



Plans for Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018 - To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1

20th September 2018

BATTLE'S OVER – A NATION'S TRIBUTE

OUTLINE PLANS FOR EVENTS IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Background

This report provides an update on behalf of the Buckinghamshire Armed Forces Community Covenant partnership. As Members will know a lot of preparatory work has gone into planning to celebrate the end of WW1 in Buckinghamshire, led by our Lord Lieutenant, Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher. He has held regular meetings with many organisations from across the County since 2014 and we are now in the final stages of preparation for 11th November this year when the County will be celebrating the Act of Remembrance up to and including 1100 and then lead into a period of celebration to emulate the fatigue felt by our nation but also the relief felt when nationwide celebrations were held.

Funding for the day has been provided by BCC (£2,000), AVDC (£1,000), WDC (£1,000), CDC (£1,000), SBDC (£1,000) and RBL (£500).

Partners are providing a range of additional support in terms of facilities and time on the day, as outlined below (for BCC, Joe Bradshaw will be providing officer support on the day).

We have also supported the RBL Silent Soldier campaign with 2 silent soldiers bought by BCC. Many more have been bought and displayed throughout the County.

Current Situation

We now have an outline timetable for the day which is as follows:

Timings	Event	Location	Organiser
6.am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleep In Peace Now – The Battles Over – a lone piper plays Battle’s Oer The Piper is being provided by RAF Halton 	War Memorial, Market Square, Aylesbury	RBL/BCC
6.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast of bacon roll and tea/coffee 	RBL Pop-in High Street, Aylesbury	RBL/BCC
11am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day Service and Parade 	Individual War Memorials and Market Square, Aylesbury	AVDC are organising the Aylesbury event
12.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ringling Remembers ⁽¹⁾ 	St Mary’s Church	St Mary’s Church
1 pm to 4 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank You to the World War One Generation Event⁽³⁾ Free entry but online tickets will be available 	The Oculus	AVDC/BCC
5.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day Church Service Led by Bishop Alan Wilson Open to everyone 	St Mary’s Church	Aylesbury TC
6.40pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave Church Service to assemble in Market Square 		
6.55 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battle’s Over – The Last Post – a bugler plays Bugler provided by RBL Lord Lieutenant leads the ceremony 	Market Square	RBL/BCC
7.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beacon of Light using a searchlight switched on 	Market Square	BCC
7.05 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ringling Out for Peace⁽²⁾ 	St Mary’s Church	St Mary’s Church

There appears to be some “confusion” about the national Bell ringing on 11th November!

⁽¹⁾DCLG has supported ringing at 1230

⁽²⁾The National Association of Civic Officers which is the Association of Lord-Lieutenants has supported ringing at 1905.

We have asked Rector of St Mary’s to seek guidance from Bishop Alan on which or both timings the Churches will support!

⁽³⁾ 5 performances booked from Rockabella's to Aylesbury Grammar School Band and many stalls already agreed to be there.

Way Forward

We are developing a media plan to ensure all media outlets are made aware of the above events. We are working in close liaison with RBL and all District Councils, and through Churches Together to ensure maximum media coverage.

I will keep Members informed on any more details as they emerge but do ask that each Member passes these details to their Town and or Parish Councils asking them to disseminate this to their local communities.

Great tribute must be made to our Lord Lieutenant as well as Joe Bradshaw for helping to spearhead this programme.

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