



**Research into the 15 who died in active service in  
The Second World War from the Parish of All Saints,  
Boyne Hill, Maidenhead**

**14 names were recorded on the original Remembrance List at  
All Saints Church**

*'We will remember them'*

**The information has been researched by Mrs Elizabeth Grace Bryson  
using**

[www.forces-war-records.co.uk](http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk)

[cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx](http://cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx)

*All Saints, Boyne Hill Parish Magazines 1939 – 1945*

*Visiting the Churchyard at All Saints, Boyne Hill*

*Visiting the War Memorial at Maidenhead Town Hall*

*Visiting the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede*

*Visiting the All Saints Cemetery known as Maidenhead Cemetery*

**to compile an A4 information sheet about each of the 15**



**Names of the 15 who died in active service in The Second World War I  
from the Parish of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead  
Recorded on the Remembrance Board at All Saints Church  
'We will remember them'**

Lance Bombardier **Kenneth Astbury** *Royal Artillery*

Leading Stoker **Leslie Thomas Hill Bennett** *Royal Navy HM Submarine Odin*

Lieutenant **Archibald Graham Botsford** *Royal Engineers*

Flight Sergeant **Kenneth Charles James Botsford** *Royal Air Force, 106 Squadron*

Private **William Edward Brandon** *Royal Hampshire Regiment*

Sergeant **Douglas Eric Briggs** *Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 113 Squadron*

Boy 1st Class **Jack Brown** *Royal Navy HMS Royal Oak*

Stoker 2nd Class **Victor Gordon Croker** *Royal Navy HMS Ajax*

Captain **Walter Edward Norkett** *Royal Army Service Corps*

Sergeant **Frederick John Pitcher** *Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, 104 Squadron*

Lieutenant **Ronald Skelton** *Royal Navy HMS Illustrious, Fleet Air Arm*

Lance Corporal **Arthur Quartermaine Smith** *Royal Tank Regiment*

Lance Corporal **Thomas P. Smith** *Royal Hampshire Regiment*




Gunner **Herbert Charles Stamp** *Royal Artillery*

**All of these fallen 14 have their names recorded at the Town Hall War Memorial in Maidenhead. Those who do not have recorded details of a connection to the Parish of All Saints Boyne Hill were therefore Maidonians, because they were recorded on the Maidenhead Town Hall War Memorial as well as at The Parish Church of All Saints Boyne Hill.**

**The three fallen men who served in the RAF have known graves, which are recorded on their A4 sheet below. Their names are not recorded at the Air Forces Memorial at Runnymede, because that lists the 20,455 who have no known grave.**

Nurse in charge **Ruby Annie Marsh** 7<sup>th</sup> *St John's Ambulance*



## Kenneth Astbury R.A.

<b>First Name:</b>	Kenneth William
<b>Initials:</b>	K W
<b>Surname:</b>	Astbury
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1921
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Resided County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	17/10/1942 in the United Kingdom
<b>Cemetery:</b>	<b>Grave Reference:</b> Sec. C. Row K.K. Grave 71. <a href="#">MAIDENHEAD CEMETERY</a> (CWGC)
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF GEORGE AND ALICE MARY ASTBURY, OF MAIDENHEAD.
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Bombardier
<b>Service Number:</b>	903663
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>War Medal 1939-1945</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1939-45 Star</p> </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army    Archive Reference: WO 304/3
<b>Regiment:</b>	<p>Royal Artillery</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>The Royal Artillery Prayer</b></p> <p>O Lord Jesus Christ, Who dost everywhere lead thy people in the way of righteousness, Vouchsafe so as to lead the Royal Regiment of Artillery, That wherever we serve, on land or sea or in the air, We may win the glory of doing thy will. Amen</p> </div>
<b>Battalion:</b>	272 Bty., 90 H.A.A. Regt.
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.




Here is Lance Bombardier Kenneth Astbury's grave in All Saints Cemetery known as Maidenhead Cemetery:






## Leslie Thomas Hill Bennett R.N.

<b>First Name:</b>	Leslie Thomas Hill
<b>Initials:</b>	L T H
<b>Surname:</b>	Bennett
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1907
<b>Age:</b>	33
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27/06/1940
<b>Memorial:</b>	<a href="#">PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL</a> <b>Panel Reference:</b> Panel 41, Column 3. (CWGC)
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF THOMAS AND ANNE BENNETT; HUSBAND OF MARJORIE ELLEN BENNETT, OF WEASENHAM, NORFOLK.
<b>Rank:</b>	Leading Stoker
<b>Service Number:</b>	P/KX 75836
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>War Medal 1939-</u></p>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>1945</u> <u>1939-45 Star</u></p> </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Navy
<b>Ship:</b>	HM Submarine Odin
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.




