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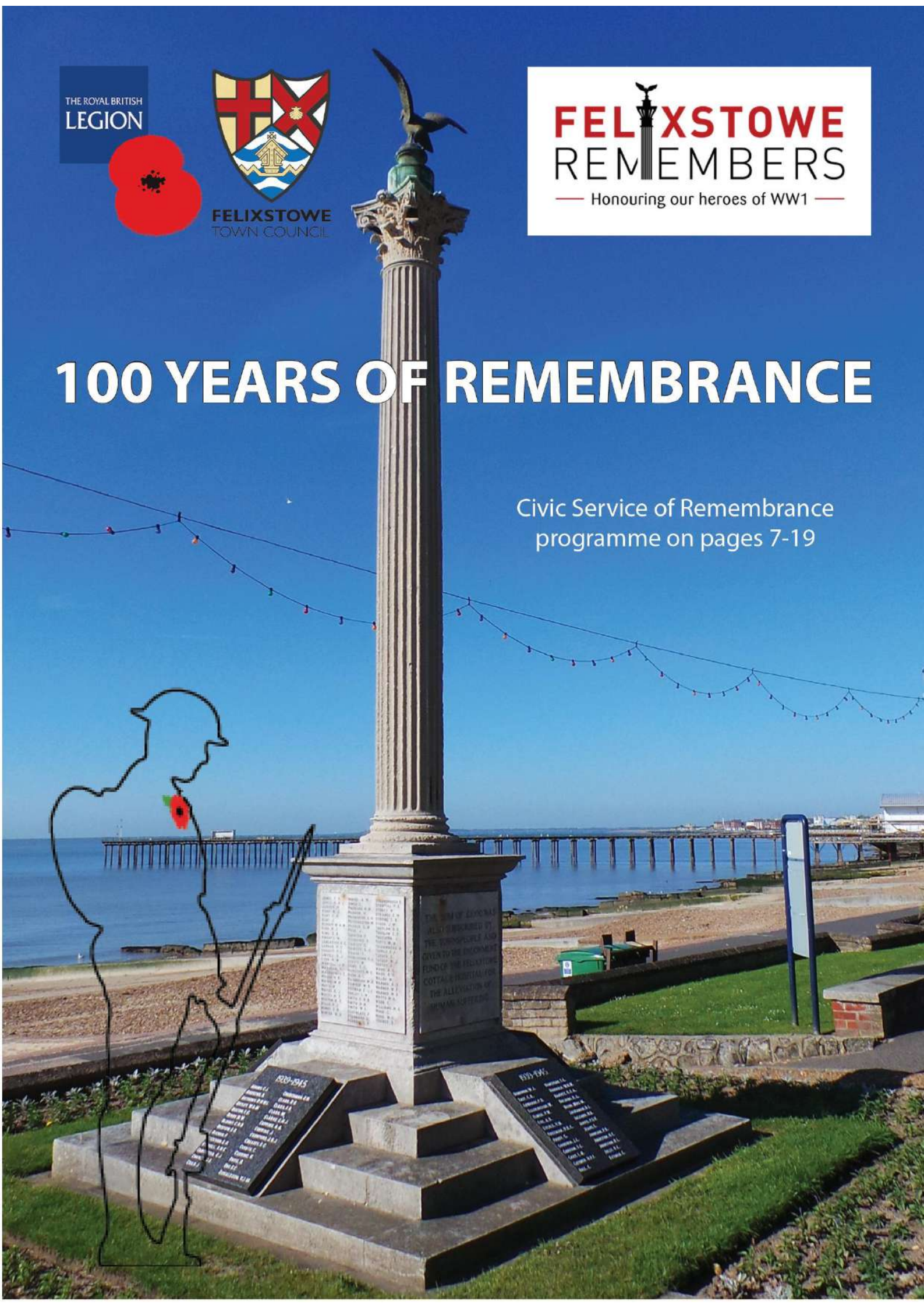
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FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS

— Honouring our heroes of WW1 —



Felixstowe has a proud tradition of supporting our armed forces. It has been a privilege for the Town Council to help coordinate some of the events in this booklet, along with the Felixstowe branch of The Royal British Legion, local churches, schools, museum, library and all our volunteers. As we unite as a community over the next few weeks, it is our sincerest hope that each of you take the time to reflect, in whichever way you feel is appropriate, on the lives lost from Felixstowe and around the world as a result of war and in particular those that never returned home when the First World War ended 100 years ago. Our thanks to everybody who helped bring this fitting programme of tributes together.

