

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WOLVERHAMPTON

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Tree of Remembrance

Remember a Hero this Christmas

I was recently watching a television programme whilst on holiday and during the programme opinions were sought from different parts of the country. The compere said “over to Wolverhampton for comment” and the image on the screen was of the bust of a sailor. I have lived in or near Wolverhampton all of my life and was ashamed to admit I didn’t know the story of this sailor or why he would represent the City of Wolverhampton.

On my return home I discovered that the tribute to this brave man is set in St Peter’s gardens. The Harris Memorial remembers Able Seaman Douglas Harris, a son of this city who was born in Penn and worked in a bakery before signing up. He was on secondment to the Italian Navy ship Floandi when it came under heavy fire. Harris stuck to his post and continued sending messages and making entries in his log, until he was killed by a piece of shrapnel. He died on 15th May 1917 and does not seem to have received any award from this country, though he was posthumously given a high award by the Italians. The people of Wolverhampton did not forget him and his memorial was paid for by public subscription. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of The Great War and I began wondering how many stories such as this one are remembered by descendants of these brave men and women.

The Rotary club of Wolverhampton will mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War with a storyboard situated in The Wulfrun Centre within the Rotary Remembrance area. If you have a story, including a photograph, and would like to share it please write a short piece with details of the subject along with a photograph and place it in the return envelope supplied. If you would like the photograph returned please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Mike Colley
(Rotary Club of Wolverhampton)

Name of Remembered:

Story (125 words maximum please):

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There is no payment requested for this project but if you would like to make a donation all proceeds from the storyboard will be given to Help for Heroes.

Total enclosed: £ Cash/Cheque Cheques made payable to: ‘The Rotary Club of Wolverhampton’

**Would you like the Charities to benefit from claiming back the tax on your donation? If so please sign the declaration below.
"I am a taxpayer and have supplied my name and address. I would like the Rotary Club of Wolverhampton to claim tax back on this donation as Gift Aid"**

Signed

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