

**Meeting:** Planning and Highways Committee

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**Item for Consideration:** Street Naming near Grimsbury Road: “Bringing Our Boy Home”

**1.0 Purpose of the Report: To select a street name for a new street near Grimsbury Road.**

1.1 Kingswood Town Council has been given the opportunity to name a new street in Kingswood. This name needs to be returned to SGC who will then pass on to the developer for final selection. To assist the process, if the council agrees to use from the suggested names below, they this list would be used in the future when the opportunity arises again,

**2.0 Options**

2.1 To name a new road in Kingswood after one of the local men who was killed in combat, and who are listed on the Town’s war memorial. 28 names from the memorial had a foreign burial, or none at all, but who were residents of Kingswood and servicemen (not civilians) killed on duty. The Town Council agrees that in the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the DD Landings, that the street name honours one of the fallen who did not make it home. Research has been undertaken by councillors over the last 4 weeks to ensure that those names on the war memorial do have a local connection, by birth, or having been a resident. Some details are missing, (DOB etc) but

2.2 The list has been reduced to 22, by removing six names (Cross, Edwards, Hill, Wiltshire, Wiltshire and Williams) whose names are the same as, or similar to, existing street names in Kingswood.

2.3 The list to chose from is:

- a) Bateman: Herbert Bateman. Took part in the Normandy Campaign, Mortally wounded in the battle for Hill 112. Died 80 years ago this week.
- b) Boyce: William Boyce. Aircraft shot down over Belgium.
- c) Burgess: 'Dennis' Harold Burgess. Killed at or near Arnhem. No burial place.
- d) Burston: Edward Burston. Survived Normandy. Killed attacking Mount Pincon. (Lived in Meadowvale....Speedwell???)
- e) Clark: Leonard Stanley Clark. Killed while providing air cover for the Normandy campaign. Posthumous DFC awarded but I don't know what for.
- f) Denning: Randolph Denning. Bomber command. Aircraft and crew lost.
- g) Denning: Harold M Denning . Gunner. Killed in Italy (not included here; Leslie Denning, brother of Harold, died 11 days before him. Lived in Hanham.)
- h) Giles: William Giles. RAMC field ambulanceman. Killed in action; Tunisia.
- i) Light: George Light. Landed in Normandy, fought at Caen and Falaise, killed in action.
- j) Lowman: Percy Lowman. Missing, presumed dead in Europe two weeks after VE day. (There is a *Loughman* Close in Kingswood).
- k) Olds: Robert Olds. Captured at the fall of Singapore. Died in a Japanese POW camp.
- l) Osborne: Wilfred Osborne. Also died in the Far East, recorded in the Kranji war cemetery. Story unclear. Address also.

- m) Perryman: Robert Perryman. Served with paras in Normandy and Italy. Died near Arnhem (Bridge too far).
- n) Roberts: William Roberts. Aircraft went missing between Italy and England.
- o) Sammons: Reginald Sammons. Aircraft on patrol lost over sea, 1941.
- p) Saunders: Thomas Saunders, pioneer corps, all over Europe, killed at the Rhine. (lived in Cann Lane, Oldland Common. Memorial is in Warmley.
- q) Smith: Royston Smith. Died in a training accident in Canada.
- r) Sutton: Mark Sutton. Died in the evacuation at Dunkirk. His memorial is at Staple Hill. Address is just 'Kingswood'.
- s) Thomas: Kenneth Thomas. served in Burma. Killed crossing the Irrawaddy.
- t) Wear: Donald Wear. Killed in the invasion of Sicily.
- u) Wilkins: William Sydney Wilkins. Glider landing on D-day. Killed in action. No full address; difficult to find family?
- v) Wilmott: Harold Arthur Wilmott. Killed in Italy at the Arno line. No exact address.

2.4 It has been difficult to find details about relatives, but these men all died 80 years ago, and so seeking permission to use their name on a street name is not required.

### **3.0 Recommendation and outcome**

3.1 To chose from one of the names about and for the town clerk to pass to the street naming officer who will pass this to the developer to use, or not.