

THE GATTON ASSOCIATION



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The Maitland Association,
The Royal Albert Old Boy's Association &
The Royal Alexandra and Albert School

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Chairman's Welcome

Dear Members,

Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter, yes another year nearly over, summer has come and gone and winter is on its way. As such can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New year for 2011 from all of the Gatton Association Committee.

Firstly, we will be holding our AGM on Sunday 17th October @ 2.00pm. This is an amended date as the original date was Sunday 29th August, which would have coincided with reunion weekend, which unfortunately had to be cancelled. If you can make the AGM, your attendance and input would be greatly appreciated. Anyone who is planning to attend the AGM is invited to brunch in the School Dining Room from 12-1.15pm.

Whether or not you are able to attend, please send me any comments or items you would like raised at the meeting and I will add them to the agenda.

The current committee will be standing for re-election, these are;

Ray Davies President, Phil Wade Chairman and Publicity, Peter Page Secretary, Michelle Ellis Merchandising and Minutes Secretary, Alicia Edwards Publicity, John Billingham Board Representative and ex-Scholar, Chas Bailey Newsletter Editor.

Committee members stepping down due to changes in their personal circumstances, Ian Baines Archivist, Chris Manns Procurement.

On behalf of the Gatton Association and committee I would like to say a big thank you to both Chris and Ian for their hard work while serving on the committee. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Open posts on our committee are;

Vice Chairman proposed Alicia Edwards, Archivist Vacant, and Procurement Vacant. If you feel that you would like to join our committee and add to the mix please send your details or contact me before the AGM so that I can add you to the election of officers.

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This year the Reunion was cancelled, and I must apologise to all of our members who had booked. I know for some of you it would have been the first time you had returned since leaving many years ago. The reason for the cancellation was due to only receiving forty bookings which made the organising of the event pointless.

With any event of this sort, we need to know that we have enough attendees to make it work. We need to have advance bookings so that we know how many have to be catered for.

If the number attending will not cover the costs for the event the GA is liable for those costs, and as we have minimum funds we are unable to absorb any losses for an event. The funds that we generate are for the purpose of providing

"helpful support and where appropriate financial assistance to aid former scholars and current pupils of the School".

Taken from our Membership Rules, (a copy of which is included in this newsletter).

There are several former pupils who really value this opportunity to get together and I am sorry they have been disappointed by the cancellation. We are open to options on how to make it easier for members to attend reunions, some members may be financially challenged or unable to make commitment to attend. Your ideas and thoughts would be appreciated. If you could send me your ideas and views before the AGM (17th October 2010) they will be discussed and considered. Your ideas might make all the difference to our members' future attendance of reunions.

Following on from my last few paragraphs, some of our members have suggested and are planning a GA reunion over the Easter weekend 2011 in Sydney Australia, I would love to go, but I can't see myself at that one. If you would like more info about this gathering, I would suggest that you contact the Facebook members,

ie: Alicia Edwards, Kerry Murphy,
Sherrie Griffiths (In Australia),
John Hounsom.

The Gatton Association has nothing to do with the organising of this project. If you plan to go, have a great time and send us your pictures.

Anyway, whatever you are planning to do, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy new year. Look forward to seeing you at our AGM, make it if you can.

Phil Wade (Chairman)

Committee Members

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Dates for your diaries:

Remembrance Day Service

Thursday 11th November
Details from Head's Secretary 01737 649000

PTA Christmas Fair

Saturday 27th November 11am– 2pm
in Gatton Hall

Carol Service

Thursday, 16th December
Details from Head's

End of School term

Friday 17th December.

New term boarders return

9th January 2011

From The Headmaster

The start of the new academic year has, once again, been a hectic time. Particularly so this year, because we have opened our new Sixth Form. This means that instead of bussing sixth form boarders to the local college, they can continue their studies within the school. It also means that day boarders can stay on into the Sixth Form, which was previously not possible.

