

Banstead Remembers

Banstead Five Churches, Banstead District Royal British Legion, Banstead District Scouts and Banstead History Research Group are honouring the men of Banstead and Burgh Heath who fell in World War I. Commemoration ceremonies are held at All Saints, Banstead, on the 100th anniversary of their deaths.

7:30am: The churchyard flag is raised to half-mast

11:50am: A short service of remembrance is held

Noon: A church bell is tolled 100 times

Please come and remember the sacrifice that our local community made 100 years ago.

Weds. Major Henry Arthur

10th Aug: Well House

64th Battery, Royal Field Artillery

Henry was a career Army officer. Killed near Ovillers during the Battle of the Somme, aged 36, as he tended to one of his wounded subalterns.

Friday Gunner George Daniels

12th Aug: 44 Diceland Road

15th Siege Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery

Wounded near Montauban during the Battle of the Somme and died in hospital after his wound became infected, aged 20. George is buried at All Saints and was the first of two husbands that Alice Lee lost during the war.

Monday Private Arthur Boobier

15th Aug: 40 Ferndale Road

1st East Surrey Regiment

Arthur joined the Army in 1908 and served in France from 1915. Wounded at Delville Wood during the Battle of the Somme, died in hospital, aged 25.

Weds. Private Leonard Bowler

17th Aug: 24 Oatlands Road, Burgh Heath

9th East Surrey Regiment

One of two brothers lost in the war, Leonard was one of 190 casualties suffered in an attack on a strong point on the edge of Arrow Head Copse, near Guillemont, during the Battle of the Somme. He was killed in action, aged 20.

Thursday Acting Corporal William Draper

18th Aug: Apsley Cottages, Park Road

3rd Rifle Brigade

Brigadier-General Archie Buckle

Woodcote House, Epsom

17th Divisional Artillery

William was of 173 casualties during a successful surprise attack on Guillemont during the Battle of the Somme. He was killed in action, aged 20.

Archie had just been appointed commander of 17th Division's artillery when he died of meningitis, aged 47, the oldest Banstead man to die in the war.

*We will remember **each** one*