

## **WW1 CENTENARY – BANSTEAD REMEMBERS by Mike Sawyer (Banstead Royal British Legion)**



The weekend of 10th and 11th November saw a series of themed events in the Village to commemorate Armistice Day 1918, planned and undertaken by a large number of groups, schools, organisations and individuals.

In the previous two weeks a number of large poppies were fixed to lampposts in the roads leading to the village centre and in the High Street. This was followed by poppy themed window displays, bicycles on the Library roundabout, a wave of poppies in The Orchard, "silent soldiers" in three locations, poppies on the wall by Christ Church and behind the War Memorial, and collecting tins in many of the local shops and venues.

The Banstead History Research Group put on a deeply impressive display in the Church Institute on the Saturday and Sunday, which was seen and admired by a large number of visitors. With good timing English Heritage announced the listing of a number of war memorials including the two in the Village (the other one is in All Saints churchyard).

An exemplary commemorative service was held in a packed All Saints Church on Saturday, attended by the deputy Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead, local councillors and many more.

Over the last four years over 125 small services have been held in All Saints Church on the 100th anniversary of the deaths of each Banstead Parish man and woman of the armed services who died in the war, and at sundown on Saturday a reading of their names was held in The Orchard.

On Sunday 11th November members of the Banstead Royal British Legion, wreath layers and their escorts (over 200, we believe) Paraded the full length of the High Street - this was the route taken at the end of the First World War in 1918. The service at the War Memorial was held in front of 2,000 or more local residents and 38 wreaths were laid. And the sun shone!

The people of Banstead are to be thanked for the huge turnout and the efforts of so many in making this a truly memorable weekend. At the time of writing your contributions to the local Poppy Appeal stand at over £51,000, a truly memorable achievement, and it seems likely to be the highest of all the Surrey British Legion branches; current total in Surrey is just over £1m. So a huge thank you, Banstead.



## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR by David Talbot**



Welcome to the slightly larger edition of our newsheet. It was good to see so many people of all ages come together to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice. For me, it was an honour and a privilege, to lay a wreath on behalf of the residents to remember our war dead. A splendid exhibition was held in the Church Institute covering 'Banstead in the Great War'. For more details please checkout our website (address on front page). Our thanks to the Royal British Legion and to James Crouch and the Banstead History Research Group for organising the weekend. It was also good to see our village looking so good with all the decorations, so a special thanks to all those who helped with the village decorations and the weather was good despite the forecast.!

Looking back over the past few months, it's has been another busy year with a great achievement from our colleagues at Banstead Village in Bloom achieving a Silver Gilt award for the village. Well done to all those involved. Our campaign for a new village sign (to go on the plot of land at the junction of Bolters Lane and Winkworth Road) is progressing well with the funding target being met and the order placed. Watch this space for further news in the new year. Good progress also on our efforts to improve Banstead Railway station, with work underway on some improvements.

Special thanks also to all the contributors for this newsheet, especially difficult at this busy time of year.

Social media - if anyone has any knowledge of Facebook etc and would like to help us expand our reach into these areas please let us know. Also, if anyone would like to join and help us achieve our objective of supporting our village, please do let us know – our contact address is Banstead-BVRA@outlook.com, we would love to hear from you.

It only remains for me to wish you all, on behalf of the BVRA, a happy and prosperous new year.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE by David Gradidge**

I am not aware of any significant road resurfacing over the summer. Nothing much was planned under Surrey County Council's Operation Horizon for the Village other than pavements. What has been done in Court Road and Winkworth Road was relatively minor patching. Not long ago the whole of Buff Avenue and most of Sutton Lane were treated end to end. Outstanding now is the pavement on the south side of the High Street – deferred from last year, and the footpath from the High Street to Sandersfield Road.