Opening the Sixth Form has been a big undertaking. We have had to put in place a Sixth Form Centre (newly converted from Sunley House) and added 42 beds to boarding houses. Annexes have been added to Alexandra and Kent Houses and each has 21 individual study bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms for Sixth Form boarders. 15 boys spent three weeks in a local hotel whilst the Kent annexe was completed but the mini-bars were removed from their rooms so there were no all-night parties! The students are thrilled with their new accommodation and the boys think it is even better than the hotel.



At the end of last term we said farewell to John Ahern and Ruth Turner. Both had given many years service to the school and, whilst we were sad to see them go, we wished them every happiness in their retirement. The last Gatton Association newsletter had a piece about Ruth and this newsletter has one about John. I am sure that many of you have fond memories about Ruth and John and would like to echo the best wishes from myself and their former colleagues.

Those of you who were at the Alexandra Orphanage will be pleased to hear that two of the foundation stones from the Orphanage in Maitland Park have been given to the School. The building was demolished around two years ago and former AO pupil, Doug Dielmann, managed to persuade Camden Local Authority to let us have two of the three foundation stones. The remaining stone will stay at Maitland Park and be incorporated into the new home for the elderly that will be built on the site. The two stones have arrived safely in Gatton Park and will be sited near the refurbished staff housing which is located next to Gatton Hall. The newly refurbished building will be named 'Maitland House' and there will be an official opening ceremony to which all ex-Alexandra Orphanage pupils will be invited. I don't have a date for this yet so watch this space.

Last term we had a journalist, Caroline Scott, from the Telegraph at the school for two days. She spent a lot of time talking to pupils and staff about being a boarder here. It was with great trepidation that I opened the paper on 11th September to see what she had actually written in the Saturday Telegraph magazine but I was pleasantly surprised. There was a long article with photos and it really did reflect what it is like at this school. If you have not seen the article it can be accessed on the internet at this link:

<http://www.raa-school.co.uk/article11Sep2010>

You will see in the School News section, that there has been a lot going on in the last few months. Once again we have had a record year in terms of results with 92% of this summer's Year 11 pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C. That's 12% more than last year! And our school choir was selected to sing at the Barbican in London during a charity concert organised by Barnardo's. Those of you who come to Remembrance or Founders Day services at the School will know how well the choir performs and it is wonderful that they have had this recognition.

It just remains for me to extend an invitation to you to come to the Remembrance Day service on 11th November. If you would like to come, please contact my PA to let her know so we can make sure there is enough room in Chapel. With over 900 pupils now at the School, we have to be very organised when it comes to fitting everyone in!

With my very best wishes

Paul D Spencer Ellis

Singers Selected for London Stage

A talented group of singers from the Royal Alexandra and Albert School took to the stage at the Barbican in London in June. The Girls' Chamber Choir, comprising 17 girls, was selected to perform at the Barnardo's Believe in Children Festival on 29th June to help raise funds for the charity. Music and dance ensembles from around the South East applied to participate and the Girl's Chamber Choir was one of only two acts selected from the area.

The Girl's Chamber Choir includes the School's Year 9 and Year 10 vocal ensembles as well as gifted and talented singers from Years 7 and 8 so the girls range in age from 12 to 15.



Sweets and Soda Drive Winning Car Design

Diet Coke and a packet of Mentos were the key elements of a winning design by pupils of the Royal Alexandra and Albert School in The Surrey Satro Festival of Science and Engineering on 24th June 2010.

The seven pupils aged 12-14 attended the Festival with a project they have been working on after school for over a month.

They designed and built a car which was powered by Diet Coke and Mentos. This required the group to use extremely difficult Design Technology (DT) skills and equipment, and spend long hours in DT Club after school.

Teachers, Christiaan Jones and Chris Baker worked all hours helping them with this project and stayed on in the workshop with them long after evening activities had finished. The standard of the design was GCSE standard and stood out beside the other entries.



