

FARNINGHAM PEACE MEDAL

- This was presented to 300 children of school age on Saturday, 19 July 1919, when villagers gathered on the Manor House Meadow for the Peace Celebrations.
- It is not known who made or who paid for the medals.

The background to the Farningham Peace medal was researched by Reg Nightingale, who found a corroded example in a ploughed field near Horton Kirby while metal detecting.



FARNINGHAM PEACE CELEBRATIONS

The Peace Treaty officially ending the Great War was signed on 28 June 1919, and soon afterwards a sub-committee was set up to organise Farningham's Peace Celebrations.

Sports and entertainments were provided for all, including a very popular hat-trimming competition.

Each child received a peace medal.

Over 100 servicemen belonging to the parish were given a substantial supper prepared by the Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association), which was held in a marquee provided by the Y.M.C.A.

At the end of the festivities a triumphant peal of bells rang out from the tower of Farningham Church.

There was a splendid tea for 300 school children.

At 6.00 o'clock the ground was cleared and a Peace Oak was planted in the centre of the village by two school children.

13 August 1919 Farningham Council School closed at 9.30 a.m. for the children to attend Peace Celebrations at Swanley Junction in the afternoon.

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