

Rosemary Willsmer came across this story during a recent visit to the Collingdale Newspaper Archives.

GALLANT GALLEYWOOD SOLDIER.

Leonard Brazier. 6th Buffs (East Kent Regiment) son of Mr and Mrs Ephrim Brazier Well Lane Galleywood, has been awarded a Certificate and the Military Medal for Gallantry in the field and devotion to duty. He is only 19 years of age, and previously to joining the army was employed at the Tanyard Chelmsford. Before he was of military age, he tried to join the forces but was sent home on account of his youth. The young medalist is a well known distance runner. In connection to Galleywood flower show, he won the boys' Marathon race, and without any rest turned out for the mens marathon which he also won. He has also shown spirit and determination in his battalion sports. Mr and Mrs Brazier have had one son wounded severely, and he is now discharged. Leonard Brazier was a member of the Galleywood Football Team, of whom four have been killed and six wounded, while three men still serving and one has been discharged through wounds.

The Maldon Express, Burnham and Southminster and Dengie Hundred Halfpenny News. Jan 4th 1919.

Ted Hawkins

AT OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING I will be proposing that Ted Hawkins be elected President of the Society. The success of our ten-year existence has been largely due to the range of interesting speakers that Ted has brought us. He has a consuming passion for history and is indefatigable in his search for new and absorbing subjects and the committee have agreed that it right that we recognise his valuable contribution. At the same time we are reluctant to release him from his role as Programme Director and hope to persuade him to continue to help us in the search for speakers at our meetings.

I have also served on the committee with Ted for our first ten years, but have decided that I will not stand for re-election as chairman this November. I think there are many ways that the Society could be progressing and the time is right for someone else to take the lead. I have enjoyed seeing the Society grow and think it now needs fresh ideas if it is not to stagnate. The AGM will be your opportunity to put a new chairman in office.

David Stacy

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GALLEYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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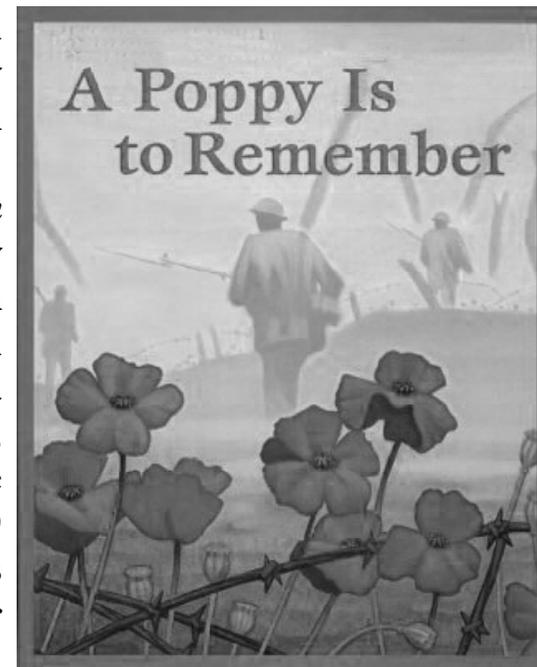
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THE FIRST official British legion Poppy Day was held in Britain on 11 November 1921. Inspired by the poem 'In Flanders Fields' written by John McCrae. More than 38 million red poppies will be produced this year at a small factory in Richmond, South West London. Here they also turn out 100,000 wreaths, 750,000 crosses and 650,000 special larger button-hole poppies.



Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War One took place in the Flanders and Picardy regions of Belgium and Northern France. The poppy was the only thing which grew in the aftermath of the complete devastation. McCrae, a doctor serving there with the Canadian Armed Forces, deeply inspired and moved by what he saw, wrote the famous poem.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War ended. Civilians wanted to remember the people who had given their lives for peace and freedom. An American War Secretary, Moina Michael, inspired by John McCrae's poem, began selling poppies to friends to raise money for the ex-Service community. And so the tradition began.

Our next meeting

A talk by Malcolm Stuart

How the Railway came to Chelmsford

and the changes this brought about

The speaker does some research at the East Anglian Railway Museum



**Wednesday 19 November 2008
Keene Hall Watchouse Road at 8 pm**

The meeting will commence with the brief formalities of our Annual General Meeting

DATES for your Diary

2008

8 November We present our EXHIBITION in the Keene Hall

2009

11 March SMUGGLING IN ESSEX
Talk by Graham Smith

**Our exhibition takes place on
Saturday 8 November in the Keene Hall
Doors open at 10am
and the exhibition will close at 4pm
Entrance is £1 for adults with children free.
Refreshments will be available
PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS**

Visitors will enter the hall through a 'Time Tunnel' into World War 1

HERE ARE SOME OF THE ITEMS ON DISPLAY

Some of the local men who survived WW1
Our "Wall of Remembrance" to commemorate relatives of current Galleywood residents
Aspects of the War at Sea
The Veterinary Corps in WW1
Some aspects of the Home Front
Soldiers in Galleywood in WW1 including excerpts of letters
The Whybro family
The War Poets
War in the air
The care of the sick and wounded
Various personal mementoes
Graham Smith, a local author of books about Essex will be in attendance
Ted Hawkins will be displaying a selection from his extensive library of historical books
Other exhibitors include:
Hylands House Doug Killick British Legion
The Last Post will be sounded at 3.45pm by Dennis Garnham from the Essex Yeomanry.