

Sarratt Village Hall



**The Annual General Meeting will be held
at the Village Hall
on 10 January 2018 at 8 pm**

Your Village Hall is maintained by a Charity and a small group of individuals that make the Village Hall 'happen'.

Could you help occasionally with;

- Stage set up / take down
- Fund raising events
- Maintenance / caretaking assistance
- Administration

Would you like to join a friendly group of volunteers or even become a Trustee?

Whatever your skill set, if you would like to help, the Committee would like to know of you.

If you feel able to support this wonderful village asset or would just like to know more, feel free to attend the AGM or please give your details to:

Machaela, the Bookings Secretary
sarrattvillagehallbookings@live.co.uk

- or -

Larry, the Committee Secretary
sarrattvillagehalllicensing@uk6.net

Lest We Forget



No. 6 (SARRATT) PLATOON, 29th COY, 8th BATTN.
HERT'S HOME GUARD
JAN. 18th, 1942

On 14 May 1940, Secretary of State for War Anthony Eden broadcast an appeal for volunteers: 'We want large numbers of ... British subjects between the ages of seventeen and sixty-five years to come forward ... The name of the new force ... will be the "Local Defence Volunteers".' Almost at once 500,000 men volunteered and within a few weeks the force was approaching 1.5 million.

By the time that this photograph was taken, the LDV had become the Home Guard; and historians tell us that the threat of cross-channel invasion had receded, and that in the East, the Russians were about to relieve the German threat to Moscow. Nevertheless, the men who mustered on the Green that cold January day 76 years ago deserve our respect and our gratitude. Those with long memories can probably put names to many of these faces, and perhaps these men - our men - deserve that as well: brave men who were prepared to risk their lives to defend their home - our home. And as their faces stare at us across the decades, I wonder what they would make of Sarratt today; of their legacy to us.

And what we have done with it.

I have often noticed this photograph, which is hung on the wall at Biggerstaff's. It has been there for at least as long as I have lived in the village - and no doubt much longer than that.

Thank You, Andrew

Michael Edmund