

EPSOM IN 1917

JANUARY

- 5 Fatal accident to Mr. F. Russell near Spring Hotel, Ewell.
- 8 Public meeting decides to hold Red Cross week; strong committees appointed.
Ewell Parish Council Meeting; discussion on Tramways Provisional Order.
- 10 Meeting of Epsom and District Licensed Victuallers' Charity Association.
- 16 Meeting of Epsom Urban Council; decision to cultivate waste land.
- 22 Presentation of Prizes, Ewell Evening Classes.
- 24 Epsom Guardians; resignation of Dr. F. C. Robinson, Medical Officer for Carshalton.
- 31 Urban Council Meeting; ploughing up of Rosebery Park; strong objections.
Annual Meeting Epsom Town Dispensary.

FEBRUARY

- 2 Tradesmen's Meeting in support of British Farmers' Red Cross week.
- 4 Heavy snowfall.
- 5 Epsom Licensing Sessions; police oppose renewal of a Ewell license; decision reserved.
Vanishing Furniture; remarkable case in the King's Bench.
Annual Meeting Epsom and District Licensed Victuallers' Association.
- 6 Meeting of Council School Managers; strong complaint from Mr. F. Watkin Warner re staffing.
26 Degrees of frost registered.
- 12 Mr. Graham Spicer, Liberal candidate, addressed a large gathering in aid of the Victory War Loan.
Ewell Parish Council; protests against the darkness in village.
- 13 Urban Council Meeting; long discussion on the water supply.
- 17 Annual Meeting Epsom Rifle Club.
- 21 Annual meeting Surrey Agricultural Association.

- 27 Annual Meeting Epsom and Ewell Cottage Hospital.
Meeting Epsom Urban Council; Mr. Young appointed Joint Engineer to Electricity and Waterworks.

MARCH

- 5 Adjourned Licensing Sessions; Magistrates renew Ewell license.
- 7 Epsom Board of Guardians; alteration in the dietary.
Tableaux Vivants opened in connection with British Red Cross Society Week.
- 10 British Red Cross Flag Day and Exhibition of Munitions of War.
- 12 Agricultural Sale for Red Cross.
Ewell Parish Council; resignation of Mr. R. W. Bardrick.
- 15 Sale of Furniture for Red Cross.
- 19 Big National Service Demonstration; speech by Mr. E. Craig, M.P.
- 21 Epsom Board of Guardians; Surrey Vagrancy Scheme approved.
- 27 Urban Council; rate of 1s. 9d. in the £ adopted.

APRIL

- 2 Libel Action brought by Capt. Wilmer, of Ewell Castle, against Associated Newspapers for statements relating to the Castle.
- 3 Special Meeting Urban Council; long discussion on Langley Bottom Water Supply.
- 4 Epsom Board of Guardians.
- 9 Widow fined £30 by Epsom Bench for supplying wounded soldiers with drink.
- 11 Annual Vestry Meeting in the Parish Church; message from the Vicar.
Christchurch Vestry Meeting; Vicar's interesting statement.
- 12 Wind-up Meeting of Red Cross Fund Committees; total sum raised £6,615.
- 15 Ewell Memorial Tablet to Fallen Soldiers unveiled and dedicated.
- 17 Urban Council Annual Meeting; Chairman and Vice-Chairman re-elected.
- 18 Board of Guardians; Mr. B. Braithwaite re-elected Chairman.

- Rural Council; Capt. Pennethorne re-elected Chairman.
- 27 Meeting National Service Committee; canvas of town decided upon.

MAY

- 1 May Day Celebration and Entertainment at Hook-road Council Schools.
Urban Council Meeting; Mr. Walterhouse co-opted.
Epsom School Managers; further complaints as to staffing.
- 10 Mr. Graham Spicer's resignation as Liberal Candidate accepted by Mid Surrey Liberal Association.
- 14 Meeting Epsom Traders to discuss economy of labour; committee appointed.
Ewell Parish Council.
- 16 Urban Council; protest against dangerous traffic,
Board of Guardians; threat of the Poor Law Unions' Association discussed.
- 18 Epsom War Savings Committee secure support of Urban Council in an interview.
- 20 Local Volunteers inspected by Lord Ashcombe at Duppas Hill.
- 21 Grand Stand Association defeated in action before Epsom Bench.
Charge against retired officer; remarkable story at Epsom.
Whit Monday Sports-on Epsom Recreation Ground; convalescent soldiers entertained.
- 25 Ewell Station Master assaulted by convalescent soldier.
- 29 Urban Council; resignation of Coun. Upperton.
- 30 Epsom Board of Guardians; strong protests against L.C.C. Central Organisation scheme.

JUNE

- 6 Military Sports on Epsom Downs.
- 11 Urban National Service Committee; story of a women's canvass.
- 20 Mr. Essen co-opted a member of Urban Council.
- 25 Death of Miss Llewellyn, (formerly Infants' School head mistress.

JULY

- 3 Inquest on James Pantling, of Ewell; fatal fall from load of hay.
- 24 Urban Council – Water Supply; new well necessary.

AUGUST

- 1 National Service Committee; women workers criticised.
- 8 Athletic Sports at Horton War Hospital.
- 10 Literary Society Annual Meeting; interesting speech by Sir E. F. Coates Bart.
- 21 Urban Council; Coal Overseer and Food Control appointments.
- 22 Mr. B. Braithwaite resigns Chairmanship of Epsom Guardians.
- 29 Food Control; animated first meeting.

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Mr. T. J. Leavey, J.P., appointed Chairman of Epsom Guardians.

OCTOBER

- 2 Urban Council; penny increase in district rate.
- 10 Surrey Agricultural Association's Ploughing Match at Ewell.
- 17 Board of Guardians; Nurses' salaries increased.
Rural District Council; Mr. Cotton (Clerk) welcomed back to duty after long absence through ill-health.
Woodcote Park Camp Sports; rain spoils outdoor programme.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Church School Managers; financial position unsatisfactory.
- 14 Marriage of Sergt. Chuter Ede, C.C., and Miss Lilian Mary Williams; congratulations by Urban Council.
- 19 Mr. Chuter Ede's Address on Education After the War.
- 28 Board of Guardians; Re-construction Sub-Committee criticised.

DECEMBER

- 4 Epsom Council Schools; teachers understaffed.
- 8 Urban Council; motor fire engine to be purchased; payment by mortgage on Sewage Farm.