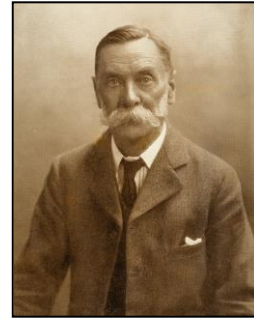


BIRCHINGTON MEMORIAL GROUND

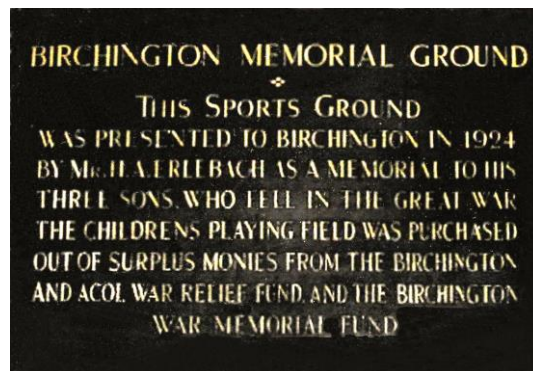


The Memorial Ground



H. Arthur Erlebach

As you can see from the illustrations to this article, the Memorial Ground speaks volumes about the cost to the village of the Great War in just one family, but mirrored by many others. The father of these three boys was H. Arthur Erlebach, the Headmaster of Woodford House School (now the site of Woodford Court).



The wording on the plaque in the pavilion reads:-

“Birchington Memorial Ground

This Sports Ground

was presented to Birchington in 1924 by Mr H. A. Erlebach as a memorial to his three sons, who fell in the Great War.

The Children’s Playing Field was purchased out of the surplus monies from the Birchington and Acol War Relief Fund and the Birchington War Memorial Fund



Henry Erlebach
1886 – Oct. 1915
buried near
Ypres, Belgium



Arthur Erlebach
1894 – July 1917
buried at St Omer



Teddy Erlebach
1897 – Feb. 1917
buried at Linsells
near Menin

**We need to guard this small corner of our village very carefully,
because it represents some of the cost of our freedom.**