King Charles I Grammar School War Memorial (WW1)
Recorded by Dr G R Millward & Mrs S C Millward 7 Mar 2000

MEMORIAL TABLETS

There are two stone edged white marble tablets flanking the Stained Glass Window. The tablets are 35.5cm wide and 82cm high.

Left Tablet

IN MEMORY OF
THE OLD BOYS
OF THIS SCHOOL
WHO FELL
IN THE GREAT WAR

A. ADDENBROOKE
T.H. AVERILL
L.J. BAILEY
C. BARTLETT
A.H. BEAZER
M. BELLISON
A.E. BLAND
J.T. BONNEWELL
D. BOWCOTT
C.L. BUTCHER
H. COLDRICK
F.B. COLLINS
G.D. CORBET
F. DAVIS
C.W. DALLEY
F. EVANS
M.P. EVANS
H.J. HELLIWELL
E.J. HIBBERD

Right Tablet

C.H. KERR
L.C. LONGMORE
J.S. LOWE
W.V. MALLARD
A.B. MARRIS
G.H.K. MONEY
R.G.K. MONEY
S.J. MOULE
C.A. NICHOLLS
W.C. NICHOLLS
G.R.J. PEPPERELL
W.E. PHEYSEY
A.V. PHIPPS
G. LE PRESTRE
F.C. POTTER
W.E. PRICE
W.J. RAINSFORD
B. ROGERS
E.W. THIERSCH
C.F. TOOLEY
F.S. THOMAS
J. TODD
F.C. TRANTER
H.J.T. WILKES
C. WAKEMAN
A.C. WINBURY
A. YOUNGJOHNS

Number died is 46

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WW1 memorial window in King Charles I Grammar School Hall, Kidderminster. Now Marriage room of Register Office.
DY11 6RL, SO 823766. G R Millward 7 March 2000.

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Left Tablet

Right Tablet

King Charle I Grammar School Hall, now Marriage Room Kidderminster Register Office, DY11 6RL, SO823766 G R Millward 7 March 2000. WW1 Tablets on either side of Stained glass Memorial window.

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King Charles I Grammar School War Memorial (WW1)
Kidderminster Register Office DY11 6RL, (SO 823766)
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MEMORIAL WINDOW

This memorial is a STAINED GLASS WINDOW (see photos) , built into the main Hall of the school and two associated flanking MARBLE tablets (see photo), with STONE surrounds, inscribed with the names of the fallen. The window is about 2m wide and about 4m high and the tablets each 35.5cm wide, 82cm high.

The hall is now the Marriage Room of Kidderminster Register Office and the window is permanently covered by a large red curtain to avoid any religious connotation at Civil Wedding Ceremonies. We were not allowed to pull the curtain back to take a direct full-view photograph of the window.

Panels in the window include:

1. The School Coat of Arms

2. Kidderminster Coat of Arms

3. A group of WW1 soldiers and sailors (one soldier kneeling) at the foot of a cross bearing Christ.

4. A group of sailors with a harbour background with a 'scrolled' inscription:

PRO PATRIA.

5. A monk receiving a group of children at an open doorway (possibly referring to the medieval beginnings of the school in the Chantry of St Mary's Church. 'Scrolled' inscription:

E HONO ECCL

6. King Charles (in Blue) receiving a petition (for the school?). 'Scrolled' inscription:

CAROLIUS REX

7. A school classroom scene with pupils, desks and master with mortarboard and 'Scrolled' inscription:

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Preliminary plans for this memorial were published in the Kidderminster Shuttle (available on microfilm in Kidderminster and Stourport Libraries) on Sat 5 February 1921 with a proposed list of names. The list included the Rank of the men something not finally incorporated on the tablets. Some other additions and amendments were also incorporated by the time the tablets were produced.

The newspaper article (Ref.1) also states the intention to place a 'CHIMING CLOCK' in the Hall. I have personal memories of a long case clock standing at the front of the hall; but it is no longer there. It has recently been traced to the staff room of the new King Charles I School but not yet examined. I will submit as a separate record.