

## BOOK REVIEW

### *Ruislip, Eastcote and Northwood during the First World War*

by Tanya Britton (2011), The History Press, 192pp, £12.99, ISBN 978-0-7524-6200-4

This is a very detailed book, full of facts and figures, which is made up of two distinct sections. The first half covers the subject through a series of chapters devoted to separate topics including hospitals, recruitment and rationing rather than a straight chronological approach. Some national background is given on each subject to place the topics in context as well as setting the local scene.

The author used to work in the borough's Local Studies Library and has utilised the wide variety of available material. The book is well illustrated with photographs from the Local Studies collection.

The second section entitled *The Roll of Honour* lists all the details of the servicemen who died in the First World War taken from the four local war memorials and local church memorials. It also includes details of those based at Northolt Aerodrome, who died while in service. In some entries there is extensive biographical information, which has been taken from a number of sources including local newspapers, regimental histories and parish magazines. This makes it a rich source for family historians.

The one drawback is the limited index which consists mainly of the names of the personnel listed in *The Roll of Honour*. This does detract from this information rich book's value for local historians.

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