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Fallen heroes honoured

By **Michael Pickard**

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Two soldiers from Bricket Wood, who both died in armed conflict, have been honoured at a memorial service today.

Around 250 people gathered at the Park Street War Memorial, where a plaque with the names of Lieutenant James Barry and Captain James Phillipson was unveiled alongside those who died in World War One and Two.

Lieutenant Barry died aged 24 during the Falklands War in 1982, while Captain Phillipson was killed aged 29 fighting the Taliban in Afghanistan in 2006.

Audrey Barry, Lieutenant Barry's mother, said: "I think it was so kind of St Stephen's Parish Council to make this happen. It's a completion. It's like dotting the Is and crossing the Ts.

"It was so kind of so many people to come. We had very happy times."

Captain Phillipson's father Tony, who lives in St Albans, said: "It's somewhere we can come on Armistice Day, November 11, and actually find his name on there."

His mother Trish added: "I think it's a very fitting way for future generations to realise there have been such huge sacrifices. It might inspire other people to great things, rather than waste lives."

The service was the idea of Parish Councillor Mick Freeman, who said it was important to remember servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for their country, during both World Wars and conflicts since then.

He said: "I don't see any difference between the names of people who died in the two World Wars and people who lose their life nowadays. They're paying the ultimate sacrifice."

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James' mother and her brother



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