No one can have failed to notice that whenever it rains just a moderate amount, it creates Lake Victoria - the huge puddle outside Victoria Chemist. This has been plaguing us for at least 20 years but without putting a measure on it is now the worst it has ever been. We, and no doubt many others, have complained at length to Surrey County Council that a permanent cure is needed urgently. Their explanation is a little difficult to comprehend fully as they state that the cause is a broken pipe that goes under the shops on the south side of the High Street to a soakaway in the car park behind the shops. A new soakaway could be a cure but we have as yet no details as to cost, timing or location.

We are still working on removing surplus iron work. At least 13 posts are on the list but we need permission from Surrey to go ahead. If you know of others away from the High Street or Winkworth Road, please let me know.

## **PLANNING MATTERS by Catalina Vassallo-Bonner**

There is a constant trickle of planning applications for improvement to properties in and around Banstead Village ranging from tree work to small and not-so-small extensions. Fortunately, for the major part they are not complicated and cause problems neither to their neighbours or your committee.

The DMP (Development Management Policies) is another matter. An Examination in Public (EiP) took place at the town hall during the last week of October and the first week of November, chaired by a Planning Inspector and attended by council officers, Councillors, Developers and others. The examination was of the final May 2018 version of the DMP and dealt with all areas in Reigate and Banstead. In this part of the borough the main areas of concern related to Banstead Village, and, in particular, the Community Hall. As you know the council would like to demolish the Hall, build 15 dwellings and rebuild the Hall and provide some sort of carpark. According to the council the half hectare of land is adequate for everything. Naturally objections were made to the Inspector on this. Developers were also interested in the car park at the Legal and General site as well the old allotments on the edge of Wellesford Close where a developer would like to build 70 retirement apartments. The inspector listened carefully to everything said by those in attendance, asked appropriate questions and went away to think about it all. No one expects to see her report before February as there were several matters on which she required more information. Whether that will be the end of the exercise remains to be seen. After the EiP for the Core Strategy part of the Local Plan a further meeting was held to clarify certain areas.

2019 will see the start of the review into the Core Strategy so there will no doubt be more public consultations leading to another possible EiP.

## **BANSTEAD RAILWAY STATION by Gerald Bridge**

In the last sentence of my previous article in the Autumn 2018 edition of the News Sheet I used the word "hope". Since then I am pleased to report "hope" has turned into reality.

Also, in the previous newssheet you may recall that I had involved The Office of Rail and Road which resulted late in August of a meeting being held between HM Inspector of Railways and the Head of Building Assets for Network Rail South East the purpose of which was to address the condition of the station. At the meeting HM Inspector of Railways was advised that the station was not on Network Rail's priority list for dilapidation works this business year. However, after considering the concerns raised along with the supporting photographic evidence submitted he was able to announce repair work would begin shortly with an aimed completion by the end of the year.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> October a start up meeting was held at the station at which all involved parties were present including myself. Shortly afterwards work commenced and continues to progress.

It is appropriate at this juncture to record my thanks to John L Gardner , HM Inspector of Railways and to Graham Richards , Head of Building Assets for Network Rail South East for their efforts in getting the work up and running.

Some of you will have noticed the improvements to the road surface by the station . My initial request to Surrey County Council to carry out footway improvement works at this location has been turned down on the basis that it is not within their current plans. I am continuing in my efforts to have this decision reversed.

## **THE GREAT FIRE OF BANSTEAD by David Gradidge**

On the evening of December 12<sup>th</sup> 2008 Waitrose burnt down. I am not sure what alerted me other than the very obvious red glow in the night sky. I made my way up to the High Street but could get no closer than a police cordon at the bottom of Glenfield Road. It was very mild and windy and sparks were flying far and wide.



Next day revealed total destruction and with damage to the shops across the road. This was probably caused by exploding gas cylinders. Press comments said 60 residents

were first evacuated to the nearby Baptist Church and then to the Day Centre where many spent the night.

The fire was eventually put out at 11.30am the next morning with the help of 10 fire engines. I went up to see the damage on Sunday morning. It was still smouldering gently. The first thing you noticed was the mass of shattered tiles littering the pavement. The whole site had been fenced off by then and broken shop windows had been boarded up.