School is a hive of activity

A colony of bees is the latest addition to the classroom at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School. Around 10,000 bees arrived in June and the colony is building up towards the 50-60,000 that would normally reside in a single hive.

Pupils at the School will be caring for the bees which will play an important part in teaching about science, food technology and maths. They are also classified as 'livestock' on the BTEC Countryside and Environment Course.



G.C.S.E. Results

Pupils at the non-selective Royal Alexandra and Albert School are celebrating record results this year. 92% achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grade A*-C, this compares with a figure of 80% last year. The number of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs at A*-C including English and Maths rose from 58% in 2009 to 63% this year.

Other notable achievements within the school are a 100% A*-C in Music and 93% A*-C in English Literature. 23% of all exams taken at the School resulted in an A* or A grade.



Telegraph Magazine Feature

The Telegraph Magazine featured the school in a 3,000 word article on the 11th September. In June 2010 the reporter and photographer spent two days at the school researching the article, and spoke to many staff and pupils during their visit. The reporter was particularly interested in finding out what boarding school life is really like. The resulting article was very positive and gave a fair and balanced view of the School. The article is at www.raa-school.co.uk/article11Sep2010. Anyone who can't access the online version can call Helen Pollard on 01737 649211 and a hard copy will be sent out.
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/7992093/Lessons-from-a-state-funded-boarding-school.html>

Interview with John Ahern

Director of Studies who retired in 2010

At the end of the Summer Term Dylan Semmelhaack and I (Sion Kuzera) were on work experience, in the marketing department of the School. One of our assignments was to write an article for the Gatton Association about Director of Studies, John Ahern, who was about to retire after 36 years at the School. We interviewed him to find out his general views about the School both in the past and future.

Since John Ahern arrived at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School he has always had a love for sport, especially rugby. He told us his Gatton Dream Team:

John Ahern's Gatton Dream Team

Prop John Faloone 1984	Hooker Mathew Woodruffe 1985	Prop Andrew Macintyre 1984
	2nd Row Magnus Lennard 1999	2nd Row Philip Macey 1976
Flanker Stewart Applin 1977 & Daniel Keegan 2003	No.8 Darryl Lewis 2001	Flanker Jonathon Brown 1984
	Scrum Half Wayne Wright 1974	
	Fly Half Ronald Rollock 1984	Inside Centre Vernon Kearn 1986
Left Wing		Outside Centre Scott Messenger 1984
	Full Back Simon Kennedy 1974	Right Wing

[“Apologies to anyone that was not put in this team, my memory is not as good as it used to be!” John Ahern]

In 1974 John went for a group interview at Surrey County Council before being placed at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School. He had been recruited to teach P.E but when he started, was asked to teach English and History because there was a shortage of teachers in these subjects. After this he went on to teach P.E for the rest of his career.

One of the highlights of his teaching career was in 1984, when the rugby team he coached and trained reached the final of the Surrey Cup. His way of thinking is “not to get too happy when things go well and not to get too disheartened when things go badly.” For instance, when his rugby team wins he is not ecstatic and when they lose he is not depressed.

Another one of John's highlights was the consistently good exam results over the last five years. He thinks that the school has changed but at the same time has stayed the same i.e. same ethos, same atmosphere but life and the world has changed. This is good for a boarding school as it offers stability but at the same time improvements. John comments "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose" which is French for, the more things change the more they stay the same.

When we asked about memories of his career John recalled 1985 when there was a year group with only 13 girls including Liana Kelman, Anouska Davis, Karina Stacy, Kelly O'Rourke, Donna Stemp and Lisa Charlton. These girls were all very sporty and were champions in almost every sport including netball and athletics. Another great memory of his sporting career was when Ronald Rollock represented the school at the nationals. Ronald was very sporty and was a part of all school teams including cricket, football, rugby and athletics. He was captain of the football team and today still holds the county record in athletics for the quickest 200m time.

