

The original Memorial Board in our Legion Hall contained many names, some of which had no connection to Mousehole whilst others had been omitted.

Names from the original Board have been retained out of respect and “missing” names are now included on the two new Boards and in the following pages.

At Paul, in March 1921, it was agreed that a two faced clock would be placed in the church tower, along with a plaque, as a memorial to the fifty-two men from the ecclesiastical parish who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War.

Three months later, on the evening of Wednesday 8th June 1921, Mrs Prideaux, wife of the vicar, pulled the cord which started the clock working and for the first time the congregation heard the tenor bell mechanically strike seven. Canon Maddrell of Gulval gave the dedicatory address and the names of the fallen were read out by the vicar who began by saying "These are they who for God and country jeopardized their lives unto the death".

In addition to the names, the plaque states "The clock has been placed in this tower in proud and grateful memory of the following men from this parish who gave their lives for their country in the Great War 1914-1918".

By the time of the dedication, the number of names on the plaque had increased to fifty-four and they are all listed below.

Within the church, on the north wall, there is a framed list of all those of the parish who died in both world wars and subsequent conflicts.

Alongside is a plaque in honour of Seaman Joseph Trewavas, Royal Navy, who was awarded the Victoria Cross for bravery during the Crimean War

TO GALLANT MEN

This window is also in memory of his uncle Lieutenant Torquill Macleod RN of H.M.S. *Serpent* wrecked off the coast of Spain Nov 10th 1890 and his cousin Midshipman Torquill Harry Lionel Macleod RN of H.M.S. *Goliath* and his shipmates of the parish of Paul - John Thomas Blewett, Mark Hallo Wallis, Richard Worth Wallis, Charles Everett Richards and William Gilbert Harry who went down with their ships in the Dardanelles 13th May 1915 and in honoured memory of all those who died with them. Midshipman Macleod was the son of Captain and Mrs Macleod, 10 Ovington Gardens, London.

HMS *Goliath*, a *Canopus* class battleship and part of the Chatham Division, was sunk on 13th May 1915 by Turkish torpedo boat *Muavenet* off *Morto Bay*, *Cape Helles*, *Gallipoli*. Many of the crew came from Cornwall including 11 from *Newlyn* and 7 from *Mousehole*. The ship was commanded by Captain Thomas Shelford* and out of a compliment of about 700 only 20 officers and 160 men survived. The men from *Newlyn* were William Henry Bennetts*, Richard Green*, William Harry Hosking*, William Vingoe Humphrys*, Tom Jelbert, Thomas John Laity, Noel Matthews*, Charles Paul, Thomas J. Sedgman*, James Thomas* and Arthur Wearne. The *Mousehole* men were John Thomas Blewett*, William Gilbert Harry*, Sidney Oliver, Charles Everett Richards*, Richard Worth Wallis*, Mark Hallo Wallis* and Philip Wallis (all brothers). Those marked with an * perished when the ship went down.

In 1915 the war in Europe had reached a stalemate and it was felt that the opening of a second front on Turkey would both assist our Russian Allies and reduce the pressure on our Western Front. Therefore in March of that year a combined fleet of the British and French navies attempted to force a passage through the Dardanelles to Constantinople (now Istanbul). Among the British Fleet were two battleships - HMS *Goliath* and HMS *Majestic*.

On HMS *Goliath* were eleven men from *Newlyn* and seven from *Mousehole*. The *Newlyn* men were William Bennetts, Richard Green, William Hosking, William Humphrys, Tom Jelbert, Thomas Laity, Noel Matthews, Charles Paul, Thomas Sedgman, James Thomas and Arthur Wearne. The men from *Mousehole* were John Blewett, William Harry, Sidney Oliver, Charles Richards, Richard Wallis, Mark Wallis and Philip Wallis (the last three all brothers). There were a considerable number of West Countrymen on board with, in addition to the above, several from *Penzance*, *St Ives* and *Porthleven*.

On Thursday 13th May HMS *Goliath* was anchored in *Morto Bay*, *Cape Helles* about half a mile from the shore. At 1.15 in the early morning she was struck by three torpedos fired by the Turkish torpedo boat *Muavanet* which, in dense fog, had eluded the patrol destroyers and entered the bay. Boats were quickly launched from HMS *Majestic* and HMS *Cornwallis* and they were able to rescue many of the survivors who were struggling in the water.

But she sank within minutes and only 180 men were saved out of a compliment of over 700.

Just after the tragic event Philip Wallis of Mousehole recalled what had happened :-

"At the time of the explosion I was on watch below, and asleep in my hammock. Immediately jumped overboard and had been swimming half an hour when, feeling tired I rested on my back. Just then a cutter passed me, but did not pick me up. Soon after, HMS Majestic placed her searchlight on me. I observed one of the boats in the distance and swam towards it, and when almost exhausted a rope was thrown to me. I clutched it and was hauled on board by one of my own townsmen (Mr Sidney Pender).

Placed later on board the Majestic they did all in their power for me. I thank my Heavenly Father for his goodness in saving me. I hope my brothers are alright".

Sadly his brothers did not survive.

Of the Newlyn men only Tom Jelbert, Thomas Laity, Charles Paul and Arthur Wearne survived and from Mousehole just Sidney Oliver and of course Philip Wallis.

The rescue of Philip Wallis (Goliath) by Sidney Pender (Majestic) was not unique- for Joseph Johns (Majestic) rescued Sidney Oliver (Goliath).

All were Mousehole men and Johns and Oliver were brothers-in-law!

In a letter written to Joseph John's father by John Rowe, Chief Writer, from HMS Majestic just after the event he states "Your son Joe has asked me to write you a few lines. He was the means of personally saving his brother-in-law, Mr Sidney Oliver. The Goliath, having been struck by three torpedos fired from a Turkish torpedo boat sank very suddenly in the Dardenelles, precipitating the crew into the water. Boats were called away by all ships present to assist in rescuing the drowning men, and it fell to the lot of your son to haul Sidney out of the water, not knowing at the time whom he was grasping. As a matter of fact it was Sidney who first made the recognition. The scene of the sinking was a horrible one, the like of which it is hoped we shall never again witness". John Rowe was a Sheffield boy.

HMS Majestic also had a fair number of Cornishmen in her crew. From Mousehole there was Joseph Johns, Stephen Blewett, H. Harris, N. Humpries, Richard Humpries and Sidney Pender. From Newlyn and Paul there was T. Cotton, R. James, William Keast, T. Oats, Edgar Reynolds, C. Richards, E. Richards, W. Richards, John Rowe, R. Sampson, Charles Tonkin and J. Worth.

Sadly this was not the end of the story for just two weeks later HMS Majestic met the same fate as HMS Goliath when she was torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U21 just two miles to the west of where Goliath had gone down.

Fortunately, on this occasion, the loss of life was small but one of those who went down with his ship was Stoker 1st Class William Robert Keast of Sheffield, Paul.

The names of all those who lost their lives in the sinking of these fine ships are recorded on Plymouth Naval Memorial and on either Paul Church or Newlyn War Memorials. John Thomas Blewett, Mark Hallo Wallis, Richard Worth Wallis, Charles Everett Richards and William Gilbert Harry are also listed on the Goliath Memorial Plaque which is located in Paul Parish Church on the side of the main window behind the altar.