## Archibald Graham Botsford (Royal Engineers)

<b>First Name:</b>	Archibald Graham
<b>Initials:</b>	A G
<b>Surname:</b>	Botsford
<b>Birth County:</b>	Dorset.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Resided County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	20/03/1941 in the United Kingdom
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Service Number:</b>	76585
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<p><u>War Medal 1939-1945</u>   <u>1939-45 Star</u></p>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army
<b>Regiment:</b>	<p><u>Royal Engineers</u></p> 
<b>Archive Reference:</b>	WO 304/18
<b>Commemorated:</b>	<p>Britain at All Saints, Boyne Hill Church Board and at Maidenhead Town Hall Memorial</p> <p><b>Grave Reference:</b> Grave 821. <b>Cemetery:</b> <u>HIGHWORTH CEMETERY</u>, Wiltshire (CWGC)</p>

## Kenneth Charles James Botsford RAF



<b>First Name:</b>	K C J
<b>Surname:</b>	Botsford
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Fate:</b>	Killed
<b>Incident Details:</b>	Crashed near 'Hertogensbosch, Holland
<b>Incident Date:</b>	07-08/07/1941
<b>Rank:</b>	Flight Sergeant
<b>Duty Location:</b>	Monchengladbach
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>War Medal 1939-1945</u></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>1939-45 Star</u></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>Air Crew Europe Star</u></p> </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Air Force
<b>Station:</b>	<u>Raf Coningsby</u>
<b>Squadron:</b>	106 Squadron
<b>Crew:</b>	FSgt K C J Botsford
<b>Command:</b>	Bomber Command
<b>Aircraft:</b>	Aircraft Mark: 1, Aircraft Code: ZN-R, Aircraft Type: Hampden, Aircraft Serial: AD735
<b>Commemorated:</b>	<p><b>Grave Reference:</b> Coll. grave 4. A. 4-5. <u>UDEN WAR CEMETERY</u> (CWGC)</p> <p>All Saints, Boyne Hill Church Board and at Maidenhead Town Hall Memorial</p>

## William Edward Brandon (Hants Rect)



<b>First Name:</b>	William Edward
<b>Surname:</b>	Brandon
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1923
<b>Age:</b>	20
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Resided County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	04/04/1943
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF WILLIAM EDWARD AND DAISY BRANDON, OF MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
<b>Rank:</b>	Private
<b>Service Number:</b>	5392752
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>War Medal 1939-1945    1939-45 Star</p> </div>  </div>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army
<b>Regiment:</b> <b>Battalion:</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>Royal Hampshire Regiment</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion</p> </div>  </div>
<b>Commemorated:</b>	<p><b>Grave Reference:</b> 2. L. 6. <b>Cemetery:</b> <a href="#">BEJA WAR CEMETERY</a> Tunisia</p> <p>The Parish Church of All Saints Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.</p>





## Douglas Eric Briggs RAF

<b>First Name:</b>	Douglas Eric
<b>Initials:</b>	D E
<b>Surname:</b>	Briggs
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1920
<b>Age:</b>	22
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	24/01/1942
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF ARTHUR LEONARD AND SARAH ELLEN JANE BRIGGS, OF MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Service Number:</b>	759056
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>War Medal 1939-1945</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1939-45 Star</p> </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
<b>Regiment:</b>	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
<b>Battalion:</b>	113 Squadron
<b>Commemorated:</b>	<p><b>Grave Reference:</b> Coll. grave 10. M. 10-12.</p> <p><b>Cemetery:</b> <a href="#">KANCHANABURI WAR CEMETERY</a> Thailand</p> <p>The Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.</p>




## Jack Brown R.N.

<b>First Name:</b>	Jack
<b>Initials:</b>	J.
<b>Surname:</b>	Brown
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1920
<b>Age:</b>	19
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	14/10/1939 The Parish Magazine of November 1939 announced the sad news that: 'The first name to be put on the Roll of Parishioners who have given their lives in the Service of their country is that of Jack Brown, aged 19, who perished with many of his mess-mates in the sinking of HMS <i>Royal Oak</i> .' The 'Royal Oak' is a recognised war grave.
<b>Information:</b>	Jack lived in the Parish of All Saints Boyne Hill. Jack Brown was a choirboy at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead from the late 1920s until he joined the Royal Navy in 1936. He also enjoyed being a member of the Scouts. Jack's mother was a widow.
<b>Rank:</b>	Boy 1st Class
<b>Service Number:</b>	
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<p><b>War Medal 1939-1945</b></p>  <p><b>1939-45 Star</b></p> 
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Navy
<b>Ship:</b>	HMS Royal Oak
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.