As far as I know, they never did find out the cause of the fire. It started on the second floor and there were of course plenty of rumours.

Waitrose was built on the site of the old Village school that closed in 1990.

It was fortuitous that Woolworths had closed earlier in 2008 and so Waitrose were able to relocate, if on a small scale. If you wanted to do a bigger shop you had to go to Worcester Park and remember to get a parking ticket.

Plans were soon put in place for a new bigger store, the wreck was demolished and a new framework of the store was well advanced by July 2009.

## **ROAD STEWARDS by David Gradidge**

There are as ever some vacancies for road stewards. We need volunteers all the time to fill the inevitable retirements. It is not too onerous and you do meet some very nice people.

- North Acre – can split in two.
- Basing Road and surrounding little roads where we have 20 members
- Commonfield Road – Just a part - 34 members
- Well House – 14 members

Many thanks. David Gradidge 01737 353981 or email [dgradidge@waitrose.com](mailto:dgradidge@waitrose.com)

## **BOUNDARY COMMISSION CHANGES – An update by David Gradidge**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) produced their final recommendations on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

See the web site - [www.lgbce.org.uk/allreviews/reigateandbanstead](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/allreviews/reigateandbanstead) for full details.

They have kept to the main proposals for 45 Councillors in 15 Wards. However following very justified complaints from other Residents Associations most of their unacceptable proposals have been reversed or amended.

As with all such major changes, not all parties will be satisfied.

As far as Banstead Village is concerned the Ward boundaries have been extended to include the following:

- Croydon Lane as far as the Sutton boundary.
- Woodmansterne Lane down as far as Kenneth Road.
- The whole of Park Road.
- All of Banstead Woods including Queen Elizabeth Way.

This reverses many but not all of the losses from the last revision made some 20 years ago and will increase the electorate by about 700 to a little over 7000.

## **TREE PLANTING IN CHUCKS MEADOW**

Crispin Blunt joined over 500 other MPs by planting trees in his constituency as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (QCC). The trees - two silver birch, two rowan, and a hazel – were planted in Chucks Meadow (the area next to the Community Centre), Lady Neville Park.

In support of the a TV programme, the Woodland Trust provided 50,000 trees for ITV viewers, and via the Rt Hon Frank Field MP, who conceived the QCC initiative, also offered a special commemorative pack to every MP in the UK.

Crispin Blunt, one of 508 MPs who took up the offer, said: "I am delighted to take part in this national and commonwealth initiative to plant more trees, especially in my own constituency, and would like to thank all the volunteers of 'Banstead Village in Bloom' an amazing local organisation that is part a nationwide community gardening campaign to transform cities, towns and villages, for helping to make this happen."



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## **BANSTEAD REMEMBERS** by James Crouch (Banstead History Research Group)

100 years after the guns fell silent on the Western Front, Banstead marked Armistice Weekend with a series of commemorative events.

On Saturday afternoon, a service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held at a packed All Saints Church. After a welcome from Reverend Maria Pallis and the singing of the opening hymn, prayers of penitence were said before a brief introduction to the men of Banstead by James Crouch, of the Banstead History Research Group. Councillor Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, the Mayor of Reigate & Banstead, then gave the first reading before Allan Parsons, Standard Bearer of the Banstead Branch of the Royal British Legion, led the Act of Remembrance, dipping the standard in salute as a bell (half-muffled) was rung 100 times in honour of Banstead's war dead from a century ago.



The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey's Military Deputy, Brigadier Paul Evans, and a young member of the congregation processed a candle for peace to the War Memorial Chapel, where it was placed upon the altar. Colin Sutherland recited poems by John McCrae and Siegfried Sassoon. The Gospel reading was read by Richard Mantle, President of the Banstead Branch of the Royal British Legion, using the bible of Charlie Sharman, of Salisbury Road. Charlie was a Territorial soldier who fought in the battles of the Somme, Messines and at the Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele). Charlie's bible appeared in Banstead Oxfam a few years ago and thanks to the vigilance of the volunteers, was reunited with his family, who very kindly lent it to us for the service.

