



Friends of Eastcote House Gardens

'Eastcote Remembers'

November 4th - November 17th 2018



Courtesy Frank Underhill

Commemoration of the Armistice

1918 - 2018



Programme of Events

The Stables, Eastcote House Gardens

Exhibition Opening Times

Sunday 4th November 10am -3pm

Monday 5th November 11am -3pm

Tuesday 6th November 11am -1pm

Thursday 8th November 12-4pm

Friday 9th November 12-4pm

Saturday 10th November 12-4pm

Sunday 11th November 2-4pm [Remembrance Sunday]

Friday 16th November 12-4pm

Saturday 17th November 12-4pm

Free Admission - Donations to RBLEB appreciated



In Voice and Verse

In Concert

‘Armistice’

Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November 2pm

Tickets £15 [includes a donation to RBLEB]

Talks

Free entry to all talks- a collection for RBLEB will be taken

Tuesday 6th November 2pm

Eastcote 1900 – 1920

*Liz Smith, Edible History Society, Susan Toms RNECHS,
Lesley Crowcroft FEHG.*



Thursday 8th November 7pm

‘Is it Ticking?’

Bomb disposal from the Western front to Helmund Province.

*Matt Neave,
former Captain in the Corps of Royal Engineers.*



Thursday 15th November 2pm

History of the Eastcote Branch of the Royal British Legion.

*Matt Neave.
With WW1 memorabilia on display.*



We Will Remember Them

As part of the 100th anniversary of the armistice on 11th November 1918 the Friends of Eastcote House Gardens desired to mark this historic event by capturing details of men and sons of Eastcote who lost their lives. [“We Will Remember Them” comes from the ode “For the Fallen” by Laurence Binyon.]

Local author, Tanya Britton has kindly given permission for us to use extracts from her book ‘Ruislip Northwood & Eastcote during the First World War.’ [The History Press, 2011-ISBN 176-D-7524-4200-4]

Eastcote did not exist as an ecclesiastical parish until the 1920s. At the time of WWI Eastcote formed part of the Manor of Ruislip and St. Martin le Tours Ruislip was the parish church. Eastcote was a small village community with outlying farms, population estimated at 600 souls. 134 men and boys fought for their country, 16 made the ultimate sacrifice.

Not all of the casualties resulted from combat action as some died from accidents, disease or illness. In one death occurred after the war as a consequence of German gas attacks but, they all died in the line of or as a result of duty from answering the call to arms.









St. Lawrence Church Memorial





Eastcote War Memorial


Roll of Honour The Sixteen.


-  **George William Barrett:** Having enlisted at Harrow, he served as a Private in the Royal Fusiliers and was killed in action at Arras on 3rd January 1918 at the age of nineteen. He is buried at Hermes Hill British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France.
-  **Tone Hippolyte Bayetto:** Enlisting in April 1915 he was promoted to Captain in the Royal Flying Corps in June 1917. In September 1917 he destroyed an enemy aircraft whilst at 'some disadvantage' and was wounded. He died at the age of 25 on 28th July 1918 as a result of a fall from his Sopwith Dolphin whilst flying near Beaulieu in Hampshire. He was stationed at The Aerodrome, Beaulieu and his death was registered at nearby Lymington.
-  **Henry James Blackford:** Henry enlisted at Mill Hill joining the Middlesex Regiment but was soon transferred to the Royal Engineers and in June 1917 as part of the Pioneer Royal Engineers 332nd Company he left for France. The following month he was injured by gas and was sent back to the Royal Engineer's Road Troops Depot at Aldershot and was discharged from the army in December 1917. Twenty-nine year old Henry died of pleurisy of the left lung in January 1919 and was buried at St Martin's. His premature death must be attributed to him being gassed by the Germans.
-  **Gerald Charles Bonny:** He served as an Air Mechanic 2nd class in the 58th Training Squadron, Royal Flying Corps that was based in Suez, Egypt. He died on 23rd June 1917 at the age of eighteen as a result of an accident and is buried in Egypt at the Alexandria (Hadra) war cemetery.
-  **Roland Butler:** He enlisted at Willesden as a Private in the 1st/9th Middlesex Regiment. His death on 29th August 1916 in the Persian Gulf region occurred before the main body of the 1st/9th Battalion was dispatched to the region. He is buried at the Baghdad (Yarbashi) War Cemetery.
-  **Hubert Arthur Cram:** He enlisted on 3rd September 1914 and was soon made up to Corporal in the 19th Royal Fusiliers and towards the end of May 1915 was made up to Sergeant. On 4th December 1915 he was returned home following a thigh injury. On 27th March 1917 he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 16th King's Royal Rifle Corps. Lieutenant Cram was amongst the casualties that were killed on 16th April 1916 aged twenty-seven. He is buried at Klein-Vierstaat.

