



How we remember World War I in Luton



Do you recognise any of these war memorials? Where have you seen them before?

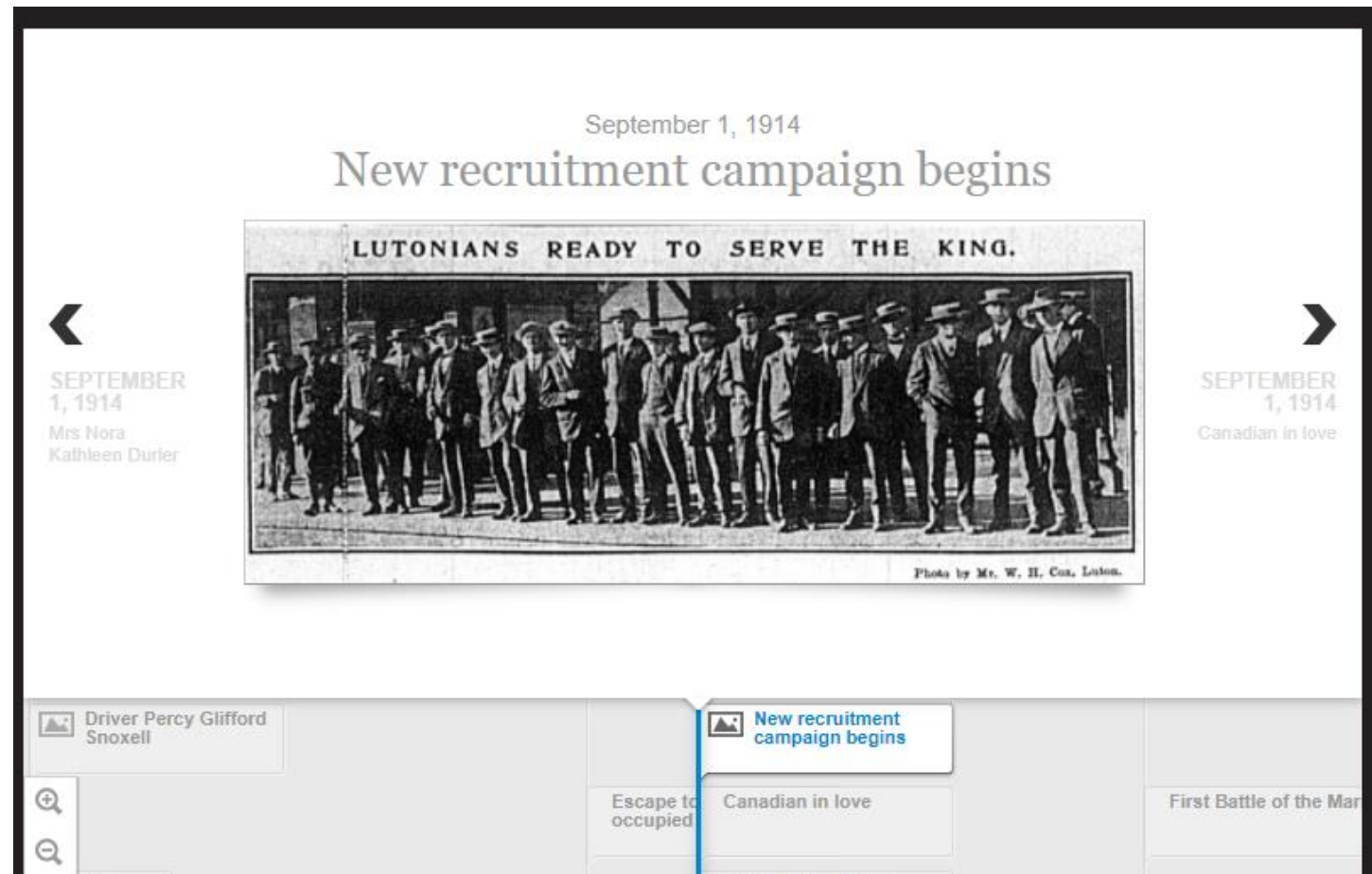


Luton
Culture



Task: To find out more about Luton during WWI and information regarding individual soldiers and **complete an information poster/fact file/power point/project book** (as large and as decorative as you can) detailing facts regarding Luton during WWI whether it is about the first Remembrance Day in 1919, specific soldiers, Luton Town football players, key battles where Lutonians fought etc. Please use images. The aim is to bring their story to life, you never know you might be related or live in the same street.

