



Military Articles

1919-1945

1919 - Red Cross Nurses recognised for service - Miss O. King and Miss M. Webb.

5th June 1936 - Soon to be Squadron Leader Harold Starr (1914-1940) crashed a two seater fighter at Stratton St. Margaret. As a Hurricane Fighter Pilot, he died 30th August 1940.

15th August 1940 - Saw a string of 9 bombs land in fields near Catsbrain farm, probably the target was the Vickers Aircraft factory.

7th December 1941 - Sergeant Pilot Norman William Barbeau had left Aston Down in Gloucestershire on a Spitfire training flight. Flying over Stratton St. Margaret, the 20-year old Canadian pilot lost control and nose-dived. He died instantly. He crashed in Ermin Street and a plaque was erected by the parish in 2005 to his memory.

During WWII - Boys at the Limes Home, Stratton St. Margaret were busy sewing and knitting for the troops. Under the supervision of the matron, Mrs. Small, the boys had made bed socks and scarves for the troops at the front as well as hospital garments such as operation stockings.

During WWII there was a small German Working Company camp at SU 1703 8720 where Europa Park is now.