health to erect the memorial in Church-road on a piece of ground owned by the Council. The memorial which had been designed by a local architect, would cost £1,100, with an additional £100 for the laying out of the site. They had now a sum of £650 in hand.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Friday 8 January 1926

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL SITE.

Permission was yesterday granted by the Leyland Urban Council for the erection of the proposed war memorial on a site in Church-road which is now being used as a store yard by the Council.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Monday 7 June 1926

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

COUNCILLOR LORD'S APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

Upwards of 1,500 people attended an open-air sacred concert last night, at Leyland, in aid of the Leyland War Memorial Fund. The event was under the auspices of the Urban District Council.

Councillor Lord (chairman of the War Memorial Committee) gave an account of the fund from its inception in 1920. Some people, he said, had declared that only one form of memorial had been considered. That was not correct. At least 20 had been before them. At a public meeting held on June 9th, 1920, some six schemes were considered, viz: a public park for Leyland, public recreation grounds, ornamental gateway with tablets for soldiers' names, public baths, public free library, ex-service men's club, and a monumental memorial. Four of these schemes, after due consideration, were ruled out at the first public meeting. The two left in were the free library and the monumental memorial. The library was included so that full inquiries could be made, and it was reported at the next public meeting that such a library would prove an annual charge upon the rates, which the ratepayers could ill-afford. For that reason the library scheme was ruled out, and the monumental memorial was the only one left in.

Twenty designs for the memorial, he continued, were sent in, and the one chosen was that of their local architect, Mr. Fred Howarth. After about eight meetings in 1921, the town was faced with a depression in trade, and the committee came to the conclusion that the time was inopportune to proceed with the scheme. In June, 1924, when the committee saw that the clouds of trade depression were breaking, they again met, and a serious effort was made to raise £1,150, the estimate for the memorial. He was glad to say that subscriptions and collections up to date amounted to £617 11s. He urged the public to support the scheme, and said it was his ambition that the memorial should be completed by next Armistice Day anniversary.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Friday 6 August 1926

CRICKET.

Leyland Police Defeat Tradesmen.

On the Fox-lane cricket ground, last night, Leyland Tradesmen and Leyland Police met in a friendly game, the proceeds being in aid of the Leyland War Memorial Fund. Shakespear, the Leyland pro., assisted the tradesmen, and Webster, the Leyland Motors pro., the police.

Scores:-

TRADESMEN

J. Dickinson, C Webster b Ward ... 9

W. Pickles, b Ward ... 6

J. Hurst, run out ... 4

F. Baron, b Webster ... 0

S. Swann, c Barnes b Ward ... 2

H. B. Threlfall, b Webster ... 6

W. Nelson, c and b Jackson ... 9

W. Jackson, b Jackson ... 4

Shakspear, b Burrows ... 5

A. Balshaw, b Jackson ... 4

W. Thacker, not out ... 1

J. Rigby, b Burrows ... 0

Extras ... 14

Total ... 65

POLICE

P.C. Barnes, C and b Balshaw ... 1

P.C. Hine, st Jackson b Hurst ... 4

P.C. Riley, run out ... 8

Webster, b Shakspear ... 22
R. Beardmore, run out ... 2
P.C. Berry, c Threlfall b Baron ... 3
P.C. Burrows, b Threlfall ... 7
P.C. Jackson, b Baron ... 3
P.C. Smith, run out ... 3
P.C. Hayhurst, b Balshaw ... 8
P.C. Mayor, not out ... 7
P.C. Smith, c Swann b Balshaw ... 6
Extras ... 12
Total ... 87

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Friday 17 December 1926

A LEYLAND TESTIMONIAL.- To show their appreciation of the excellent services Councillor A.J. Lomax has rendered to the Leyland Branch of the British Legion during the war and since in the position of chairman of the United Services Fund, and for the amount of time and sympathy he gave in the consideration of cases dealing with claims of ex-Service men and their dependents, a testimonial fund was opened up to which the ex-Service men subscribed the sum of £5 14s. 8d. This amount has been placed, at the express wish of Councillor Lomax, to the Leyland public war memorial fund.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Friday September 1929

PUBLIC NOTICES.

GARDEN FETE, WORDEN PARK,
LEYLAND.

To be held on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2 to 7 p.m.

(To clear off the deficit on the Public War Memorial.)

PROCESSION leaves top of Chapel-brow at 1 30 p.m.

Fete to be opened at 2 p.m.,

by H. N. FFARINGTON, Esq., of Worden Hall.

The events consist of:-

BABY SHOW, JUNIOR AND SENIOR SPORTS,

SHEEP DOG TRIALS, GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.

Puzzle Gardens, Psychology, Roundabouts, Swings,

Fishing, and other attractions.

A DANCE to follow at 7 30 p.m. in the Public Hall.