Cllr Graham Newman,
Mayor of Felixstowe 2018-19

Felixstowe Poppy Appeal launch

On the 27th October the poppy appeal launches in Felixstowe at 10.45am with a parade along Hamilton Road to the Triangle. Wear your poppy with pride throughout Remembrance this year and show your support.

The Felixstowe Branch of The Royal British Legion needs volunteers to help sell poppies in local stores. If you can spare around one hour between 29th October - 10th November please contact Mrs Dawn Kemp, Poppy Appeal Organiser on Tel 01394 272570 or via email dawn.kemp@btinternet.com



This year marks the Centenary of WW1 and to commemorate this there will be a number of events in the town. Details of all the events listed below are contained within this booklet.



Launch of the 2018 Poppy Appeal at the Triangle with a Parade

Saturday 27th October (10.45am for 11am start)

Exhibition: WWI Felixstowe 1918

Friday 2nd – Sunday 18th November at Felixstowe Library

Poppy Trail and Exhibition

Monday 5th – Saturday 17th November at St. Peter and St. Paul Church , Church Rd.



Schoolchildren lay poppies at local cemeteries and churchyards

Thursday 8th November

Schools' service at Felixstowe War Memorial

Friday 9th November (10.45-11.15am)

Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at St. John's Church

Saturday 10th November, 7.30pm

Civic Remembrance Service at St. John's Church

Sunday 11th November, 9.45am

Civic Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

Sunday 11th November, 10.45am

Remembrance service at the War Graves, Felixstowe Cemetery

Sunday 11th November, 12 noon to start at 12.15pm

Felixstowe Remembers and the Battles Over Beacon Lighting

Sunday 11th November, 6.15 – 7.05pm.

Town Hall Gardens and War Memorial, Undercliff Road West.



POPPY TRAIL AND EXHIBITION

To commemorate the Centenary of the ending of World War One

Monday 5th November 2pm -Saturday 17th November 4pm



St Peter and St Paul Church
Old Felixstowe
IP11 9NF

Open Daily
10-4pm

Stories of OGP family
relatives remembered.

Guided Poppy Trail Tours
available 2pm
Meet at the Lych gate
5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 16th

Memorial Quilt

Commemorative talk 7pm
Monday 12th Nov. in con-
junction with Felixstowe
Society

Stories of those World War
One names remembered in
graveyard and on War
Memorial.

FREE but donations welcome for Poppy Appeal and Old Felixstowe Parish

OLD FELIXSTOWE PARISH REMEMBERS



Contact office@oldfelixstoweparish.org.uk or
ring 01394 670940

**Friday 2nd – Sunday 18th
November**

WWI Felixstowe Exhibition

Felixstowe Library is hosting an exhibition. All exhibits, which have been kindly provided by Felixstowe Museum, are linked to the First World War showing the impact on Felixstowe and the lives of its inhabitants. Admission is free and open to the public during usual Library hours. The Mayor will open the event at 10am on Friday 2nd November.

www.felixstowemuseum.org

[www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/
libraries/felixstowe-library](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/libraries/felixstowe-library)





11am on Thursday 8th November

Children from our local schools will join the Royal British Legion, clergy, councillors and other local representatives to lay poppies at the war graves in our churchyards and cemeteries.

11am on Friday 9th November

School children will lay poppies at the Felixstowe War Memorial in tribute to all the fallen from Felixstowe.



Cascade of Poppies

Thousands of poppies, knitted by local people, will cascade from the tower at St. John's Church, Orwell Road (and towers at St. Mary's and St. Martin's) throughout the Remembrance period in a striking tribute to the local lives lost to WWI.

