

# HARRIETSHAM TIMES

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## George Parks Killed in Action

The village has to deplore the loss of another of its gallant sons, Mr. George Parks, of East Street, son of Frederick and Ann Parks. George had joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regt, service number GS/493, at the outbreak of war and only went to France last June.

Previous to joining he was working as a gardener at Parkwood House and rang the bells regularly at Harrietsham Church. He was much respected by all who knew him. George had been previously wounded in October but had remained at the front.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November he was shot in the head (and died on the spot) while putting up barbed wire in front of the trenches. His brother, Frederick Parks was with him at the time and had to help bury him. Mr. and Mrs. Parks also have another son at the front and much sympathy is extended to all of them.

## Church Organist

Arthur Tong jun. who was rejected for the army, is now a munition worker in Woolwich Arsenal and with both Mr. Crossley and Arthur Tong jun. away serving their country we are left without an organist at all. We would be glad if someone could be found to help. Our old organist, Mr Ambrose Reeves, has been approached, but owing to the state of his health does not feel able to undertake the walk from Grafty Green during the winter months.

## Soldiers and Sailors Work Party

All who are willing to work socks and shirts will be welcomed at Woodlands' Billiard Room on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2 p.m. there will be tea at 4 o'clock. Last year the work party was instrumental in sending about 1,400 garments to the Central Fund. At the present time, many are engaged on work at the Hospitals and have little or no time for sewing and knitting, but we hope that others will redouble their efforts so that there may be no lack of these most necessary articles.