



Hankerton

The Parish Council has been considering an upgrade to the memorial plaque that is dedicated to Jack Tugwell in our bus shelter. This is some of the information that has been researched.

Jack's full name was Arthur John Tugwell. He lived at Elm Farm, Hankerton.

His father was Frederick Charles Tugwell, farmer and his mother Rose Ellen nee (Painter).

Their children were:-

Dorothy b1911. Eva b1915, Albert b1917, Ernes b 1919 (some of us can remember him) and the youngest Arthur John (Jack) b 1920.

From the UK Army Roll of Honour 1939-1945:-

Arthur John Tugwell

Gunner

Death Date – 12 Sept 1944

Number – 11001231

Regiment – Royal Artillery

Theatre of War – Malaysia

Age at Death – 23

His final resting place is unknown but his name is listed on column 32, Singapore memorial, Kranji, North Singapore.

History shows that the Japanese invaded Malaya in Dec 1941 and the surrender was in Jan 1942, so he must have been a POW for at least 2 years. We will have to decide what to write up on the new plaque. I have told the NOK and they are going to give me a letter or postcard that Jack wrote home from the POW camp.

Very sad and so very young.

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