Felixstowe
Royal British Legion
Branch

LIVE ON 

Presents
A Festival of Remembrance

Raising funds for Poppy Appeal

Saturday 10th November 2018

Time 19:30

Featuring
The Essential Sounds Big Band

at

St John's Church
Orwell Road
Felixstowe.
IP11 7PW

Tickets £10.00 each

available from

Dawn Kemp 01394 272570
Crafty Coffee 1B Hamilton Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7AX
Stillwater Books 38 Hamilton Rd, Felixstowe IP11 7AN

Registered Charity Number : - 219279

Felixstowe Remembers

Civic Service of Remembrance

**Sunday
11 November 2018**

**9.45am
St John's Church,
Orwell Road**

also

**10.45am
The War Memorial,
Felixstowe
Sea Front**

and at

**12 Noon
Felixstowe Cemetery
at the war graves of
combatants
of both sides during
the Two World Wars**



Gathering of Civic Officials

Welcome

The Reverend Andrew Dotchin

Hymn

During the singing of this hymns the standards are brought forward

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

The Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:

For service men and women who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;

For civilian women, children and men whose lives
are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search
for reconciliation and peace;

All our prayers we bring together in the words which Jesus taught:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We Will Remember Them

Please be seated for the readings and stand for the hymn. The poems are taken from 'Rough Rhymes of a Padre' written by Revd G.A. Studdert-Kennedy MC (Woodbine Willie).

War - Read by a Guide

There's a soul in the Eternal,
Standing stiff before the King.
There's a little English maiden
Sorrowing.
There's a proud and tireless
woman,
Seeing pictures in the fire.
There's a broken battered body
On the wire.

A Scrap of Paper - Read by a Scout

Just a little scrap of paper
In a yellow envelope,
And the whole world is a ruin,
Even Hope.

Bible Reading - *Dr Therese Coffey MP*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

Revelation 21 v.1-4

Hymn

And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England`s mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England`s pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem build`ed here
among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England`s green and pleasant land.

A Mother Understands - *Read by a Guider*

Dear Lord, I hold my hands to take	His was my body, born of me
Thy Body, broken once for me,	Born of my bitter travail pain,
Accept the sacrifice I make,	And it lies broken on the field,
My Body, broken, Christ, for Thee	Swept by the wind and the rain.

Surely a Mother understands
Thy thorn-crownèd head,
The mystery of they piercèd hands
- the Broken Bread.

Nimrod -*The Black Dyke Mills Band*

Shh! Listen. Do you hear anything?
Apart from the sound of the birds singing I mean.
Do you hear anything at all? Why's it all quiet?
It isn't it? Quiet, peaceful. Even the ground's at rest.
Not even the music of a single shell.
I'm not sure I could stand it this quiet?
It's unnatural, unsettling. Like I've gone deaf.
You see the sounds of this war have become a part o' me; body and soul.
We used to joke about the lucky ones who got a Blighty Wound and were
sent home alive. But in our hearts we knew that wasn't for us.
But a warmer, darker way lay ahead for us sometime soon.
I should be thankful, but I'm not.
Tired, yeah, numb, yeah. Thankful? No it just doesn't seem right.
There are too many ghosts.
Too many lifeless, bleeding, pale faced bodies that used to be my mates.
Why am I here and not them? What right have I to be here at the end?
To have come through what they didn't and I knew I wouldn't.
Why did it have to be Albert?
And only last week just a few days before the end.
I always knew it would be me, the elder brother, not him the baby who
wouldn't come home.
Cheering? Celebrating? For what?
You see when everything's said and done, it seems to me there's nothing
real to this at all.
Except when I get to thinking of them.
And I wish they were here right now.
I'm lonely, you see. Before God I'm lonely and it's so quiet.

Paradise - Read by Dan Holmes (SCC)

When machine guns start to play
At the ending of the day,
And the sun's last burning ray
 Bleeds and dies.

When the sable warp of night
Is first cleft by silver light,
With its sudden curving flight
 Of surprise.

It is then that England calls
From its cottages and halls,
And we think of four dear walls
 And her eyes.

