



**POST CODE:** B63 2UL

**ADDRESS:** St Peter's Church, Church Road, Cradley

**GPS Location:** N. 52.4665606 W. -2.0924868

**Memorial Location:** East side fence line, Sction H6, Row 4, No 20

### **Cox, John.**

7<sup>th</sup> South Staffordshire Regiment, R/N 10371

An engineering turner by trade John was born in 1889 and married Amy Timmington at St. Luke's Church, Cradley Heath in 1909. They lived at 167 Spring Lane, Cradley.

John joined the Territorial Army and became a morse code signaller with the 6<sup>th</sup> Staffordshire Battery of the Royal Field Artillery. In 1915 he was enlisted at Wolverhampton into the 7<sup>th</sup> South Staffordshire Regiment and was with them during the Gallipoli campaign. It was in France fighting against the Germans during 1916 that John suffered from being gassed and from shell shock. He was back in England the following year but was not demobilised into Class Z until March 30<sup>th</sup> 1919 and was discharged a year later.

John's eyesight was permanently damaged as a result of being gassed but as a skilled engineer he continued to work after the war at Charles Willetts, Overend Road, Cradley.

John died in 1962 aged 73 years and is buried in St Peters churchyard.

