

Remembrance Sunday 2018

- 11th November -

First World War Centenary 2014 - 2018

Grenville to lead WWI Commemorative Choir



Grenville Jones receiving the National Lottery award from celebrity soprano, Katherine Jenkins, in September.

Keynsham will honour the 89 men who served in the First World War in a weekend of poignant commemorations, starting on Friday morning, 9th November.

At 10.30 a.m. children from local schools and representatives of community organisations, including the Royal British Legion and the Town Council, will gather at the War Memorial at Keynsham Memorial Park. They will then walk to the Parish Church of St John's for a one-hour memorial service starting at 11 a.m.

During the service, there will be WWI poems and readings, as well as performances of WWI songs by the children of Chandag Junior School and the Keynsham Good Afternoon Choir, led by Grenville Jones.

This is an open event which is being publicised widely across the town, and a packed church is anticipated that morning. There will be over 120 children from Chandag Junior School and St John's Primary School, as well as sixty members of the choir and families representing those who gave their lives 100 years ago.

In recent weeks thousands of poppies have been knitted in a project led by Keynsham in Bloom. From that morning onwards, the poppies will be draped from the tower of St John's Church.

Two special WWI medleys will be sung during the service. These are part of the Golden-Oldies Charity schools intergenerational programme, which recently won the national accolade of Education Category winner in the 2018 National Lottery Awards. As well as being leader of the afternoon choir, Grenville is the founder of the Golden-Oldies Charity, which has two popular Sing & Smile sessions in the town and over 160 across England and Wales.

At the conclusion of the service, 89 members of the audience (including schoolchildren) will bring forward wooden crosses as a mark of respect for those local men who served their town and country.

Please note: if weather is inclement, everyone will go straight to the church for 11 a.m.

Remembrance in Paulton

Will those taking part in the Parade on Sunday, 11th November please assemble at the central car park at 2 p.m.

At 2.45 p.m. we then proceed to the War Memorial to honour those from our village who died in two World Wars.

This will be followed by a service at Holy Trinity Church led by the Methodist minister, Martin Slocombe.

Cadets create three thousand Poppies



Photo: Will Nicol

The members of 2282 Somer Squadron Royal Air Force Air Cadets have put together an amazing cascade of over three thousand handmade knitted poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day.

It is a special year, as it is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the RAF and of the signing of the Armistice of World War One. Cadets, staff, the local community and some friends as far away as South Africa helped make the poppies, and cadets and staff attached each one.

The Air Cadets will be visible around Midsomer Norton High street selling poppies for the Royal British Legion at the weekends, and of course, parading on Remembrance Sunday, after having a hearty breakfast kindly donated by Sainsbury's of Midsomer Norton.

The cadets, aged from twelve to twenty-years-old, meet Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. at the Squadron in South Road, Midsomer Norton. Visit their Facebook page at 2282 (Somer) Sqn Air Training Corps or email: oc.2282@aircadets.org

Chilcompton's event full of community spirit will be a tribute to the fallen

On Sunday, 11th November at 12.30 p.m. the bells of St John's Church, Chilcompton, will be ringing in time with the rest of the country to remember the 1,400 ringers lost during the First World War. This will be followed by a half-muffled peel from 2 p.m. until 5.15 p.m.

There is a service being held at the Cenotaph, Bowden Hill at 3 p.m. to commemorate the brave men from Chilcompton and Downside who lost their lives, together with countless others across the country.

The entire village is invited to attend. Parking nearby is limited for disabled parking and therefore

you are encouraged to park at the Village Hall and walk from there.

After the ceremony, tea and cakes will be served at the Village Hall, which is displaying a small exhibition on local involvement in the Great War. Accompanying the refreshments will be a local choir, followed by a short sing-song of First World War tunes.

Come along to learn more about those brave people as we indulge in the community spirit they fought so hard to protect.

In preparation for the day, Christine Foster will be organising a village litter pick to beautify our village; all those who wish to get involved may contact her on: 01761 232158.

Churchwarden to pay respects

This year, a wreath representing the Royal Navy will be laid at the Radstock Cenotaph by a St Nicholas Churchwarden, Esther Parker, whose late father, Geoff Rye, served in the Navy.

A local Councillor approached Esther to perform this task, which she considers to be a great

privilege.

She is looking forward to joining the other

people laying their wreaths to honour those who lost their lives during the World Wars and other conflicts.