

GAYHURST AT WAR: 1914 - 18



This year 'Poppy Day' 11th November falls on a Sunday, and it is the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. With an estimated 17 million dead, it was hoped that this would be 'the War to end Wars'. The Armistice will be remembered across the Country.

Following a special Centenary Remembrance Service on Sunday 11th November at 10.45 in St. Peter's Church, Gayhurst, there will be a substantial, free, Exhibition in the Hall of Gayhurst House. This will be open all day and then, for groups by prior arrangement, each day and evening closing Wednesday 14th November.

The purpose of the exhibition is to portray life in a small rural village 100 years ago, and to tell the stories of the soldiers from the village who fought, and those who fell, in the Great War. We will provide connections from those times and families to those of us who live here now and the current families of the Fallen.

The Exhibition will feature:

- nearly 100 contemporary photographs of people living in Gayhurst at that time, the Estate and our village,
- displays and information about the village and 'The Great War',
- a number of audio-visual presentations and information about the Great War,
- the stories of the seven men listed on the church memorial as Gayhurst's Fallen,
- artefacts both from the war and rural life, and displays illustrating our way of life at the time,
- a live craft demonstration of lace-making (weekday availability to be confirmed).

There should be something for everyone. We have designed the exhibition to particularly attract schools, as well as other local groups of all types, to visit Gayhurst for weekday visits. To help interpret the exhibits, all visits will be attended by trained guides.

The Exhibition will be located at Gayhurst House, Gayhurst, Newport Pagnell, MK16 8LG.

Parking can be arranged. Refreshments will only be available on Sunday 11th. We regret there are no toilet facilities accessible from the Hall. There is a level entrance for disabled access.

The exhibition is supported by the Milton Keynes Museum and Milton Keynes Living Archive, as well as by a large number of local firms and individuals working as providers and sponsors. Funding to help curate the exhibition has come from Cllr. Andrew Geary and the MK Community Foundation. With such help and encouragement, we intend to put on both a memorable service and interesting exhibition.



We'd love to welcome you.

To arrange a visit, please contact the organiser:
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