

**Council Meeting:** 24th July 2014

**Councillor P. Shillinglaw** will ask the **Executive Member for Leisure and Wellbeing, Councillor Mrs R. Mill** the following question:

### **WW1 Centenary Events**

Would the portfolio holder agree with me that the events we have planned to Commemorate the Centenary of WW1 will be honourable, fitting and most notable for our residents?

### **OBSERVATIONS**

There are many events planned for the autumn – these include:

- Films, a WW1 and WW2 themed nostalgic theatre show, and a memorabilia road show at the Harlequin Theatre.
- The Reigate Hill Fort and the Town Hall will be open to visitors as part of the Heritage Open days event.
- There will be Books of Remembrance open for signing in Banstead, Horley, Redhill and Reigate.
- The Memorial Park, Shaw's Corner and venues in Horley and Banstead will bear witness to those named on our Fallen memorials for Armistice Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and the Sunday Remembrance Services will be held as is our normal practice.

We also support the BRBArts Council and Orbit Shed in staging their moving production.

We encourage all organisations to connect with us for promotion of their events for this special Centenary Commemoration.

The Royal British Legion organised Banstead Community Festival will be held at the Lady Neville sports ground on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. A leaflet about this event has been distributed this evening.

### ***Supplementary by Cllr Shillinglaw:***

Most of all I wish to thank the dedicated officer team who have helped plan these events, instigated the in depth research and overseen the inspirational restoration of all WW1 and WW2 graves and memorials in the Borough, along with the adopt a grave scheme.