



In Memory of **HARRY GEORGE ASPECK**

Harry George Aspeck was born on 27 April 1892 at Langley Burrell. He served as Acting Engine Room Artificer 4th Class M/11034 with the Royal Navy aboard H.M.S. Victory during WWI.

Harry was the son of Henry Aspeck and his wife Kate (nee Cleverly). They were both Bremhill people having married in St. Martins on 19th November 1883. They were living at 7 Charlcutt in 1901 when Harry was at school and dad, Henry Aspeck, Snr., was working as a cattle man on a farm.

By 1911 Henry was an apprentice at the local blacksmiths learning a trade in metalcraft and engineering, and grandmother Elizabeth Cleverly was living with the family along with sister Rose and nephew Reginald James Aspeck. Interestingly the address on the 1911 census was 'The Institute', Charlcutt.

A couple of years later in 1913 Kate died aged 57 years. Harry qualified as a blacksmith and joined the Royal Navy on the 14th December 1914. He signed up for 12 years as an Engine Smith. Harry was sent for training at HMS Victory in Portsmouth, not the famous ship of the same name but the shore based training school.

At the time of joining he was described as having a 38 inch chest, 5ft 6in tall, with hazel eyes, a fair complexion and a scar on his left arm.

In late spring 1915 whilst still being trained as a naval engineer Harry was taken ill and died on 6th May 1915 in Haslar Hospital at Gosport of Cerebrospinal Meningitis. He is buried in the Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Gosport, Hampshire. The plot number is E. 22. 19.

He is also remembered, on three war memorials at Bremhill, Foxham and East Tytherton.



Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Gosport, Hampshire