



## Leatherhead & District Local History Society

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### Ashted Peace Memorial Hall - Woodfield Lane

Throughout the country almost every town and village had erected a war memorial to commemorate those who had given their lives in the Great War. In Ashted it was felt that there should be a memorial to mark the peace. A substantial village hall had long been wanted and in the early 1920s there were many fund-raising events to support the project. Lord of the Manor, Pantia Ralli leading the way with a gift of £1,000, and a plot of land in Woodfield Lane was given by Mr Aubrey Marshall.

The foundation stone of the aptly named 'Peace Memorial Hall' was laid on the 21st June 1924. Sir Rowland Blades officially opened the building at a ceremony on 3rd November that same year.

On a plaque inside the hall are the moving words; 'In thankfulness for peace and in gratitude for those who brought it'. The hall soon became an important centre of village life.

During the Second World War the hall opened its doors daily to the evacuated mothers and children from Streatham and Dulwich schools. Also, dances and concerts were given to the troops stationed in the area.

'Where Ashted Meets' offers excellent facilities including: a Large main hall with stage, two function rooms, licensed bar and a modern kitchen.

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