After a very moving "*Reflection for Four Voices*", read by Liz Grover, Susan Major, Alan Clarke and George Harcourt-Vernon, prayers were led by Reverend Pallis and Alan Clarke. The National Anthem was sung and Mike Sawyer, Chairman of the Banstead Branch of the Royal British Legion, gave the Kohima Epitaph before we ended with a blessing and

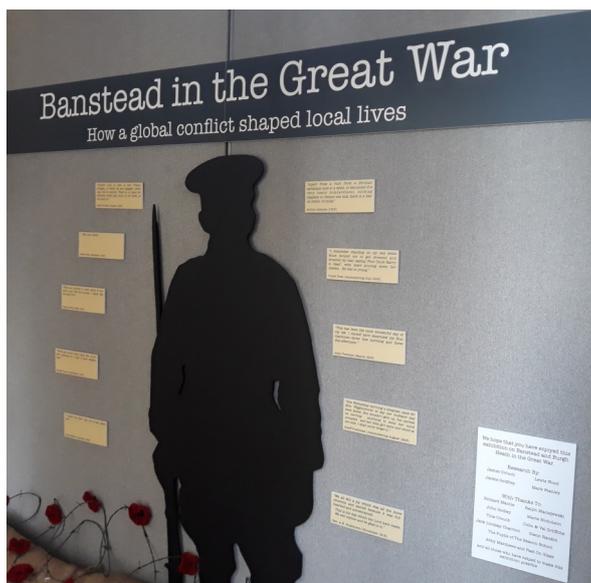
all trooped out to "*Pack Up Your Troubles*." The retiring collection was in aid of charities supporting ex-servicemen and their families.

On Sunday morning, bells were rung half-muffled at All Saints as part of a national ring before the traditional remembrance service. As we marched down the High Street, we passed the three poppy bikes, on the Library roundabout, the lovely poppy field in the Orchard and Christchurch's wonderful heart-shaped poppy wall and then up to the memorial where we saw the three large wooden poppies. Wreaths were laid as usual, one of the final wreaths was laid by the family of Charles Couchman, one of Banstead's Great War dead, who was killed in 1917. Charles's family flew in from Ireland to be with us and they represented all of the families from Banstead and Burgh Heath who lost a father, son or brother a century ago.

After the service, at 12:30pm, the bells were rung at All Saints once more, in the second part of the national ringing. This time they were rung "open" (without muffles) in celebration and thanksgiving for peace.



## **BANSTEAD REMEMBERS** by James Crouch (Banstead History Research Group)



Throughout the weekend, an exhibition on "Banstead in the Great War" was held in the Church Institute by the Banstead History Research Group, with displays charting the course of the war, the stories of some of our local men, a photographic timeline of our losses and the story of Banstead and Burgh Heath's war on the Home Front. Many interesting objects could be handled and discussed with the History Group volunteers and others, such as Jack Baldwin's medals, Charlie Sharman's bible, Jack Hillman's medals and his pocketbook - still full of the flowers he had carefully pressed in it a century ago - were on display. The stars of the show were undoubtedly the children from The Beacon School who contributed excellent artwork, poetry, research and thoughts on the war. One young pupil brought along his very impressive collection (two tables worth!) of battlefield finds that he and his dad had gathered in France and Belgium.

The Banstead branches of the Royal British Legion and the British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association (BLESMA) were in attendance all weekend and the Legion's Allan Parsons did sterling work signing up "at least two companies" of children to serve in the Army, each of them attested in Great War style before being issued with their own 'tin' hat. On Sunday, the entries in the "Armistice" flower arrangement class from the Banstead Horticultural Society's show were on display and made lovely and fitting decorations.



The Downland Chorale sang songs from the Great War on Saturday afternoon and the Epsom & Ewell Silver Band (once upon a time the Banstead Town Band) played in the Orchard on a beautifully sunny Sunday afternoon.