NOTE: The website has lots of information so try to use the links on the information slides provided to help with navigating.



Find a soldier from Luton

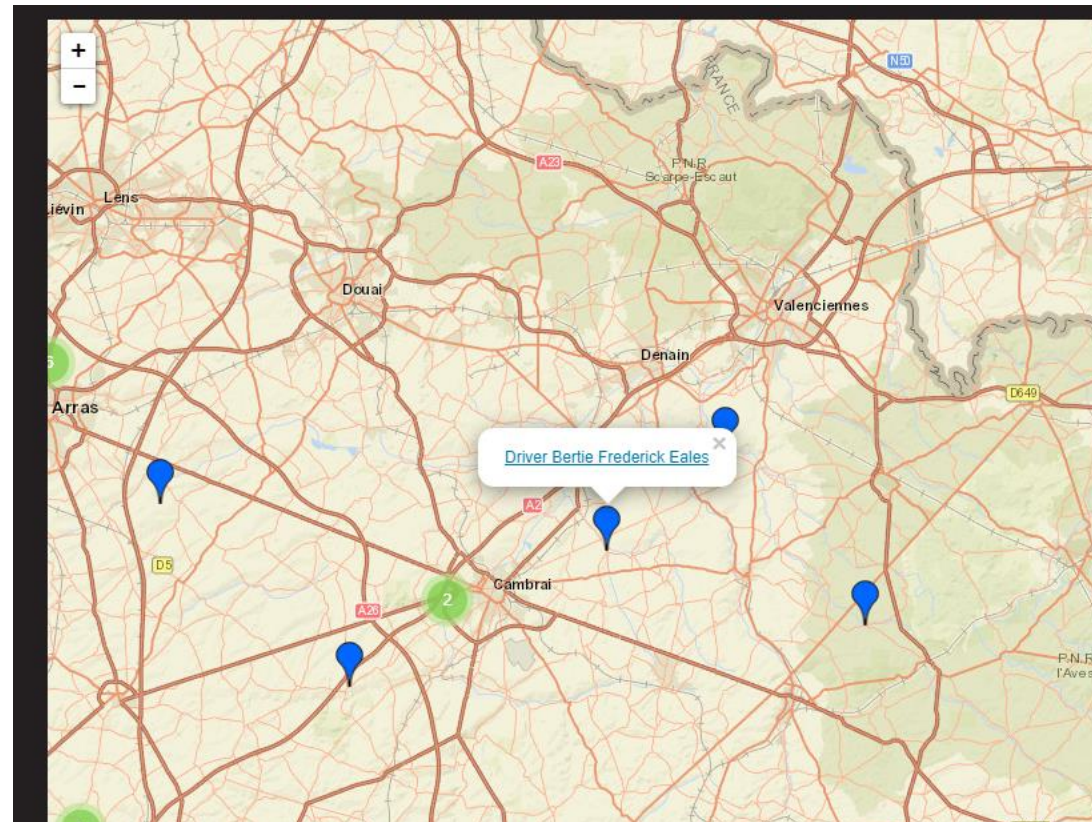


Click on the map and find out where soldiers from Luton fought. If you click on the blue tabs it will provide individual information regarding their names, sometimes a photo, their regiment and how they died. TIP – KEEP CLICKING, blue tab is soldier, green tab is information about the battle.

<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/individuals>

Pick one soldier, tell the students of Luton His story.

<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/map>



Eight Join the Footballers' Battalion.

Photos of the Luton players who have enlisted together with further particulars in connection with their enlistment will appear in the "Saturday Telegraph."

**Interesting Effort at St. Albans
Christmas Market.**

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Keep clicking to find out more....