The vision that John has of the Royal Alexandra and Albert School in ten years time is that the School will be world class and have a big reputation, far and wide. He feels that this school has a niche in the educational firmament which will attract great staff and pupils, therefore making the school improve and carry on getting great results. John thinks that the new 6th form is a great thing for the School and shows how well it is doing and how it is expanding year by year.

Vibrant, dynamic, inclusive and eclectic are some of the words John uses to describe the school. He goes on to say "I feel it is good to have a mixture of pupils for example mixing intelligence, mixing race and mixing people with different backgrounds. The Royal Alexandra and Albert School really embraces what you have when you join the school and feeds off that to help you grow and grow."

Throughout John Ahern's career there have been a few pupils that have really benefited from their time at the School. For example one pupil had a very difficult family life and background, however he was bright and his ability was captured and embraced at the School. He now works for a bank and is very successful. There was another pupil who had a very difficult home life, and whilst not the brightest of boys, went on to secure an engineering apprenticeship at BT. Both of these pupils really benefited from boarding at the Royal Alexandra and Albert School as it changed their lives for ever.

We enjoyed interviewing Mr Ahern and wish him a long and happy retirement and the best of luck in the future.

Dylan Semmelhaack and Sion Kuzera
Year 10 boarders in Edinburgh House

CHRISTMAS IN SOUTH AFRICA

After losing my husband John in June 2009 I planned to spend Christmas and New Year with my African cousins near Johannesburg. They persuaded me to stay for 3 months, which I duly did.

It was my first Christmas away from home, but I was really looking forward to it. All that lovely sunshine and warmth after a long wet summer in England was something I could not resist. As well as the festivities I was also going to have my BIG 70 birthday over there.



Birthday celebrations were organised without my knowledge. The first being an African style breakfast at dawn in a traditional African restaurant. On arrival I was greeted by all the family waiting for me, along with an African Music group in traditional dress. Before breakfast was served, a ritual of hand washing in a bowl of warm rose water, followed by face painting in African designs. The music group serenaded me with Happy Birthday before singing several of their traditional songs. The dancers placed one of their hats upon my head.

Chicken Feathers !!!

The following Sunday I was taken out to High tea at one of the swankiest hotels in Johannesburg, The Westcliff. We each had our individual glass tea pot with a tea of our choice. A silver cake stand arrived upon which was a selection of smoked salmon or cucumber sandwiches (with crusts removed) The top tier was full of a selection of fresh cream cakes to die for.



After tea we retired to the Cocktail Lounge garden where we sat at tables and chairs arranged in a shallow pool. With cocktails in hand, our footwear removed we relaxed to cool our hot feet.....Ah Bliss! This is the life.

A couple of Safari trips between birthday and Christmas in the Pilanesberg National Park before the Christmas festivities began.

Christmas morning started early with bright blue skies, and by mid day we had temperatures in the mid 30's. I cannot describe my feelings sitting by the pool with family, enjoying good company and good wine. Dinner was a very festive spread. Turkey, chicken and bockwurst cooked outdoors on the brai, served with roast potatoes, a potato bake, vegetables and salad. Followed by trifle and fresh fruit, so no banging of spoons on the tables as at Bishopswood Camp for the Christmas pudding.

Boxing Day was more or less a repetition of the previous day, but at another family members' home. Which included my favourite dish of roast leg of lamb with all the trimmings. I am completely converted to eating al fresco.

Time to relax before the New Year celebrations began. Another Safari trip was organised to another venue for a few days. We visited a wild animal rescue centre where I was allowed to hand feed a young orphaned giraffe. There were a couple of baby rhino who had been abandoned, one being only 4 months old. The keepers slept with them in the pens on mattresses to keep them company, and minister 4 hourly feeds. There was a pen with a group of 5 orphaned lion cubs, the mother being hit by a vehicle in the wild. These animals would be released back into the safe compound of the Game Park and when they were old enough to go, taken back into the wild.

