

MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS IN ST GEORGE'S CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

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A significant research project was completed by Mr Philip Crampton of Woodmans Yard, Damerham in October 1999. He has catalogued the memorial inscriptions of 660 people of Damerham. They range from the 18th Century to the present day and cover people of all ages from 11 weeks to 100 years old. A further 10 inscriptions are no longer legible due to the effects of weather.

The original churchyard is roughly circular with its centre in the middle of the chancel with an area of exactly 1 acre. In 1896 the first burial took place in newly consecrated ground of approximately 1/3rd of an acre. In 1941 a further extension was made which increased the size to approximately 2 acres. First burials in the new churchyard were those of the four private soldiers who were killed on 9th May 1941 by an explosion at the munitions dump on the Martin road. They were buried together with full military honours.

The contents of Mr Crampton's research have been transferred onto a computer and the following pages contain a précis of that research, since space does not permit a full listing. The tables show the specific location on the maps, type of memorial, names and relationship where known, dates of burial or memorial and ages at that time for every readable inscription.

Many well known family names occur and the following shows those that appear most often:

Surname	Number
Tiller	33
Ambrose	21
Percy	20
Bailey	18
Budden	18
Jerrard	14
Waterman	11
Randall	11
White	11
Colbourne	10
Street	9
Bush	9
Lush	8
Marvell	8
Egremont	8
Baverstock	8
Holloway	7
Scamell	7
Bound	7
Blake	7
Palmer	6
Masters	6
Sheppard	6
Talk	6
Brown	6
Vincent	6
Stevens	6

How to interpret the Tables

