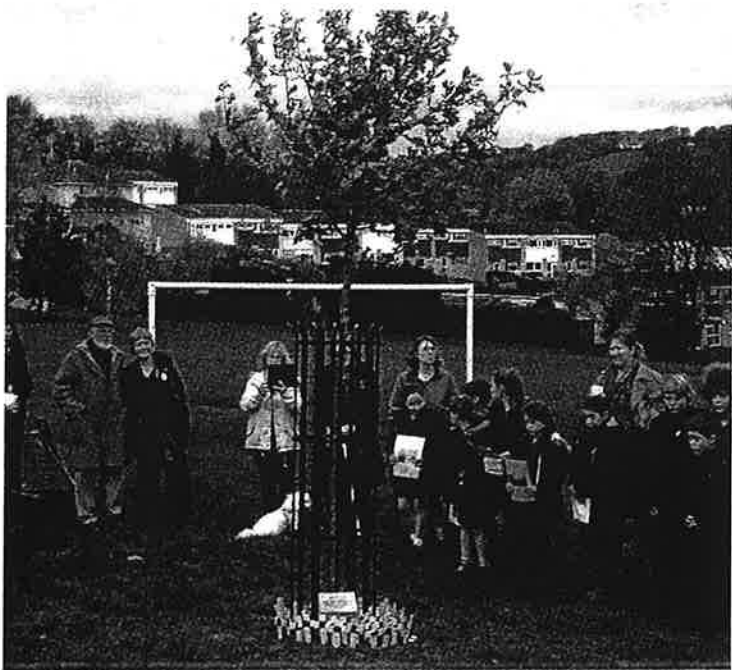


The New Oak Tree...

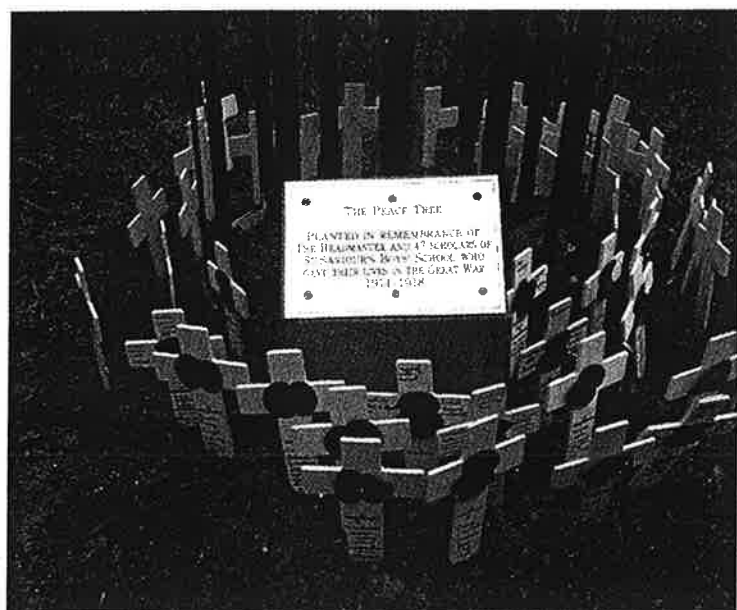


Rebecca from Langbridge Home Hardware in Larkhall putting the final touches on the memorial plaque.

Some people may remember the article about the large oak tree on Larkhall recreation ground. 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.

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, have planted a replacement oak on Armistice Day this year. St Saviour's Junior School raised funds to purchase a suitably sized tree. Langbridge Home Hardware, Larkhall, donated the black iron cage protecting the tree along with the memorial plaque, thus completing the intentions of the pupils in 1919.



St Saviour's Boys School, planting the original oak tree



Many readers will be aware that the very