

THE WAR MEMORIAL AT THE BANSTEAD COTTAGE HOMES

The Memorial was erected in 1921 to the honour and memory of the “Old Bansteads” who were past residents of the Banstead Cottage Homes in Fir Tree Road and who fell in the Great War of 1914-1918.

The Pillar of Remembrance was made of Chilmark Stone and executed by Messrs. Gething and Co., of Chilmark, Salisbury. It consisted of a base, a pedestal on which an inscription was cut, and a slender shaft, surmounted by a cross. The words on the memorial were:

*“To the Memory of the Glorious Dead
from this School 1914-1919”*

The Memorial was dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on May 6th 1921. It was placed in front of the Boys School so that it could be seen from the windows. The intention was that the present and future generations would remember the loyalty, the patriotism and the heroism of the brave lads who went out at the call of duty and who gave their lives in defence of weaker nations. A Roll of Honour was placed in the school chapel.

In 1968 the chapel with the Roll of Honour and other monuments and stained glass windows was destroyed by a disastrous fire.

In 1974, the school was finally closed. The buildings and the War Memorial were “swept away” by the developer to make way for a housing estate known as High Beeches.

All the men to whom the lost memorial was dedicated came from the humblest beginnings without a normal home life, perhaps without friends and relations, dying for their country very young and far from home and probably in squalor.

Have we forgotten them?



A Lost War Memorial

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(Erected May 1921 - Demolished 1975)



The Roll of Honour

Abbot, J.C.	R.F.A
Applegarth, A.	1st East Lancs
Baker, A.	Canadians
Bannister, J	2nd D. of C. L.I.
Barr, F.	Durham L.I.
Basson, W.	16th Lancers.
Batchelor, A. (M.M.)	10th Middlesex
Beasley, E	2nd East Lancs.
Bewsey, P. (Corporal.)	1st K.O.Y.L.I.
Bourne, A. (Sergeant.)	Canadians.
Brazear, W.	4th Middlesex
Brandon, W.	1st Manchesters
Bunce, R. (Corporal.)	1st K.O.Y.L.I.
Burrows, C.	Canadians
Cant, C. (Q.M.S.)	1st Munster Fus.
Chalcraft, W.	6th Inniskilling D.G
Coger, A. (Sergeant)	1st Dublin Fusiliers
Couchman, R	1st Manchesters
Cowan, T	20th Hussars
Craddick, P	Australians
Cross, G.	3rd Essex
Dixon, F	4th Hussars.
Dolman, A	R. Fusiliers
Downham, L	6th Essex.
Dunton, C	22nd London
Edwards, C.	Hussars
Exell, G	4th S. Lancs.
Ferguson, C	2nd K.O.Y.L.I.
Fry, F. (Sergeant)	6th Dorsets.
Gardner, A.	1st Northants
Gates, A.	6th Middlesex
Gower, A.	4th Wilts.
Green, C.	13th London
Green, W.	1st R.I.R
Harris, R	5th R.W. Kents.
Heath, M.	H.M.S. Hampshire
Holmes, S.	3rd R.B.
Hornsby, C.	2nd Munster Fusiliers.
Howard, I.	Hussars
Hughes, W.	Australian Artillery.
Irwin, F.	Canadians.
Irwin, H.	R.F.A.
Irwin, G. P. (Corporal)	1st R.I. Fusiliers.
Jamell, S.	2nd Munster Fusiliers.
Johns, A.	3rd Royal Fusiliers.

THE MEN WHO WERE PAST RESIDENTS OF THE BANSTEAD COTTAGE HOMES (FIR TREE ROAD) AND WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE GREAT WAR 1914 - 1919

Jones, T.	18th Hussars.
Lewis, G	13th London.
Ling, J.	2nd Munster Fusiliers
Leeking, Jno.	2nd R.I.R.
Littlejohn, L. (Q.M.S.)	2nd Scots Guards.
Lussenden, H. (Corporal)	5th. Duke of Wellington's.
Manning, G.	5th Manchesters.
Major, J.	6th K.O.Y.L.I.
Mills, J. H.	R.B
Moxon, R	1st R.I.R.
Negus, C.	5th. Welsh Regiment
Negus, G. (Sergeant)	1st K.O.Y.L.I.
Osborn, H.	13th London.
Owen, T. (Sergeant)	18th Hussars
Pancutt, A.	4th Suffolk.
Payne, W.	9th Lancers.
Perryman, W	2nd R. Scots.
Plummer, W	1st Lincolns.
Randall, F.	9th Lancers.
Reid, A.	Canadians.
Rymill, T. (Sergeant)	2nd L.N. Lancs
Skelton, George	4th Bedfords
Skilton, George	5th L.N. Lancs.
Slight, E.	
Smith, S.	8th Hussars (L.G.)
Sullivan, E.	Canadians.
Stuckey, A	H.M.S. Buffalo
Taylor, J.	R.F.A.
Taylor, J.	Canadians.
Theed, A.	11th R. Fusiliers.
Townsend, T.	Canadians
Tucker, Ed.	R.I.R.
Tucker, W. (Sergeant)	8th Hussars.
Walters. W.	5th Dragoon Guards.
White, C.	5th W. Surrey.
Wilson, J.	R.E.
Williams, F.	1st Herts.
Williams, J.	1st Northants
Williams, R.	1st Royal Scots.
Woods, Ern.	4th Middlesex.
Webb, William	H.M.S. Minesweeper.