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As part of our local studies topic, Year 6 have been learning about The Titanic. We have explored what was special about the Titanic. In English we have been learning about biographies. We researched local Titanic hero, Jack Phillips and wrote biographies about his life.

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## Jack Phillips

John George "Jack" Phillips was born on 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 1887, at 11 Earncombe Street, and died a tragic, yet heroic death on the RMS Titanic, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1912, three days after his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Because of his sacrifice over one hundred years ago, the Titanic disaster could have resulted in a much greater loss of life; it is obvious that he is the best remembered of all the victims of the sinking.

Jack, whose parents were called George Phillips and Ann Sanders, had two older twin sisters named Elsie and Ethel. Jack's education was a local private school; he then moved on to St John's Street School. Jack, who was living above his father's Drapers shop, next went to Godalming Grammar School, now the Red Lion pub. Jack sang in the local church choir, and there is now a brass memorial plaque there to remember him. "When he was young," Jack's mother remembers "he had a cheeky face but the voice of an angel."

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## Jack Phillips

Godalming residents still continue to remember the tragic watery death of the brave Jack Phillips, although it's more than 100 years since. In 1887, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April, John George Phillips, known as Jack, was born at 11 Farmcombe street. Son to George and Ann, Jack also had twin sisters Elsie and Ethel, both aged 7. Phillips was educated at local private schools and even sang in the parish church choir where there is a brass memorial plaque. "In his early childhood," his mother recalled, "Jack was a cheeky and curious little angel." Leaving school in 1902, he started work at the local post office (now the HSBC bank).

1906 came, and Jack joined the Marconi company's wireless telegraphy training school at Seaforth Barracks in Liverpool. In August after his training Jack Phillips, despite being afraid of ice-bergs, accepted the post of chief wireless telegraphist aboard the new luxury 'unsinkable' Titanic, with Harold Bride as his junior operator. The wireless equipment on board was the most modern and most powerful on any merchant ship then afloat. Jack had told his family that he felt honoured to be chosen as chief officer. In daytime, and at night, the Titanic had a range of 250-400 miles; when conditions for transmitting and receiving were more favourable, it occasionally spanned 2,000 miles. In the 24 hours preceding the fateful collision on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 1912, the two operators were fixing a fault in a transmitter; as a consequence they had little sleep before commencing his watch 9:00 to 2:00. It was the hours before the crash the liner reached its highest speed of 22.5 knots. On impact, the berg inflicted considerable damage on the water-tight compartments causing it to sink at the bow.

People today still consider him as a brave and noble man that tried to save the Titanic from danger. In Godalming, Surrey, next to the river, a memorial Gertrude Teyll designed was built in the remembrance of John George Phillips. The hero that died to save others; sacrificed himself at 25 for the people that rode this ship.

He is remembered today for that reason.

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Jack Phillips



John George Phillips, also known as Jack, was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1887 in Godalming, Surrey. George and Ann Phillips were Jack's parents who came from a town in Wiltshire. In 1906 he trained as a telegraphist in Liverpool. This finished in August and he was posted as a junior wireless officer.

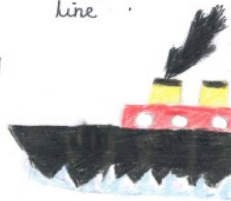
In 1912 the Titanic set sail, "I am very excited about going. This is the best day of my life," Jack said. As he was boarding the ship he looked very happy and stated that the Titanic was amazing and there's no flaws at all. Finally it set sail and he waved goodbye to everyone but he was eager to get started. A few days the luxury Titanic hit an iceberg and the boat started sinking but Jack stayed on board and kept on sending SOS messages back home in morse code. The last message got picked up at 2:17am and luckily there were some survivors.

Jack unfortunately died on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1912 and his memorial is in Godalming. He was a local hero.

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