

Attleborough Remembrance Service

The Royal British Legion (Attleborough Branch) can confirm that there will be a short Service of Remembrance which will take place on Queens Square on Sunday 8th November.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, and adhering to national and local government and Royal British Legion advice and guidance, there will not be a parade in the Town.

As a Branch we have worked closely with Breckland and the Police to ensure that a fitting ceremony take place to remember all those service personnel and their families who have served the nation in various campaigns and duties over the years.

To do so, the service this year will be shorter and will involve invited personnel and organisations only to ensure compliance with Covid-19 guidance by undertaking the Service outdoors, restricting numbers representing organisations and ensuring those attending are socially distanced.

Members of the public are permitted to attend if they wish, however there will be a cordoned off area on Queen Square which members of the public will be instructed not to enter. Members of the public will be requested to ensure social distancing at all times.

Organisations that normally attend Remembrance Sunday are invited to attend, however it is recommended that ideally only three representatives of each organisation participate in the Service, including Standard and Wreath layer. Any additional representatives are welcomed though they will be requested to stand in the public area.

Representatives of the British Legion will be on hand before the Service to advise representatives and members of the public where to stand, and remind them of their responsibility to adhere to social distancing.

The programme for the service is:

10:40 Arrive Queens Square: Branch Parade Martial to allocate designated areas for main participants, control the cordon, semi-circle of standard bearers and wreath holders.

10:45 Service begins - Ed Tyrer Branch Deputy Chair Introduction and explanation of the service and safety.

10:48 Prayers - Rev Matthew Jackson Prayers/scripture reading

10:54 "Parade Shun" - participants brace up and put heels together

10:55 Standard Bearers carry standards. Mick Edwards Branch standard bearer to take the lead.

10:56 "Ode to Remembrance" - Rod Eldridge Branch President.

10.58 Last Post - Elizabeth Abbott Bugler, Standards lowered.

11:00 2 min silence – All

11:02 Reveille - Elizabeth Abbott Bugler, Standards raised

11.03 "The Kohima" - Attleborough Army Cadets

11:03 "Parade Stand at Ease"

11:04 Reading - Attleborough Academy

11: 04 Wreaths are laid on the Pebble Poppy - beginning with Attleborough **Town Mayor Philip Leslie**

11:08 Close of the service - Ed Tyrer Branch Deputy Chair

To confirm, there will be no Service of Remembrance in St. Marys Church following the Service on Queens Square. However, there will be a link to St Mary's YouTube channel where people will find the live feed of the Queens Square Service which can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT9-hfpluCuxwW5haAixYzQ>

A pre-recorded Remembrance Sunday Church Service has also be uploaded which is available now via the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHQ01sIOKSY>

Though we recognise some members of the public may wish to attend in person we would also like to encourage as many people as possible to stay at home and participate in the Service of Remembrance by participating in the national doorstep two-minute silence.

Though we are disappointed we are unable to remember those who have served in our normal manner with the community of Attleborough, we hope we can create a fitting tribute within the restrictions we now find ourselves.

If anyone has any queries about the planned Remembrance Sunday programme, or attendance, please contact Ed Tyrer (Vice-Chair, Attleborough RBL) via ettyrer@hotmail.co.uk.