The views of this African terrain were stunning.

At New Year we began hearing news of heavy snowfalls in England. I was more than happy to be here away from it all. Fortunately, most of it had cleared away by the time of my return flight home in mid January.

Would I like to return for another Christmas? I leave you the reader to ponder on that one.

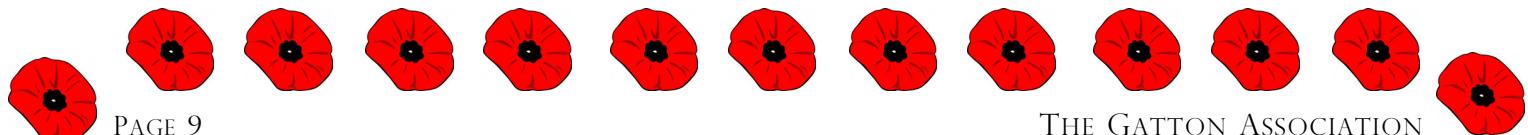


I wish you all a very Happy New Year in 2011

Cheers from Number 1 (Stella Banks nee Houston)

Welcome Back to England

Stella



Remembrance Day

by Peter JW Howell

Remembrance Day always holds special significance for me.

I am a British Army Brat", my parents having served in the British Army both during World War Two and afterwards.

I was born overseas, where my father was serving in the Army, in a British Military Hospital, and so I have had "Army Blood" coursing through my veins for the last 60 years. That I am a very unashamed and proud Army Brat, and privileged to be called such, goes without saying.

In September 1961 my late, younger brother, Michael, and I were two of the first British Army-funded children to attend the Royal Alexandra & Albert School. I'd like to think that Mick and I were the first Army Brats at Gatton Park, but I have no way of knowing if we were. Had we not gone to Gatton Park, Mick and I would have boarded at the British Forces' Prince Rupert School in Wilhelmshaven, on Germany's bleak, wet and cold North Sea coast – Gatton was much, much better . . .

Remembrance Day

I have the utmost respect for all those men and women and children, be they members of the Armed Forces or civilians, who have made the ultimate sacrifice, killed in times of armed conflict or terrorism. It has been estimated that at least 80 million souls lost their lives in all the armed conflicts of the 20th Century.

Many more suffer the effects of physical and mental injury; loss of limbs, loss of sight, "shell shock", gunshot and shrapnel wounds, post traumatic stress disorder, gas and chemical attacks. The list goes on and these injuries remain for the rest of the person's life, sometimes for 60 or 70 years or even longer. My great great grandfather was lucky. He fought in the Crimea War and on the last day of the final Assault on The Redan, at Sebastopol, in 1855, he was first wounded in the arm and then in the leg. He refused to retire from the field of battle, despite being ordered to do so, and later that day he was shot for a third time, in the jaw. He managed to stagger back into the advances trench, carrying another wounded soldier, where he collapsed, incapacitated, and took no further part in the attack. It was initially thought he was mortally wounded but he survived and continued to serve in the Royal Artillery. In 1865 he recorded that his surgeons had just removed the 185th piece of jaw bone from his face and in 1871 he retired from the Army and became a Yeoman of the Guard, one of Queen Victoria's Body Guard. He lived until 1882 and during the last three months of his life he succumbed to his wounds of 1855, some 27 years after being shot, throughout which time he was in considerable pain "all over".

But it is not Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, the Air Force or civilians who make war. War is made by politicians in government through their failures to find peaceful solutions and who then order their Armed Forces to enter into conflict against others similarly ordered by their own respective governments – one vicious circle that carries with it a bloody butcher's bill.

Charles Kingsley once said,

"There are two freedoms - the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where he is free to do what he ought."

Today, although at times we may have doubts, we live in a true, free society doing what we ought with freedom of movement, association, faith, religion, political allegiance, et al. But as history has continually demonstrated, freedom is not free, freedom can never be free, the people will always pay the price of the butcher's bill for political failure.