## Victor Gordon Croker R.N.

<b>First Name:</b>	Victor Gordon
<b>Initials:</b>	V G
<b>Surname:</b>	Croker
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1920 <b>Panel Reference:</b> 48, 1. <b>Memorial:</b> <a href="#">CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL</a> (CWGC)
<b>Age:</b>	21
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	01/03/1941
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF EDWARD AND LOTTIE CROKER; HUSBAND OF VIOLET NELLIE CROKER, OF BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
<b>Rank:</b>	Stoker 2nd Class
<b>Service Number:</b>	C/KX 105493
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	 War Medal 1939-1945    1939-45 Star 
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Navy
<b>Ship:</b>	HMS Ajax
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.


## Walter Edward Norkett RASC

<b>First Name:</b>	Walter Edward
<b>Initials:</b>	W E
<b>Surname:</b>	Norkett
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1913
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire. Parents: Edward and Amy Norkett, of Maidenhead, Berkshire
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	31/05/1940 - 04/06/1940 France and Belgium Campaign, 1939/40
<b>Information:</b>	Husband of Isabel S. Norkett, of Maidenhead.
<b>Rank:</b>	Captain
<b>Service Number:</b>	73734
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>War Medal 1939-</u> <u>1945</u></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>1939-45 Star</u></p> </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army Archive Reference: WO 304/20
<b>Regiment:</b>	<u>Royal Army Service Corps</u> 
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at The Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall. <b>Grave Reference:</b> Plot 2 Row 20 Grave 11. <u><a href="#">DUNKIRK TOWN CEMETERY</a></u> (CWGC)




## Frederick John Pitcher RAF

<b>First Name:</b>	Frederick John
<b>Initials:</b>	F J
<b>Surname:</b>	Pitcher
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1915
<b>Age:</b>	27
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	15/07/1942
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF GEORGE EDWARD AND ELIZA CLARA PITCHER, OF MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
<b>Rank:</b>	Sergeant
<b>Service Number:</b>	925049
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<p><b>War Medal 1939-1945</b></p>  <p><b>1939-45 Star</b></p> 
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
<b>Regiment:</b>	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
<b>Battalion:</b>	104 Squadron
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Egypt and at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall. <b>Panel Reference:</b> Column 262. <b>Memorial:</b> <a href="#">ALAMEIN MEMORIAL</a> (CWGC)




## Ronald George Skelton R.N.

<b>First Name:</b>	Ronald George
<b>Initials:</b>	R
<b>Surname:</b>	Skelton
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Date of Death:</b>	11/01/1941
<b>Rank:</b>	Lieutenant
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<p><b>War Medal 1939-1945</b></p>  <p>The image shows two military medals. On the left is the War Medal 1939-1945, a circular silver medal with a profile of King George VI and the inscription 'GEORGIVS VI EGBRONTAE ET INDIAE IMPERATOR'. It is suspended from a ribbon with vertical stripes of red, white, and blue. To its right is the 1939-45 Star, a gold five-pointed star with a crown at the top and the letters 'R.N.' in the center. It is suspended from a ribbon with vertical stripes of blue, red, and white.</p>
<b>Service:</b>	Royal Navy
<b>Ship:</b>	HMS Illustrious
<b>Fleet Air Arm:</b>	F.A.A.
<b>Commemorated:</b>	<p><b>Panel Reference:</b> Bay 1, Panel 7. <a href="#">LEE-ON-SOLENT MEMORIAL</a> Hampshire (CWGC) Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.</p>

## Arthur Quartermaine Smith (RTC)




<b>First Name:</b>	Arthur Quartermaine		
<b>Initials:</b>	A Q		
<b>Surname:</b>	Smith		
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1909		
<b>Age:</b>	33		
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire.		
<b>Nationality:</b>	British		
<b>Resided County:</b>	Warwickshire.		
<b>Date of Death:</b>	27/10/1942 in the Middle East		
<b>Information:</b>	Parents: Arthur and Emily Smith; husband of Margaret Ethel Smith, of Warwick.		
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal		
<b>Service Number:</b>	7931462		
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<b>War Medal 1939-1945</b> 		<b>1939-45 Star</b>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army		
<b>Regiment:</b>	Royal Tank Regiment Royal Tank Corps 		
<b>Battalion:</b>	50th		
<b>Archive Ref:</b>	WO 304/3		
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall. <b>Grave Reference:</b> IV, D, 1. <b>Cemetery:</b> <a href="#">CASERTA WAR CEMETERY</a> (CWGC)		