Several people brought in letters, medals or other items of interest to talk about with the History Group and many useful contacts were made and Banstead now has photographs for two more of our local Great War fallen as a result. The exhibition was busy on both days and there were many requests for it to be held again in the future, so watch this space.

In the afternoon, as the sun set at 4:18pm, the names of the Great War dead of Banstead and Burgh Heath were read in the Orchard, one road at a time, by volunteers and then the churchyard flag was lowered, bringing an end to our centennial Armistice weekend.

***At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.***

After four years and over 125 memorial services, Banstead's WW1 commemorations ended on 31st December.

## **BANSTEAD VILLAGE IN BLOOM** by Brian Ransom BVRA-BVIB liaison

### **Banstead wins Silver Gilt award!**

For the second year running Banstead has impressed the judges with our floral displays, community involvement and use of perennial and wildflower planting throughout the town. The judges enjoyed seeing the fun flowerpot people and the "impressive displays in the wheelbarrow planters". The beautiful displays and choice of plants at the Community Centre were especially noted along with the lovely front gardens of 'Briarwood' [once again, well done Robert!] and Cheyne walk. Once again Banstead Community Junior and Infant schools impressed the judges with their wide range of horticultural and environmental projects and innovative landscaping at the schools.

Noted for the 'Areas of Achievement' were the Lambert Road allotments with its active management and support for allotment gardening and wildlife and environmental projects. Also mentioned was the Winkworth Woodland Community Project for its conservation and environmental improvements and proposed village sign. The judges were also impressed with the cleanliness of the town, the new planters and street furniture from the council and the lovely large floral displays outside Tescos in the High Street.

Other areas of achievement were the Christchurch 'Wall of Poppies', Greenacres Residential home Age concern garden, the involvement of 14 shops in the High Street displays and the good maintenance of the local heritage features: The Well, War Memorial, All Saints



Churchyard and The Orchard. Also noted was the involvement of both the young [crocus planting at library and Orchard] and the elderly in recycling projects [poppies for the WW1 commemorations].

Areas noted by the judges for improvement / development were the Lady Neville park and the All Saints Churchyard and Orchard. Lady Neville is in the remit of the local council so the Banstead Village in Bloom (BVIB) steering committee is liaising with them on various planting changes for the future but work has already started on small improvements to the Orchard and tidying up the churchyard.

The BVIB committee and All Saints Church are discussing plans to create a 'Friends of All Saints Church yard and Orchard' group and develop a 3-5 year plan for them. Its aim would be to raise funds and actively maintain and develop the two areas in the future.

Some agreed work is already being done during working parties on Friday mornings starting at 9:30 for two hours so if you would like to volunteer please contact: [Kerry.garner@outlook.com](mailto:Kerry.garner@outlook.com)

## **BANSTEAD VILLAGE SIGN** by **Brian Ransom**

All Targets Achieved! Planning permission, funding and ordering!

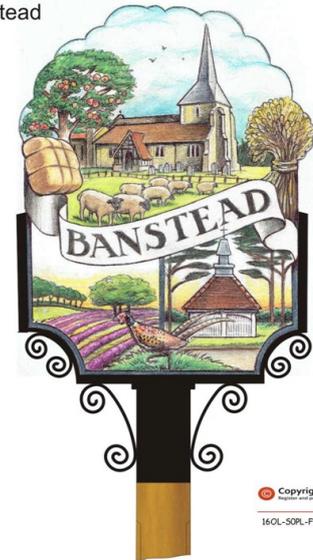
Planning permission was granted on October 3<sup>rd</sup> by a unanimous vote of the Planning Committee. Cllr Dr Lynne Hack gave an excellent speech to the committee in our support and recommended granting permission. Following Lynne, four other councillors gave fulsome backing to the sign proposal. Each went on to praise the community spirit being shown by Banstead residents, the sign proposal being just one example of many with the Banstead Village in Bloom displays, BVRA litter picks and the Banstead History Research Group's WW1 soldiers remembrance services all being mentioned.

Having reached our funding target of £4850 with a little to spare for unforeseen expenses, BVRA have now formally placed the order for the sign.

