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Ashtead War Memorial



Left: photo courtesy of the Ashtead Royal British Legion Below: The Peace Memorial Hall c:1930s



The Memorial was erected in 1920 close to the north west corner of St. George's Church, in Barnett Wood Lane four years prior to the opening of the Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall, in Woodfield Lane. The foundation stone of the 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.

The Ashtead Branch of the Royal British Legion dates from 1924and ever since then it has helped ex-service men and women, raising money for all manner of causes. These have included the renovation of the memorial on several occasions. However, with Branch membership declining it became clear that another custodian needed to be found to guarantee the long term maintenance of the memorial. The future care of Ashtead's war memorial has been secured. Ashtead Residents' Association is to take over responsibility for maintaining the village's war memorial is clearly welcome news.

We shall remember them and also those who have since given their lives in subsequent conflicts.

Goff Powell - For further information on the local War Memorials go to www.leatherheadlocalhistory.org.uk -war-memorials

For more detailed information on Ashtead Peace Memorial Hall see Potted History No: 17

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