

# Memorial face-lift

War tribute is back in its rightful place after £4,500 spruce-up

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NAMES of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the First and Second World Wars are now clear for all to see in Waltham St Lawrence.

A memorial, which sits in the green on the junction of Broadmoor Road and The Street, was built in 1920 to honour the victims of the First World War.

Parish councillor Chris King said that over 200 men from the village fought in both wars and about 40 lost their lives on the battle fields.

He added: "The memorial was absolutely filthy before and some blocks had fallen out.

"It just needed a good clean up because you couldn't even read some of the names on it."

The clean-up operation has taken about a week to com-



GOOD AS NEW: Cllr Chris King with the war memorial that has been revamped. Ref:100504-2

plete and give the memorial a face-lift.

But the resident from Sherlock Row added that

coming up to 90 years old and the victims should be remembered for prosperity," he added.

"London Conservation suggested that we try and put a board around it so it doesn't have grass ruining it."

The spruce-up cost over £4,500, with English Heritage paying about half.

The Preservation Society donated £1,000 towards the project while villager Lesley Palmer raised over £500 for it by hosting a wine-tasting evening.

Villagers are delighted with the new-look war memorial to remember brave fighters from the village.

Long-time resident of Waltham St Lawrence, Simon Shaw, said: "It is very important to the village that we remember them, and recognise what they and others have done and continue to do."

## Suspects to appear

SUSPECTS in an attack on a family home in Woodlands Park are due to appear at Reading Crown Court over the next fortnight.

Bernard McDonough, 33, of Boyn Hill Road, and Christopher McDonough, 30, of Ross Road, face charges of grievous bodily harm with intent and affray in court on Thursday.

William Tull, 25, of Boyn Valley Road, is to appear on November 6 charged with grievous bodily harm with intent and affray.

## Do you know this man?



POLICE have released this e-fit image of a man they want to trace in connection with an attempted distraction burglary in Cox Green.

At about 3.30pm on Saturday October 4, a man called at the home of a woman in her 80s in Northumbria Road, claiming he needed to find the stopcock.

Once inside, he pretended to check the taps in the bathroom.

He offered the woman a £20 note and asked for change.

She refused, saying she had no money, and asked him to leave.

The man left without taking anything.

The man is described as white, in his 40s, 5ft 3ins to 5ft 6ins, with a stocky build. He was wearing a baseball cap and a beige raincoat.

If you recognise the man in the e-fit image, or have any information, please contact PC Kam Thandi on 0845 8 505 505. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

## Yobs go on a rampage

VEHICLES were targeted by criminals in a 24-hour crime spree in Cox Green over October 11-12.

Three cars were damaged in Northumbria Road as thieves stole CD players, DVDs, headsets and sunglasses.

A window of a house in the same road was also destroyed in the rampage.

And another vehicle was broken into in Ribstone Road.

Anyone with information on any of these incidents can call the police on 0845 8 505 505.

## Culinary craftiness wins the day



HEAD'S TIME: Headteacher Nick Stevens cooks at speed for the green kitchen. Ref:100487-2

SPEED cooking was the name of the game at a school in Cox Green as it held a Ready Steady Cook-style competition on Thursday.

A team of pupils and teachers from Wessex Primary were divided into red and green kitchens for a 15-minute cook-up similar to Ainsley Harriott's BBC2 TV show.

Their results were then tasted by children from the upper school, who decided the winning team.

Other activities took place in the food-themed day, including a Taste of Spain menu, a healthy eating talk and a school lunch for parents, attended by more than 50 mothers and fathers.

Headteacher Nick Stevens took his turn in one of the teams with some of his pupils.

He said: "It was a fantastic day and we hope to repeat it in the future. We just managed to win, which was great.

"All the children got heavily involved and really enjoyed the experience, and learned a lot about heal-

thy food as well."

Last week National School Meals Week was held across the UK, which aimed to encourage better meals in schools.

A recent survey by the Local Authority Caterers Association said that 37 per cent of parents do not care what their children eat.

## Diary

**Today (Thursday):** Woodlands Park Village Centre: Pilates for Beginners, 9.30-10.30am; SMILE, 1-2.30pm; Age Concern, lunch and chat, 10am-2pm.

Cox Green Community Centre, F.L.A.P., 3-6pm. Weight Watchers, Lowbrook Primary School, The Fairway, Cox Green, 7pm.

**Tomorrow (Friday):** Woodlands Park Village Centre: SMILE, 10am; Aikido, 8-10pm.

Cox Green Community Centre: Jo Jingles, 10-11am; Judo, 6.30-7.30pm.

**Saturday:** Woodlands Park Village Centre: Weight Watchers, 8.45-9.45am.

**Sunday:** Cox Green Community Centre: Church service 10am; Maidenhead Deaf Church, 3pm.

Woodlands Park Village Centre, Karate, 10.30am-12.30pm; Kick Boxing, 3-4pm.

**Monday:** Woodlands Park Village Centre: Mobile Library, 10am-1pm and 2-5pm; SMILE, 1-3pm.

**Tuesday:** Cox Green Community Centre: Luncheon Club 1-2.30pm; Get Together Club, 2.30-4.30pm; Maidenhead Camera Club, 7.45pm.

White Waltham Parish Council, Holly Cottage, White Waltham, 7.30pm.

Woodlands Park Village Centre: Louise's Aerobics, 9.30-10.30am.

**Wednesday:** Cox Green Community Centre: Baby and Toddler group, 1.30-3pm.

Woodlands Park Village Centre: Cox Green Girl Guides, 7-9pm.

Holly Cottage Bridge Club, White Waltham Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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## Roll those sleeves up

BUDDING bowlers are being asked by a short mat bowls club in Cox Green to come along to their taster sessions.

Cox Green Indoor Bowls Club is holding sessions on Sunday and Monday at Cox Green Community Centre.

For details call John Ford on 01628 548680.

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