-  **Frederick Harcourt Hardman:** He joined as a Private in the 15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment. At the age of twenty-nine he was killed at Angle Wood in support of a failed attack against Falfemont Farm. He is also commemorated at St. Lawrence's church Eastcote, on the Northwood war memorial and on the memorial at Thiepval, Somme, France.
-  **Herbert Heywood:** After joining up he was wounded in January 1915. The then Acting Captain Herbert Heywood on 22nd August 1917 joined the 5th Middlesex Regiment and was attached to C Battalion Tank Corps. He was badly wounded on his first day of this posting and died later in the day in hospital as a result of his wounds, he was twenty-seven years old.
-  **Albert John Lacey:** Enlisting at Mill Hill joining the 26th Middlesex Regiment that was sent to Salonika in Macedonia in November 1915. There was fighting throughout 1917 and in September 1918 the Second Battle of Dorian took place and it was on 28th September 1918 that Albert John Lacey died of his wounds. He is buried at Salonika (Lambert Road) Military Cemetery in Greece.
-  **Arthur William Lavender:** Arthur William joined as a Private in the Royal West Surrey Regiment, Area Employment Company, Labour Corps. He died on 25th January 1918 at the age of thirty-seven. He is buried at the Étaples Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais the assumption is that he died in hospital at Étaples sur Met. At the time of his death Arthur William was serving as a Corporal in the 12th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment.
-  **Frederick Nightingale:** He enlisted in September 1914 at Harrow as a private in the 8th Royal Fusiliers. He saw service at Gallipoli and in all was wounded four times before his final engagement near the village of La Boisselle in the Somme valley in France on 5th July 1916. Frederick Nightingale was posted as missing presumed dead. He is commemorated at St. Lawrence's Church, St Martin's Church and at the Thiepval memorial, Somme.
-  **Thomas William Strong:** Enlisted at Uxbridge joining the Coldstream Guards as a Private in September 1914. He was wounded twice. First he was wounded in the left hand by a German bomb at Loos in October 1915. His second wounding occurred in September 1916 that resulted in him being hospitalised at Bristol. He was then recommended for a commission and served as 2nd Lieutenant in the 4th Battalion of the South Staffordshire Regiment. He died during the Battle of the Chemin-des-Dames in May 1918.

 **Albert Thompson:** Albert enlisted at Harrow in the 11th Middlesex Regiment. Lance-Corporal Albert Thompson, aged twenty-one, was killed in action at the Battle of Transloy Ridges on 8th October 1916. He is commemorated on the Eastcote war memorial and at St Lawrence's Church, St Martin's Church and at Bancourt British Cemetery, Pas de Calais.


 **Charles Arthur Thompson DCM:** Was the brother of the aforementioned Albert Thompson. Although living at the time in Uxbridge he enlisted in London in 1st Battery Machine Gun Corps (Motors) where he rose to the rank of Sergeant. Killed in action on 12th April 1918 at the age of twenty-nine he was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. It is not clear whether he was given a posthumous award. He is also commemorated at St. John the Evangelist church, Uxbridge and at the Poziers memorial, Somme, France.


 **G Turner or C Turner:** Commemorated on the Eastcote war memorial as Turner C but as G Turner on the St. Lawrence's memorial but nothing can be found about this person – made more difficult given the lack of first names. The Middlesex Register of Electors 1914 does not assist here but then only male householders over the age of 21 were allowed the vote.

 **William Samuel Thomas Vines:** Enlisted in December 1915. After time in the Army Reserve he was posted to the 27th Middlesex Regiment. He saw eighteen months action in France and saw action on the Somme. He was wounded in the right leg by gunshot at Messines on 8th June 1917. Having contracted gangrene his leg was amputated but he succumbed during the operation on the eve of his twenty-sixth birthday. His body was brought back to Ruislip and he is buried in St Martin's churchyard.



Other sons of Eastcote not recorded on either Memorial.

 **William Ernest Bray:** Lance-Corporal William Ernest Bray dying on 2nd November 1918 at the age of twenty-five. His memorial name appears on the Ruislip war memorial and within St Martin's Church in Ruislip.

 **John Southern Maidlow :** Major in the 49th Battery Royal Artillery. Shot in the head at the battle of Mons. He is buried at the Mons (Bergen) Communal Cemetery in Belgium. Included in the London School of Economics War Memorial. A brass plaque was independently commissioned by his widow and son and was attached to Holy Trinity church, Bramley near Guilford.

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