

Frank Kirby VC

Life Events

- Born** : 12 November 1871 in Thame and was baptised at St. Mary's Church on 13 December 1871
- Siblings** : Henry Conyers Kirby (born June 1865, died at five weeks)
Arthur Conyers Kirby (1866 – 1864)
William John Kirby (1867 – 1941)
Charles Henry Kirby (1869 – 1913)
Herbert Bail Kirby (1874 – 1898)
- All were born in Thame, Oxfordshire
- Address** : 18 High Street, Thame until at least February 1874. Moved sometime after that, but before the 1881 census, to 224 Crystal Palace Road, Camberwell, London
- Education** : Mostly unknown but was a pupil at Alleyn's School, Dulwich, London, from September 1882 to July 1884
- Return** : Returned to Thame sometime between 1884 and 1887, when his father was running an Ironmongery business at 3 High Street (*source Kellys Directory 1887*). In the 1891 census William Kirby is still in that trade and at that address. Frank H Kirby, aged 19, is also recorded at that address and employed as an Ironmonger's Traveller.
- Enlisted** : 8 August 1892 (age 20), Royal Engineers – (*subsequent military career detailed in a separate document*).
- Married** : Miss Kate (Kitty) Jolly on 20 January 1909 at St Mark's Church, New Brompton, Gillingham
- Children** : Beryl Kathleen Kirby (1909 – 1998)
Doreen Mary Kirby (1910 – 1982)
John Howard Kirby (1913 – 1989), known as Jack
Peter William Kirby (1915 – 1995)
Patricia Evelyn Kirby (1918 – 2006)
- Retired** : 8 December 1926, with rank of Group Captain (Colonel), Royal Air Force
- Later Career** : Recorded in January 1927 as being Managing Director of Sika Ltd., Constructional Waterproofing Contractors, 82 Victoria Street, Westminster, SW1
- Died** : 8 July 1956, aged 84, at 3 Crescent Road, Sidcup, Kent, and was cremated at Streatham Park Cemetery