Timeline – Luton during the War

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May 30, 1914

Recruiting Week Review at Luton Hoo



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MARCH 18, 1914
Bleed Camp

JUNE 12, 1914
Sapper Robert Wright

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August 11, 1914 — September 18, 1914

Beech Hill Primary School



AUGUST 6, 1914
MP Harmsworth: Our responsibilities

AUGUST 12, 1914
Meeting debates hat trade dilemma

Declaration of war on Germany

Mr Walter James Primett

MP Harmsworth: Our responsibilities

MP Harmsworth: How it all started

Beech Hill Primary School


Meeting debates hat trade dilemma

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August 23, 1914 — August 24, 1914

Territorials depart "a town to be proud of"



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AUGUST 17, 1914
Engineering firms respond to crisis

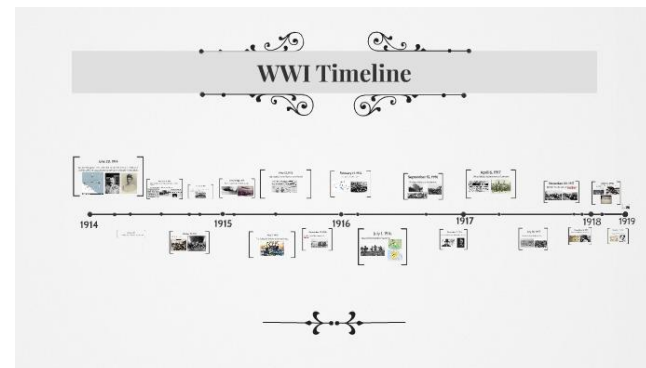
AUGUST 25, 1914
MP Harmsworth letter: Belgium's cruel choice

Driver Percy Gifford Snoxell

Territorials depart "a town to be proud of"

MP Harmsworth letter: Belgium's cruel choice

Click through the timeline to find out lots of information on how the people of Luton played their part in the Great War. You could create your own timeline if you choose to.



Lutonions in Battle

Recollections of horrors of Gallipoli

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1916.

THE LUTON NEWS & BEDFORDSHIRE ADVERTISER.

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IN MEMORIAM.

ANNIVERSARY OF
A GLORIOUS
FAILURE.

PLT. A. COOPER. CPL. N. PATER. PVT. R. GILES.

PVT. C. BRIDGES. PVT. A. W. BENTON. PVT. C. WOODWARD.

PVT. C. J. JENNINGS.

MAJOR. REYNOLDS.

LIEUT. R. D. J. WRIGHT.

CAPT. BRUCE G. GIBBERDSON.

LIEUT. C. J. BAKER.

MR. W. H. BENTON.

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THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN is being celebrated in Luton and Bedfordshire to-day. The campaign, which was a glorious failure, was a heroic one, and the memory of it will live for ever in the hearts of the people of this country. The campaign was a heroic one, and the memory of it will live for ever in the hearts of the people of this country.

The first day of the campaign was on August 25, 1915. The British Army, under the command of Lord Curzon, landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. The campaign was a heroic one, and the memory of it will live for ever in the hearts of the people of this country.

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Great Escapes

Submitted by David on 6th August 2014

The articles linked here concern many daring and dashing, and in some cases traumatic, escapes from continental Europe at the outbreak of World war 1.



- [Escape on the last train from Hamburg](#)
- [Escape to Luton from occupied Brussels](#)
- [Fight for the Ostend boats](#)
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Private Stanley Squires Cawdell

Submitted by Derynja on 11th January 2017

Plt Stanley Squires Cawdell, 5325, 15th County of London Regiment (Civil Service Rifles), was killed in action near Ypres on January 11th, 1917. He was 30 years old and the son of Sarah Ann (nee Squires) and the late William George Cawdell (died 1906), of 244 High Town Road, Luton.

Stanley Cawdell was an old boy of St Matthew's School and had been employed as a clerk by the Midland Railway Co. He was also secretary of the local Midland Railway Football Club. He had tried five times to enlist before joining the Civil Service Rifles in December 1915.

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Private Ernest Barker

Submitted by Derynja on 20th July 2016

Plt Ernest Barker, 3/7094, 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed in action on October 28th, 1914, during the First Battle of Ypres.

Born in December 1882 in Earls Barton, Northants, he was the son of Sarah and the late James Barker, who had married on April 1st, 1888. He widowed mother and three brothers and two sisters came to Luton after the death of James in 1902 and managed a grocery shop in New Town Street. Around the time of Ernest's death they had moved to live at 26 Black Street.



<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/tags/ypres>

<http://www.worldwar1uton.com/blog-entry/recollections-horrors-gallipoli>

<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/stories/great-escapes>

[Link to GCSE – Treating the sick and wounded in Luton](http://www.worldwar1luton.com/stories/treating-sick-and-wounded-luton)



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Mrs Nora Kathleen Durler

Rank or Title	Mrs
Date of Birth	29 Aug 1886
Date of Death	1982
Media files and documents	Nora Durler's obituary
Medals Awarded	O.B.E.