The delivery date is uncertain, as there are four other village signs ahead of us in the queue to be completed before ours. The best estimate from the manufacturers is just over a year before they can deliver but this contains a time allowance for any problems that may occur during the design and manufacture of all the signs in the queue. Hopefully, all will go smoothly and the time frame will be shorter than estimated. If you would like to find out more about the small firm making the sign please visit their website [www.villagesignpeople.com](http://www.villagesignpeople.com)

My thanks to Mr. David Peterkin of the Banstead Horticultural Society who has given us a number of the specially developed 'Banstead' narcissus to plant around the base of the sign when its installed. These are planted in two large pots in my garden at present, hopefully they will grow safely through to the time we can plant them around the newly installed Banstead Village sign.

Proposed Village Sign  
for  
Banstead



## **MEMBERSHIP RECORDS** by **David Talbot**

As mentioned in previous newsheets, we hold some details of our members. Cliff Glanfield has kindly volunteered to update our database now that Kerry Garner has stepped down from the committee.

It would greatly assist us in the future that, if you have not already done so, you would kindly get in touch with Cliff (email address as front page) giving us your name, address and e-mail address. This would enable us to alert you to intended work parties or planning issues that may arise requiring urgent attention.

Since our newsheet is only published 3 times a year it tends of necessity to be a report back on what *has* happened rather than what *is* coming up..

It will also enable us to email you papers relating to this year's AGM so that we may cut down on waste and give you the opportunity to peruse them before the evening.

You can be assured that it is intended your details will be held only with your permission in accordance with new data protection legislation and will not be distributed or shared with any third party outside our Executive committee.

## **PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE by Mia Patterson (Princess Alice Hospice)**

Princess Alice Hospice provides free, high-quality specialist end-of-life care to over 2,900 people every year across their care area of more than one million people in Surrey and south west London. We are committed to nurturing Compassionate Communities and Banstead is one of our pilot sites.

By working together, a Compassionate Community can help a dying person, and their family and friends get the support and care they need, helping them to deal with dying and death and the subsequent bereavement and loss of those left behind.

Each community is different, and at the heart of the Compassionate Communities initiative is consulting with the community, co-producing ideas and initiatives, using volunteers to make them sustainable in the long term and linking existing services together. The Hospice is ideally placed to make these links with extensive clinical, therapeutic and volunteer management experience, and a proven record of developing volunteer-led sustainable initiatives.

We are delighted to be in touch with the Banstead Village Residents Association (BVRA) and looking at ways to work together. Mia Patterson, the Compassionate Communities Lead at the Hospice, was grateful to be able to attend one of the meetings and discuss what we are trying to achieve to see if there are ways to combine our community activities. There are a few ideas in the pipeline and we'll need volunteers to bring them to fruition so watch this space for more information and opportunities.

Mia's contact details are miapatterson@pah.org.uk and 01372 461 958

## **WINKWORTH WOODLAND COMMUNITY PROJECT by Brian Ransom**



Here we are, getting towards the end of November and our wildflower patch still has blooms and the Borage is attracting the remaining bees. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we intend to extend the wildflower patch alongside Bolters Lane to improve the display.

We have carried on with the general maintenance work of de-brambling, removing bindweed [a never ending task!] and hardening the paths. We've also planted another 8kg of Narcissus into the Winkworth Road grass verge, a task for which the hole-boring tool proved invaluable. Even when hitting small stones and roots it made

the job so much easier!

More primroses, along with other woodland plants, have been planted into the bank of the watercourse to help prevent the soil washing down into the gully during the winter rains. Some tree roots are already exposed and hopefully this planting will help prevent further erosion.

One of the first jobs we do every work session is to collect litter. People seem to think that our grass verge is an ideal spot to empty their car of any rubbish they have to hand. Over the years this has collected in the woodland and now almost any hole we dig turns up a bit of plastic!

All in all it's been a good year. We didn't lose too many of our hedgerow saplings during the heat wave, the wildflower patch provided some welcome colour and people seem to like what we've been doing.



