

# *The Cenotaph*

*In 1919 June 24<sup>th</sup> land formerly part of two closes called East Field and Higher Stone Haw, an area of 1.08 acres (5237 sq yds, part of the park playing field), was given by Mr Bairstow in memory of the young men in this Parish and particularly his nephews having come safely thorough the war.*

*The same year Ministers, Councillors and others formed a committee, a War Memorial was suggested.*

*A cenotaph was built in a central position in the park. It was made of local stone with three bronze plaques of which are inscribed the names of the dead.*

*The first service at the cenotaph was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1921 after it had been unveiled by col. Bateman of Lyndhurst.*

*A separate plaque was fitted on the memorial after the 1939-45 war.*

*For funds towards this plaque a house to house appeal took place between Easter and Whitsuntide, the balance of £103.10.0 (£103.50) was given anonymously.*

*Five hundred programmes were printed for the unveiling which took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 1950 by RM Bateman Esq.*

*Remembrance Sunday, the second Sunday in November, is the day traditionally put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.*

*People across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave service men and women.*

*Today a service continues to be held on Remembrance Sunday around the cenotaph in the park. Wreaths are placed by the church, parish council and others to commemorate Armistice Day.*