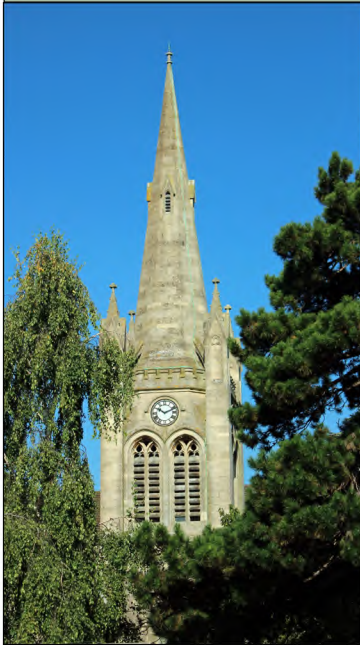


Stonehouse remembers



The War Memorial, erected in 1919 on the Town Green, is still a focal point for the community.

It was beautifully restored in 2009 and remains the meeting place for the annual Remembrance Service.

The Memorial clock tower and spire of the Wycliffe College Chapel was restored in 2012.



The 2014 centenary of the outbreak of war has encouraged people to discover the part their ancestors played and to dust off the family heirlooms.

Women had filled men's roles during the War but men expected to step back into them when they returned. Women still had a long way to go to gain equality in the community. It was not until 1946 that the first female Parish Councillor was elected and 1991 for the first female Chair of the Council.

For many years Standish Hospital provided jobs for many in Stonehouse and a pleasant place for recuperation from operations. The Hospital is now closed and the site unoccupied, awaiting a new use.

The Laburnum memorial playing field now has new play equipment and a boules court. Community events are held there and it is a quiet peaceful place, with beautiful views to the Cotswold Escarpment, where people can enjoy the tranquillity and exercise their dogs.

Gravestones in St Cyr's Churchyard show that grieving families needed a memorial nearer to home than the distant war cemeteries.

