



## **Lawrence Storrs-Fox, featured Remembrance Day 11/11/2016**

Little is known of Lawrence Storrs-Fox's time at Ripley Court between 1909 and 1913, but he was one of just eight boys in that year's leavers group. It is likely that he was an excellent sportsman and academic. His sister went to St Catherine's, Bramley.

Felsted archives record:

Lawrence came to Felsted college winning a scholarship, and he made it onto the list for Emmanuel College, Cambridge. In the large group of Cambridge colleges that combine for scholarships he had easily led the field in classics; but he never went into residence.

Instead a commission in the 21<sup>st</sup> battalion, West Riding Regiment claimed his attention.

Early in 1918 he crossed from France on leave, and travelling direct to Felsted dropped in unexpectedly at the scene of so many of his triumphs in the past, of his prizes galore, of being Head Prefect at Felsted and captain of Cricket, of editorial work, of a characteristic forcible rendering of Sir Anthony at our Jubilee, of his championship in the Sports.

Sadly on April 6th 1918 he was gassed by a mustard shell which burst in the door of the mess. They carried him to Wimereux blind; for many days a very strong constitution fought against pneumonia. To the last he was bright, cheerful and full of fun, knowing how ill he was, but refusing to own it.

It was as such we knew him from the day when the little fellow came on from Ripley Court to the moment when he left as Senior Prefect. The sudden twinkle on the solemn face was a constant warning to the wary. We cherish the memory of a son worthy of the quiet rectory that was his home, of a character strong as the Yorkshire Moors on which he roamed, of a happy spirit that revelled in and remembered every incident of every day during six years of unbroken enjoyment here.

Lt Lawrence Storrs Fox, 21<sup>st</sup> battalion West Ridings Regiment, died of his injuries on 27 April 1918. He was eighteen years old.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:**

**Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun and in the morning**

**We will remember them.**