Durler

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Treating the sick and wounded in Luton

Submitted by David on 10th February 2014

Wounded soldiers would initially have been treated close to the front line, at aid stations, bearer posts and casualty clearing stations.

More seriously wounded soldiers would spend time in larger base hospitals, and in some cases could be sent back to the UK to heal closer to home and family. Also, soldiers became ill or were wounded during the course of training, and would often be sent to local military or Voluntary Aid Detachment (V.A.D.) hospitals, to rest and recover.

Luton had a number of medical establishments during WWI, the one we know most about is Wardown V.A.D. Hospital.

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Link to A-Level - Luton's First Remembrance Day 1919

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-49004016>

<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/blog-entry/lutons-first-remembrance-day>

<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/blog-entry/memorial-service-luton-hoo-park>

<http://www.worldwar1luton.com/blog-entry/chief-fire-officers-evidence>



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Memorial service at Luton Hoo Park

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[Beds & Herts Tuesday Telegraph: July 29th, 1919]

A mighty gathering, a wonderful concourse of people, assembled at Luton Hoo Park on Sunday afternoon to participate in a united memorial service to men who have paid the supreme sacrifice for their God and country.

Nothing could have brought home more forcibly the sympathy, interest and personal feelings of gratitude the people of the town have for those who so nobly bore the brunt of battle than the crowd which filled the capacious slopes of the Park to pay its tribute of affection and remembrance to those who fell in the fight.

Probably 20,000 people were there, and no previous event for years past has seen such a magnificent attendance.

People began to arrive as early as 2pm, and half an hour later the streets from the Corn Exchange to the Park were thronged with crowds making their way towards the service. Brakes and cars were provided for men who through wounds were unable to walk, and they were given seats close to the Drum-head.

The drums, covered with a Union Jack, were placed in front of an effectively decorated platform, at the back of which was the

Chief Fire Officer's evidence

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[Beds & Herts Saturday Telegraph: August 2nd, 1919]

The Borough Justices continued on Thursday morning [July 31st, 1919] their heavy task in dealing with the long list of prisoners who appeared before them on charges arising from the Peace riots in Luton. Another long day's sitting resulted in a considerable addition to those who will be called upon to take their trial before Judge and jury at the next Beds Assizes in October.

General evidence was given by Chief Officer Alexander Andrew, (pictured right) of the Luton Fire Brigade. He said he received the call to the fire at the Town Hall at 10.30pm. At that time only five other men were at the station.

The Brigade had been out twice previously that night to fires in Bailey Street and Salisbury Road. He at first thought, for the safety of the firemen, it would be better to use the internal appliances in the Town Hall. Second Officer Plummer and three other men were therefore sent to the Town Hall, and the hydrant at the rear of the Assembly Hall was used.

Later another message was received, and witness turned out with No 2 engine and two men. When he arrived a small fire was burning in the Food Office. The first aid apparatus would have been sufficient to extinguish the fire, and they proceeded to use it.

They had the hose unstrapped and were about to connect up to the first aid pump when the mob rushed them, striking and injuring the two firemen — W. G. Burgess and J. Garrett — so that they were unable to go on with their work. Witness was left alone, and was prevented





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Go find one of these war memorials. You can research the names of soldiers on the war graves commission website



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EXPLORE THE RECORDS OF THE 1.7 MILLION COMMONWEALTH MEN AND WOMEN THAT WE COMMEMORATE

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Name, Rank & Service No.	Unit, Regiment, Country of Service	Date of Death	Commemorated at	
WALTER DORRINGTON Private Service Number: 2/28206	4th Bn. South Wales Borderers United Kingdom	Died 13 May 1917 26 years old	BASRA WAR CEMETERY IV. N. 12.	More details
W DORRINGTON Private Service Number: 20595	Bedfordshire Regiment United Kingdom	Died 12 June 1919	BUCKDEN CEMETERY Near North boundary. United Kingdom	More details
W DORRINGTON Private Service Number: 23701	7th Bn. Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry United Kingdom	Died 09 May 1917 36 years old	DOIRAN MEMORIAL Greece	More details



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