

Plans To Replace Large Oak Tree In Larkhall On Armistice Day... Can You Help?

Some people may remember the article about the large oak tree on Larkhall recreation ground from last November - pupils at St Saviour's Junior School had found evidence to suggest that the tree had been planted by the pupils of St Saviour's Boys School, in 1919, in memory of ex pupils and the Head Teacher, George Strong, who had died during the Great War. A *Bath Chronicle* article at the time stated that the tree would, in time, have a plaque placed in front of it.

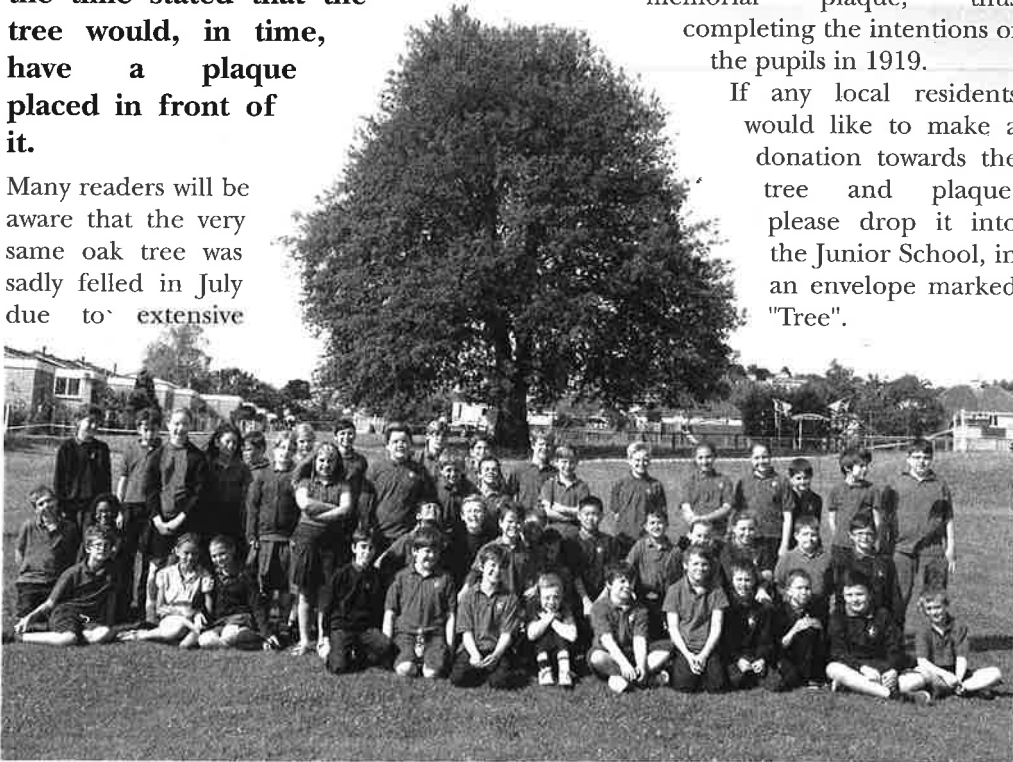
Many readers will be aware that the very same oak tree was sadly felled in July due to extensive

disease. Possibly this had been caused by a bolt of lightning which, according to a local resident, struck it some time in the 1940s. The school and council have found no evidence that a plaque was ever placed there.

St Saviour's Junior School, and the local Councillor, Lin Patterson, in conjunction with Denise Hart, arboricultural officer at BANES, are planning the planting of a replacement oak on Armistice Day this year.

They are also fund raising in order to purchase a suitably sized tree and a memorial plaque, thus completing the intentions of the pupils in 1919.

If any local residents would like to make a donation towards the tree and plaque, please drop it into the Junior School, in an envelope marked "Tree".



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