## Thomas P. Smith (Hants Rect)

<b>First Name:</b>	Thomas Peter
<b>Initials:</b>	T P
<b>Surname:</b>	Smith
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1918
<b>Age:</b>	25
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Resided County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	22/04/1943 in North Africa. Commemorated in Tunisia and at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill
<b>Information:</b>	SON OF ALBERT AND ALICE SMITH, OF MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE.
<b>Rank:</b>	Lance Corporal
<b>Service Number:</b>	5504587
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>War Medal 1939-1945</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>1939-45 Star</p>  </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army
<b>Regiment:</b>	Royal Hampshire Regiment 
<b>Battalion:</b>	1/4th Bn.
<b>Archive Ref:</b>	WO 304/13
<b>Commemorated:</b>	<b>Grave Reference:</b> 5. G. 13. <b>Cemetery:</b> <a href="#">MEDJEZ-EL-BAB WAR CEMETERY</a> (CWGC) Parish Church of All saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead and at Maidenhead Town Hall.





## Herbert Charles Stamp

<b>First Name:</b>	Herbert Charles
<b>Surname:</b>	Stamp
<b>DOB:</b>	Circa 1916
<b>Age:</b>	28
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Resided County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	14/05/1944 in the United Kingdom. He is buried in <b>Grave Reference</b> Grave A.1. <b>Cemetery:</b> <a href="#">BOYNE HILL (ALL SAINTS) CHURCHYARD</a> (CWGC)
<b>Information:</b>	Son of Alfred and Emily Stamp of Cox Green. Husband of Iris Theresa Stamp of Cox Green.
<b>Rank:</b>	Gunner
<b>Service Number:</b>	14250992
<b>Campaign Medals:</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>War Medal 1939-1945</u></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><u>1939-45 Star</u></p> </div> </div>
<b>Service:</b>	British Army
<b>Regiment:</b>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Royal Artillery</b></p> </div>
<b>Battalion:</b>	116 Field Regt.
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Britain at Maidenhead Town Hall and he will be added to the new Board at the Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, because he lived in the Parish and is buried in the Churchyard.



**Herbert Charles Stamp's grave in the Churchyard at All Saints Boyne Hill. His grave is a CWGC grave and is on the right when you walk through the lower gate into the Churchyard**

## Ruby Annie Marsh

<b>First Name:</b>	Ruby
<b>Initials:</b>	R. A.
<b>Surname:</b>	Marsh
<b>DOB:</b>	1903
<b>Age:</b>	39
<b>Birth County:</b>	Berkshire.
<b>Nationality:</b>	British
<b>Address:</b>	Ye Gables, Tittle Row, Altwood Road Maidenhead Berkshire.
<b>Date of Death:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> August 1942 at home in Maidenhead
<b>Cemetery:</b>	All Saints Cemetery Grave Reference D5X <a href="#">MAIDENHEAD CEMETERY</a>
<b>Information:</b>	Daughter of William John and Sarah Anne Marsh. Her younger brother was Cyril William Marsh.
<b>Rank:</b>	Nurse in Charge at the Great Western Railway Casualty Clearing Station at Paddington.
<b>Medals:</b>	<p>She was holder of the 15 year Gold Medal and 20 year Gold Efficiency Bar</p>  <p>Service Medal of the Order of St. John front and reverse views</p>
<b>Service:</b>	<p>A Serving Sister of the order St John of Jerusalem. She devoted all her spare time to First Aid.</p> 
<b>Commemorated:</b>	Parish Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill Remembrance Board

# Ruby Annie Marsh 1903 – 1942

## 1911 Census

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**CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.**

*Before filling in this Schedule please read the Explanatory and other instructions given on the other side of this paper, as well as the headings of this Column. The entries should be written in ink.*

The contents of this Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, or in connection with 66d Age Pensions, or for any other purpose save record and creation of a family tree.