See also Facebook: Winkworth Woodland Community Project

## **BANSTEAD CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENT by Michelle Cass (Banstead Business Guild)**

Once again Banstead was buzzing with people attending the Christmas event on Thursday 29 November. The event is organised yearly by Banstead Business Guild.

Despite the awful weather conditions the crowds came out and were treated to wonderful singing and dancing by The Carol Anne Dance Academy (CADA STARS) followed by Show Choir. Radio Jackie, Theo the Magician and Jebb the Jester who were also on hand to provide entertainment throughout the evening. There were plenty of colourful faces as Crafty Faces Face Painting made the little ones look very festive. Woodmansterne Primary School also provided all those taking part in the colouring competition with entertainment. Mikey JC kept everyone warm with his swing and sway and the Redhill Corps of Drums & Band got everyone moving.

The Mayor of Reigate and Banstead Cllr. Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin announced the arrival of Father Christmas with the help of Storm Troopers provided by Quality Solicitors Copley Clark and a Minion provided by The Natural Way. Father Christmas and his sleigh was helped through the village by the Rotary Club of Banstead and even made time to judge the Edible's colouring competition.

Christchurch and All Saints did lots and it was fantastic that so many businesses and charities opened their doors and took part. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves and helping raise over £600 for The Royal Marsden, Cancer Research and other local charities.



It takes a lot of time to put together and without the help of local businesses, voluntary groups, charities and residents the event would not happen. If you have any ideas, want to get involved or are interested in finding out more about what we do please see the Banstead Business Guild website or contact us; [www.bansteadbusinessguild.co.uk](http://www.bansteadbusinessguild.co.uk) or email: [info@bansteadbusinessguild.co.uk](mailto:info@bansteadbusinessguild.co.uk)

### **Christmas Lights**

There has been some criticism about the lights in the village and they are in urgent need of replacement. The lights are funded by donations from businesses, various local groups, residents, Councillors & different fundraising efforts. The Council has given money in the past but are not responsible for paying.

The cost of storage, electricity and equipment and getting the relevant planning permission all has to be factored in as well. In order to replace them we will be fundraising and hope to get enough to buy new ones. If we cannot raise enough we will have no choice but to keep using the current ones. If you can help at all please contact Banstead Business Guild (email: [info@bansteadbusinessguild.co.uk](mailto:info@bansteadbusinessguild.co.uk))



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## WITH THANKS

Many thanks to all who helped with the arrangements for Banstead's centennial commemorations or who gave their time, it was a true community effort.

Thanks especially to all those who came to poppy workshops, to the All Saints' flower ladies, to the ladies who knitted 200 poppies for the lamppost displays, to the Design & Technology Departments of The Beacon School and NESOT and to the children and adults of Banstead Infants School, Banstead Community Junior School, St Anne's R.C. School, 3<sup>rd</sup> Banstead Scouts, 7<sup>th</sup> Banstead Scouts and 1<sup>st</sup> Tattenham Scouts for all their hard work on poppies both large and small, ably superintended by Janet Marder and her colleagues in Banstead Village in Bloom, many thanks to her and to them for everything they did to make the poppy displays such a success.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** at various times - Curzon Cinema - The Bookshop and The Children Act - Church Institute

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY** at 12:30 AM - Banstead Flower Club - Lunch and AGM  
Community Association Hall.

**WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY to SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** - Pilgrim Pantomime - Sleeping Beauty  
Banstead Church Institute.

**THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** at 7:30 PM - BAFS - Castalian Quartet - Community Association Hall

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** - Banstead Flower Club - The Scents of Spring - Community Association

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** at 7:30 PM - BAFS - Ashley Frupp, piano - Community Association Hall

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** at 7:30 PM - BVIB - A Night to Remember - Banstead Preparatory School

And looking slightly further ahead:

**TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY** at 7:30 PM - BVRA - AGM - Banstead Preparatory School

**Please see our website (address on front cover) for further details and other events.**