

THE GREAT WAR – A TIME LINE

National Events.

Local Events.

1913

15 April Royal Naval Air Station established on the South Denes.
Headquarters set up at 25 Regent Street.

Several visits by Submarines from Harwich.

1914

Volunteer Training Corps and ladies War Workers Assn. established.

28 June Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassinated.

4 August Britain declares war on Germany.

August A submarine base established at Bryant's Quay.
HMS *Alecto* the depot ship moored at the quay.

August The Naval Base, HMS *Kingfisher*, is established on the Gorleston side
of the river near Baker Street.
The administrative office is at the Cliff Hotel.

August The Coastguard Station, on Marine Parade, is taken over as
accommodation for men at the Air Station.

3 November First coastal bombardment by German war ships.
No damage or casualties.

November The Crossley Auxiliary Red Cross hospital established in a building on
the South Denes.

1915

AA gun placed on Gorleston Cliffs another at Caister.

19 January First Zeppelin air raid on this country. Yarmouth bombed. Damage to
property in St Peter's Plain and on Fishwharf, two people killed.

6 February The Mayor issues instructions to every household, what to do in case
of invasion.

20 March Seafield Red Cross Auxiliary hospital opened in Kings Road.

May Auxiliary Patrol Base is established at Bollard Quay. The aircraft kept
in a hanger on Boundary Road.

- 4 July American troops (600) visit town to play Baseball on Wellesley. Given a reception by Mayor.
- 5 August Zeppelin L70 shot down by Major Cadbury. This is the last air raid of the war.
- 11 Nov Germany surrenders. The mayor announces the Armistice at 12.30 from the town hall balcony. A parade through the town follows.

1919

- 17 January Melton Lodge Red Cross Auxiliary hospital closed.
- 19 April Clock fixed to Parish Church tower to celebrate victory.
- 20 June Admiral Beatty is given the Freedom of the Borough.
- 18-19 July Peace Celebrations. Dinners, fireworks and processions in the town.
- 31 July German submarine *Deutschland* on view at Hall Quay.
- 9 September Auxiliary Patrol Base at Bollard Quay closed.
- 3 December A tank is placed on Hall Quay. Given to the town by the Government Trophies of War committee. (Removed 1929)

1921

- 4 December Memorial window unveiled in parish church.

1922

- 7 January War memorial in St Georges Park unveiled by Prince Henry.