When the children's prayer is said,
And they lie tucked up in bed,
And the fire is burning red,
 Paradise.



Hymn

During the singing of this hymn the standards are returned and an offering will be taken in aid of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

English Land in France

*The Standards gather in front of the Rood Screen.
Councillor Graham Newman. Mayor of Felixstowe*

In among her golden cornfields,
Where the blood-red poppies dance.
In a thousand sunny valleys,
There is English land in France.

What our fathers failed to conquer
By the weakness of the sword,
That we have and hold for ever
By the power of the Lord.

All that endless ancient warfare
Was but bitter barren loss.
But the heart of France was conquered,
When we marked it with the Cross.

As the Holy Virgin Mother
Held the Christ child to her breast:
So France holds these sunlit gardens
Where the sons of England rest.

Looking down, with eyes of wonder,
On that tiny pledge of Peace,
Dreaming dreams of dawning splendour,
When the curse of War shall cease.

Stand

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen

The National Anthem

Thy choicest gifts in store,
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign:
may she defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!

The Blessing

May God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest; to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth, and all people, peace and concord;
and to us and all his servants, life everlasting.
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
come down upon you and remain with you always.
Amen

*After this service please proceed to the War Memorial on the Sea Front
for the Act of Remembrance
the Order of Service for which follows*

At the Town War Memorial Felixstowe, Sea Front

Bidding Prayer

Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
With hearts, and hands, and voices;
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is our today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven:
The one, eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

The Act of Remembrance

*led by Revd. Andrew Dotchin
Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Felixstowe*

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humankind

Last Post

An Air Cadet blows a whistle used in the trenches during World War I

The Silence

The whistle is blown to end The Silence

Ode of Remembrance

*Flight Lieutenant Kim Balshaw, Officer Commanding 356 (Felixstowe) Squadron
Air Cadets reads*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

We will remember them.

The Kohima Epitaph

Mr Bob Cockburn reads
When you go home, tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.

Reveille

Wreath Laying

Prayers

Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure:
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Those present are invited to lay personal tributes at the War Memorial
Wreaths will be laid by and on behalf of:

Mrs Kayembe & Mr Sheepshanks - Deputy Lieutenants of Suffolk
Mayor & Mayoress of Felixstowe – Felixstowe Town Council
Ms Thérèse Coffey – MP for Suffolk Coastal
War Widows Association
Royal British Legion
Royal British Legion – Riders Branch
Royal Navy Association
Submariners Old Comrades Association
RAF Regiment Association
RAF Association
Royal Green Jacket Association
Suffolk and Royal Anglian Regiment Old Comrades Association
Royal Artillery Association
HM Coastguard
Merchant Navy Association
TS Landguard Sea Cadets
356 (Felixstowe) Squadron Air Cadets
Felixstowe Detachment Royal Artillery, Suffolk Army Cadet Force
Felixstowe St John Ambulance
Colneis Division Girlguiding
Orwell District Scouts
Fairfield & Colneis School
Suffolk County Council
Suffolk Constabulary
Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service
Seafarers UK
Felixstowe & Haven Ports Seafarers Centre
Felixstowe Master Mariners
Maidstone Road Baptist Church
Parish of Felixstowe, St John with St Edmund
Parish of Old Felixstowe
St Felix Catholic Church
Salvation Army
Temple of Light Christian Spiritualist Church
Felixstowe Freemasons
Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes
Felixstowe Inner Wheel
Old Felixstowe Community Association
Felixstowe Remembers

The singing of the hymns at the War Memorial will be accompanied
by a contingent of
The Band of the Felixstowe Salvation Army Corp.

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Armed Forces Weekend Legacy Grant

Following the success of the Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend in June 2017, using the surplus fund totalling £10,796, a grant fund has been set up to provide a lasting legacy. This fund was made possible by contributions from Suffolk Coastal District Council and others who supported the 2017 Suffolk Armed Forces Weekend event.

