

# Today - Ruyton Remembers

## Warwick Edwards

### Stonemason and builder of the Ruyton XI Towns War Memorial

Born in Ruyton in 1860, he followed in his grandfather's footsteps to become a stonemason and stone cutter residing at Brownhill

While working as a monumental mason, he moved to The Cliffe, now an assistant overseer, builder and employer

His final home was at Valeswood Cottage, situated alongside the Bridge Inn at Platt Bridge, a house it is believed he built himself

His first wife was Jane Ann Williams, who died in 1910, their five children being Ethel, Leonard, Francis, Elaine and Warwick Richard

He later married Alice Ada O'Connor



Warwick would have been 53 when war broke out so over the age for conscription but both his sons joined at once, Leonard serving in Salonica with the R.F.A and Warwick Richard with the Machine Gun Corps. Both sons returned safely

Warwick's work on the War Memorial started in February, 1920, and after some setbacks was completed in September, the total payments made to Warwick being £42.14s.0d plus £12 for the pottery plaque and the architect's costs of £16.7s.0d

The official dedication took place on Sunday, 10th October, 1920