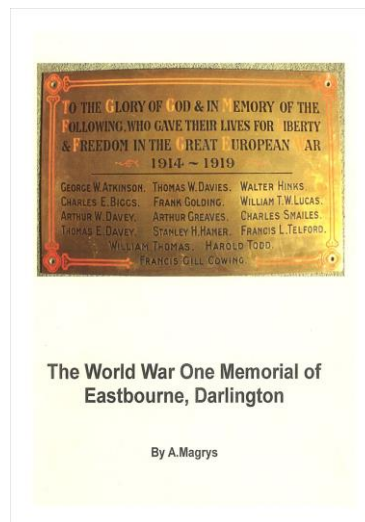


## The World War One Memorial of Eastbourne, Darlington by A. Magrys



This little booklet remembers the men from the Eastbourne area of Darlington who are named on the Eastbourne memorial plaque. Background information has been researched on each service man giving details of employment and personal circumstances before the onset of WWI.

The memorial plaque was originally installed in the Methodist church in Louisa Street, which was built in 1901. In 1980 the Methodist congregation moved their church to Yarm Road where the plaque was re-erected. Eastbourne Methodist church on Yarm Road, together with St Herbert's, St John's and St Columba's Anglican churches and St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church formed the East Darlington Churches Together Group. In December 2013 Eastbourne Methodist's church closed; but the congregation felt that the war memorial should remain in the local area where the local community could still have access to it rather than it be deposited in a central archive. Accordingly it was agreed that the memorial could be re-installed in St Herbert's church, further along Yarm Road, which, as it was built in 1939, had no existing First World War memorial of its own.

The author has added images of the men where available. Images of some of the cemeteries where the soldiers now rest have also been included together with some service records and maps to make this an accessible and poignant read.