COME AND ENJOY YOURSELF.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Monday 30 September 1929

SHEEP DOG'S SMART WORK

BABY SHOW AWARDS AT LEYLAND.

With the object of raising funds to meet the deficit on the Leyland Public War Memorial, a garden fete was held on Worden Park on Saturday afternoon. The affair, which was favoured with fine weather, attracted a good attendance. The Leyland Prize Band accompanied by the Leyland Junior Morris Dancers, left Chapel-brow in procession shortly after 1 30 for Worden Park. The proceedings were opened by H. N. Ffarington, Worden Hall. Amongst other attractions was a baby show, in which there were two classes, these attracting over 60 entries. The judge was Mrs. Spurrier, Preston. Awards: Under 12 months old, 1, William Knowles (nine months), 167, Addison-road, Ashton, Preston; 2, Jean Lord (nine months), 55, Union-street, Leyland. Under two years, 1, Irene Ball (13 months), Brent Bridge, Leyland; 2, Masters Duncan and Kenneth Gore, twins (one year and 10 months), Earnshaw Bridge, Leyland.

The ladies' greasy pig contest provided plenty of amusement, the joint winners being Mrs. Cardwell, Leyland, and Miss Helm, Garstang.

Sheep dog trials proved of exceptional interest, this being the first occasion they have been held in Leyland. Excellent exhibitions in singles and braces were given by Mr. Alan Salisbury's (Garstang), two dogs, Sweep and Tess, and Mr. J. Bamber's (Nateby) two

dogs, Glen and Jet. In singles, Mr. Sailsbury's Sweep put up an excellent performance, doing the course without a fault and in record time.

LANCASHIRE DAILY POST - Monday 11 November 1929

LEYLAND WAR MEMORIAL.

THE TOWNS 195 DEAD SOLDIERS.

MR. HACKING ON THE UTILITY OF MONUMENTS.

A public war memorial in memory of the 195 Leyland soldiers, who died in the Great War, was unveiled and dedicated on Saturday afternoon. The memorial, which faces the parish church, is designed in Gothic architecture, and has been carried out in Scottish granite. The architect is Mr. Fred Haworth, whose design was selected in open competition, and the contractor was Mr. Samuel Welsby, of Liverpool.

The proceedings commenced with a procession from the Town Hall to the memorial, preceded by the Leyland band. Those taking part included Mr. John Lord, chairman of the Memorial Committee, who presided, the Bishop of Whalley, the Rt. Hon. Douglas H. Hacking, M.P. for Chorley, Major D. Jervoise Collas, officer commanding depot the Loyal Regiment, the Revs. W. A. Underwood and T. H. Gibson (Leyland), and Messrs. H. B. Crozier (hon. treasurer) and M. A. Wilkinson (hon. secretary of the Memorial Committee, Emlyn Jones, of Newton-le-Willows, William Taylor, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, H. N. ffarington, A. J. Lomax, chairman, and members of the Leyland Urban Council. Members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the local police force, and friendly societies also took part, as well as a large number of ex-servicemen.

THE UNVEILING CEREMONY.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by Major Collas and Mr. Charles Porter, a Leyland soldier who was blinded in the war. Major Collas said that he had been 24 years in a Lancashire regiment, and during that time had realised the incomparable qualities of the Lancashire soldier.

Buglers of the Loyal Regiment sounded the "Last Post" and, following the dedication by the Bishop of Whalley, a two minutes' silence was observed. This was ended by the Reveille.

The Chairman (Mr. J. Lord) said that the ceremony marked the realisation of a long and arduous struggle. They had always wanted one of the best possible memorials, and he was sure that Leyland would be proud of the one which had been erected. He had often heard people say that money should not be spent on war memorials, but he thought that they were one of the best means of keeping before people the idea of world-peace. It was his pleasing duty to announce that the committee were handing the memorial over to the Council entirely free of debt.

Mr. A. J. Lomax accepted the memorial on behalf of the Leyland Council. Wreaths were then laid at the base of the memorial by Mr. J. Lord, Mr. Lomax, the British Legion, the St. John Ambulance Corps, and relatives.

The Rt. Hon. Douglas Hacking said that he had asked himself why that memorial had been erected. Was it to celebrate a great victory? That alone might be sufficient excuse in some people's minds. Or was it to remind them of those heroes who fought and died for the country which they had left. Those might be two very sound reasons for the erection of the memorial, but there was still a greater reason. "I believe it is to remind us, not of the late Great War, but of the horrors of warfare in general," he continued. "That I believe is the great object in building this memorial." They should not look on it in any spirit of boastfulness, but in a spirit of humility and a fervent hope that at long last they had learnt their lesson.

Mr. Emlyn Jones (Liberal candidate for the Chorley division at the last General Election), and Mr. William Taylor (Labour candidate) also spoke.