It is fitting, then, that once a year we take time to honour and remember The Fallen, those who made that ultimate sacrifice, the giving or the taking of their life, for the freedoms that we enjoy today.

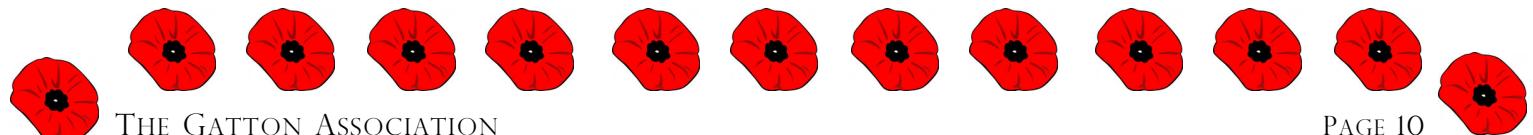
And so, during the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in October and November, we buy Remembrance Poppies to wear to show to others that we honour The Fallen, and that we will remember them. We also buy Poppies to fund the Royal British Legion to safeguard the welfare, interests and memory of serving and ex-Service people and their families and dependants.

The Royal British Legion was founded in 1921, so it was not in existence for my great great grandfather should he have had the need. But thankfully, the Royal British Legion is with us today and it is financed by charitable giving, donations, sponsorship, corporate support, fund-raising events, legacies and the annual Poppy Appeal. In 2009, the Royal British Legion raised £107 million - including a record £31 million for the Poppy Appeal – and spent over £110 million on its work. Yes, they made a loss last year.

The Poppy Appeal culminates with Remembrance Sunday, which is on 14th November this year. In every village, town and city, Rolls of Honour will be read. Wreaths will be laid and simple wooden crosses placed at every Cenotaph and War Memorial and an Homage will be paid to The Fallen.

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*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

But what is Remembrance Sunday, how did it come about?

After four years of bitter fighting, the First World War, The Great War, the War To End All Wars, was finally over and an Armistice was signed in a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne, Picardie, France, at 5am on 11th November, 1918. Six hours later, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns of Europe fell silent.

In a letter published in the London Evening News on 8 May, 1919, a Melbourne, Australia, journalist, Edward George Honey, proposed a respectful silence to remember those who had given their lives in the Great War. This was brought to the attention of King George V and on 7 November, 1919, the King issued a proclamation which called for a two minute silence:

"All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead."

The first Silence was conducted on the first anniversary of Armistice Day, 11th November, 1919, throughout Britain and the Commonwealth to commemorate the end of hostilities the previous year. The Manchester Guardian reported the first Silence in London on 12th November 1919:

The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition. Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility.
*It was a silence which was almost pain ...
And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.*

In the United Kingdom in 1939 the two minute silence was moved to the Sunday nearest to 11th November in order not to interfere with wartime production should 11th November fall on a weekday. After the war most Armistice Day events were moved to the nearest Sunday and came to symbolise the end of the war and provide an opportunity to remember those who had died. The change was made in many Commonwealth countries as well as the United Kingdom, and the new commemoration was named Remembrance Sunday or Remembrance Day. Both Armistice Day (11th November) and Remembrance Sunday (the Sunday nearest the 11th) are now commemorated formally in the UK.

The Royal Family, along with leading politicians and religious leaders gather at The Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, on Remembrance Sunday.

And where does the Poppy come from?

