

Amenities and Leisure Committee Meeting – 5th July 2023**Agenda Item 7.3 – COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES**

Earley Town Council was contacted by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to see if the Council would be interested in having a sign for Mays Lane Cemetery to identify that there are war graves located there.

CWGC's project to erect signs commenced as part of the centenary of the First World War and the Commission is hoping to erect as many signs as possible at churchyards, cemeteries and burial grounds, in the aim of increasing awareness of war graves in the UK.

The Commission has now installed the sign at Mays Lane Cemetery at no charge, and it will be maintained by the Commission on a permanent basis.



Graves at Mays Lane Cemetery which are recognised as Commonwealth War Graves: -

Name, Rank, Service No	Unit, Regiment, Country of Service	Date of Death	Location of Grave at Mays Lane Cemetery
John Walter Olney Warrant Officer Class II 1046222	Royal Artillery UK	25 th January 1940 40yrs old	Section A Row 9 Grave 92
Gordon Ernest Westall Corporal 6296165	7 th Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) UK	21 st October 1940	Section B Row 2 Grave 131
Herbert Frederick East Aircraftman 2 nd Class 1047084	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve UK	26 th September 1941	Section B Row 7 Grave 176
Alfred Henry John Belson Lance Serjeant 13006378	7 Bomb Disposal Coy. Royal Engineers UK	24 th March 1942 37yrs old	Section B Row 9 Grave 199
Donald Henry Owen Flight Sergeant 1313798	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve UK	19 th September 1943 21yrs old	Section C Row 1 Grave 265
Ronald Worsfold Sapper 2094278	266 Field Coy. Royal Engineers UK	18 th November 1943 22yrs old	Section C Row 1 Grave 274