NAME AND SURNAME	RELATION TO HEAD OF FAMILY	AGE	SEX	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE	PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION		BIRTHPLACE OF PERSON	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER
					Personal Occupation	Industry or Service with which he is connected		
William John Marsh	Head	39	M	Married 17	Labourer	D & B	Wid. Essex	Wid. Essex
Mrs. Anna Marsh	Wife	39	F	Married 17			Wid. Essex	Wid. Essex
Ruby Annie Marsh	Daughter	8	F				Wid. Essex	Wid. Essex
Edith Williams Marsh	Son	5	M				Wid. Essex	Wid. Essex

(To be filled up by the Enumerator)

(To be filled up by, or on behalf of the Head of Family or other person in authority, or in charge of this dwelling)

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *William John Marsh*  
Printed Address: *111 New Street, Maidenhead, Berks.*

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## Miss Ruby Marsh Sister in Charge at Paddington C.C.S

The death occurred suddenly on Wednesday last week of Miss Ruby Marsh of Ye Gables Altwood Road Maidenhead aged 39.

Miss Marsh was a member of the Maidenhead Nursing Division of the St John Ambulance Brigade, was Nurse in Charge at the Great Western Railway Casualty Clearing Station at Paddington.

She was holder of the 15 year Gold Medal and 20 year Gold Efficiency Bar and was a Serving Sister of the order St John of Jerusalem. She devoted all her spare time to First Aid.

After a memorial service at All Saints Church she was interred at Maidenhead Cemetery on Monday. A guard of honour was formed of the nurses of the Paddington staff and the Maidenhead Nursing Division together with members of the male Casualty Staff. The Great Western Railway was represented by Mr K.W.C. Grand, Assistant General Manager, and by Dr Cavendish Fuller, Miss Harnach represented the Paddington Division of the British Red Cross, Miss C. A. Ault the Great Western Ambulance Centre, and Mr R.F. Borough represented the Great Western A.R.P. Headquarters.

Wreaths were sent from the A.R.P. Headquarters (GWR) the G.W.R. Ambulance Centre Paddington Ambulance Class, No 1 Refreshment Room, The Guild of St Michael, and the Paddington Division of the Red Cross.

*Extract Maidenhead Advertiser Wednesday 19th August*



REGISTRATION DISTRICT	MAIDENHEAD
1942 DEATH in the Sub-district of Maidenhead	in the County of Berks

Columns:-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No.	When and where died	Name and surname	Sex	Age	Occupation	Cause of death	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar
	12th August 1942 Ye Gables Tittle Row Maidenhead Berks	Ruby Annie Marsh	Female	39	Housewife	Angina pectoris due to sclerosis of coronary arteries	C. W. Marsh Ye Gables Tittle Row Maidenhead Berks	16th August 1942	M. Board Registrar

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a Register of Deaths in the District above mentioned.

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the

12th

day of

May

2016

DYE 021460

See note overleaf

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**Cause of death;** Angina with pericarditis and sclerosis of coronary arteries

*Death Certificate*

**Maidenhead Advertiser August 1942**

**Deaths Marsh :** - On August 12th, 1942, suddenly at Ye Gables, Tittle Row, Ruby Annie Marsh, dearly loved sister and niece of Mr Cyril and Miss Margaret Marsh; age 39 years.

*Extract Wednesday 26th August*

**Boyne Hill Parish Magazine, September 1942**

**A Great Loss** The very sudden death of Miss Ruby Anne Marsh is a very great loss to this parish and came as a great shock to her friends here and at Paddington Station, where she had been long employed. She had always been an enthusiastic member of St John Ambulance Society and the outbreak of the War gave her her opportunity. She was immediately put in charge of the Casualty Clearing Station at Paddington Station, where she worked devotedly and tirelessly through all the raids on London until the day of her death. Until her extra work there prevented it, she had been a keen and efficient teacher in our Sunday School. Not content with all that she was doing, she gave some of her scanty leisure to the work of Secretary of our Parochial Church Council. She had also been a most devoted helper to her father in his long-term illness, and his death, eight months ago, was a great shock to her. All who knew of all her activities are convinced that she died of sheer overwork. Her gallant heart proved unequal to the strain which she put upon it. Quite certainly, she died on "active service," and we are proud to put her name upon our Roll of Honour. There was a large attendance of parishioners and fellow-workers at her funeral on August 17<sup>th</sup>. After Services at All Saints' Church her body was laid to rest in the Cemetery. **R.I.P.**

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Here is the place where Ruby Annie Marsh was buried. The headstone on the grave has gone but this is where she is buried in All Saints Cemetery known as Maidenhead Cemetery:





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