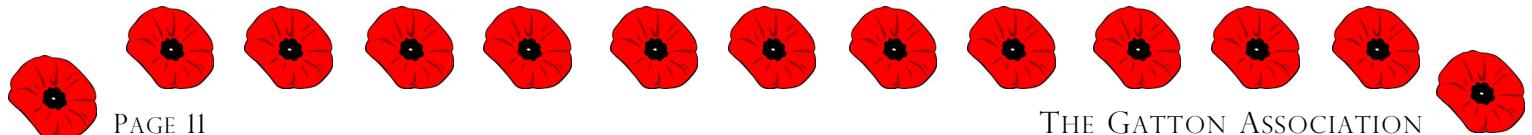
The poppy's significance to Remembrance Day is a result of Canadian poet, physician, author, artist, soldier and military surgeon Lt. Col. John McCrae's poem:

The poppy emblem was chosen because of the poppies that bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in the Great War, their red colour an appropriate symbol for the bloodshed of trench warfare.

On 9th November, 1918, two days before the Armistice was declared, Moina Belle Michael was on duty at the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' headquarters in New York. She was working in the "Gemot" in Hamilton Hall. This was a reading

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room and a place where U.S. servicemen would often gather with friends and family to say their goodbyes before they went on overseas service.

On that day Hamilton Hall and its Gemot Reading Room were busy with people coming and going. The Twenty-fifth Conference of the Overseas YMCA War Secretaries was in progress at the headquarters. During the first part of the morning a young soldier passed by Moina's desk and he left a copy of the latest November edition of the "Ladies Home Journal" on the desk.

At about 10.30am Moina found a few moments to herself and browsed through the magazine. In it she came across a page which carried a vivid colour illustration with the poem entitled "We Shall Not Sleep". This was an alternative name sometimes used for John McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields". Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae had died of pneumonia several months earlier on 28th January 1918.

Moina had come across the poem before, but reading it on this occasion she found herself transfixed by the last verse. She was inspired to make 25 silk poppies based on McCrae's poem, which she distributed to attendees of the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries' Conference. She then made an effort to have the poppy adopted as a national symbol of remembrance in the United States of America, and succeeded in having the National American Legion Conference adopt it in 1920.

At the National American Legion Conference, a Frenchwoman, Anna E. Guérin, was inspired to introduce the widely used artificial poppies given out today. In 1921 she sent her poppy sellers to London, where they were adopted by Field Marshall Douglas Haig, a founder of the Royal British Legion, as well as by Veterans' groups in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Rolls of Honour

Many organisation, both military and civilian, and including schools, display Rolls of Honour and list their Old Scholars and Members of Staff who were members of the Armed Forces and who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The Royal Alexandra & Albert School and its antecedents has Rolls of Honour. The Schools' Rolls have been amalgamated for the Newsletter and are reproduced here below, the First World War Roll of Honour of St. Andrew's Church being included:

Would any Newsletter reader who knows of any Old Scholar or former Member of Staff who died whilst making the ultimate sacrifice whilst serving in the Armed Forces, and who should therefore be listed, please contact the School with details. If it can be verified that the Old Scholar or Member of Staff made the ultimate sacrifice then their name may be added to the Rolls.

Peter JW Howell

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Class of '67

1961-1962 Gloucester House – Mr Ellis Evans

1962-1967 Albert House – Mr Len Steele ('62-'64),
Mr Freddie Stafford ('64-'67)

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below...*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields...*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands, we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow In Flanders fields...*





Royal Alexander and Albert School

(Incorporating The Antecedent Schools)

Gatton Park, Reigate, Surrey

ROLLS of HONOUR

The First World War 1914-1918

The School Roll

Frank Archer + Hubert Belcham + Alexander Borrie
Cecil Bray + Albert Brookfield + Rupert Butler + Alfred Carter
Reginald Chadder + Howard Charles + William Claret
Herbert Dutton + Herbert Eager + Eric Edwards
Archibald Goodchild + Frederick Harman + Albert Hussey
William Kew + Percy Lunn + Francis Merrick + Percy Newton
George Norton + Ralph Parker + Charles Parslow
Walter Parsons + Horace Penney + Leonard Poplett
Frank Robbins + Williams Rutland + Albert Savage
James Scowcroft + Frederick Short + H.H. Smart
Sydney Smith + Frederick Standen + Walter Styche
Vincent Taylor + Wynn Taylor + Robert Thompson
David Walker + Charles Warr + Herbert Willsteed
William Wilson + Wilfred Woodcock + Joe Young

The Roll of Honour of St Andrew's Church at Gatton

John Bassett + Arthur Clarke + Charles Pakeman
Wilfred Rogers + Thomas Rushton

World War II 1939-1945

Geoffrey Best + Eric Birkbeck + John Channan
Bernard Crouch + Kenneth George Day + George Edwin Gibbs
Frank Goodchild + Peter Charles Hagger + Peter Maulding
Thomas O'Kelly + Henry Parsons + Douglas Pirie
Mr. Watson Teacher

Killed in Service since 1945

In Germany In Northern Ireland
Allan Webb, 1985 + Graham Lambie, 1988

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

Unless the dead are named, how are they to be remembered?



Gatton Association Shop



Printed Logo - Ballpoint & Fountain Pen Set



Dark red with laser engraved school logo



Gatton Sports Bag in various colours



Gold coloured Maroon Key ring with gold coloured logo and on the Flip-side - Gatton Association



Enamelled gold coloured Badge On Brass.

[Size of a 1p coin]

The Gatton Association :: Order Form ::

Product Types	Price	Order Amount	UK Price Postage	Europe Price Postage	World Price Postage	Total
Gatton Logo Badge	£3.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 1.50	£ 1.50	£ 1.50	£
Description:	Enamelled gold coloured Badge On Brass. (Up to 5 in one Envelope)					
Pen Set	£6.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£
Description:	Printed Logo - Ballpoint & Fountain Pen Set					
Gatton Bag	£4.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£
Colours:	<input type="checkbox"/> Maroon - <input type="checkbox"/> Purple - <input type="checkbox"/> Navy Blue - <input type="checkbox"/> Grey - <input type="checkbox"/> Black - <input type="checkbox"/> Green					
Trolley Keyring	£3.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£
Description:	Gold coloured Maroon Key ring with gold coloured logo and on the Flip-side - Gatton Association. (Up to 4 in one Envelope)					
Maglite Torch	£9.99	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£
Description:	Dark red with laser engraved school logo					
2010 Diary	£3.75	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 2.75	£ 3.95	£ 4.95	£
Description:	Maroon pocket diary with gold coloured logo & gold metal corners					
Bundle Types						
Pen & Diary Set	£9.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 3.80	£ 4.80	£ 6.00	£
Key ring & Gatton Badge	£6.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 3.80	£ 4.80	£ 6.00	£
Diary, Pen Set & Torch	£18.90	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 3.80	£ 4.80	£ 6.00	£
Torch & Keyring	£12.50	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	£ 3.80	£ 4.80	£ 6.00	£

Total Amount:

Note: P & P Charges will be adjusted for large or multiple orders.

You can also make up your own customised orders.

Please contact – Phil Wade either by Phone: 07903192989 or by E-Mail:
gatton.association@gmail.com for further information for P & P Charges

:: Delivery / Contact Details ::

Title:

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

Country:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Registration Form

Please **only** complete this form if you are a new registrant or have any change in your contact details



Gatton Association Registration Form

First Names:..... Surname:..... Former Name:.....

Address:

Town:..... County:..... Postcode:.....

Country:.....

Home Phone:..... Work Phone:..... Mobile:.....

Email Address:.....

Please remember to keep us informed of Postal or Email Address changes or our correspondence will not reach you.

School Location attended (**tick as appropriate**):

Gatton Park Maitland Bishopswood Elmcroft Duxhurst Bedford

Camberley Other (please state).....

Last House(s) attended:.....

Years attended: from..... To.....

If you would prefer to receive Newsletters etc. by Email please tick the here:

Please return completed Registration Form to the Membership Co-ordinator:

MICHELLE ELLIS

Via

Helen Pollard

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If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to pass back to us,
please do so via Michelle Ellis at the address above.

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