To find out more and to apply for a grant please contact debbie.frost@felixstowe.gov.uk or visit www.felixstowe.gov.uk/grants

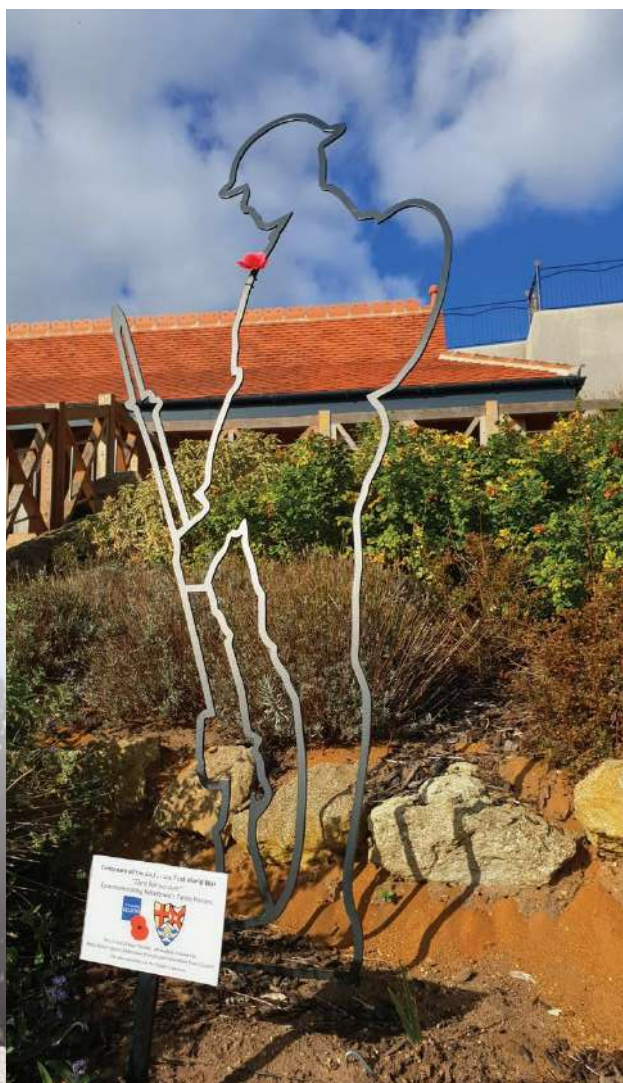
The minimum grant amount is £100. Funding requests above £500 will be considered depending on the nature of the project. All applications for projects relating to WWI Centenary Commemorations and/or projects that benefit armed forces personnel, veterans or cadets in Felixstowe and / or the wider Suffolk Coastal District area will be most welcome.



Tommy Silhouettes

The Felixstowe branch of The Royal British Legion, in conjunction with Felixstowe Town Council, has installed two 'Tommy' silhouettes to begin the town's centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 First World War.

The figures, which are part of a series called 'There But Not There', represent the 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel who lost their lives as a result of the conflict. The installation has been supported by the Armed Forces Weekend Legacy Grant Fund. One silhouette is in the Town Hall Gardens, opposite the War Memorial, with the other having been placed at the Triangle in Felixstowe town centre prior to being moved to watch over the War Graves at Felixstowe Cemetery from November.





LIVE ON

Great Pilgrimage 90

On 5th August 2018, Michael Hadwen and Matt Mitchette travelled to Europe for The Royal British Legion's Great Pilgrimage 90 representing the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion, as Standard Bearer and wreath layer respectively. They joined thousands on a pilgrimage of Remembrance to a World War One battlefield that culminated in a parade and ceremony in Ypres as part of the end of the First World War centenary commemorations. The Royal British Legion event, known as Great Pilgrimage 90 (GP90), was one of the largest in the charity's history.



GP90 marked 90 years since the original Royal British Legion Pilgrimage in 1928, which saw 11,000 World War One veterans and war widows visit the battlefields of the Somme in France and Ypres in Belgium a decade after the conflict ended. That Pilgrimage culminated in a march through Ypres to the Commonwealth War Grave Commission's Menin Gate Memorial for a ceremony to commemorate the launch of The Hundred Days Offensive and in remembrance of those who never returned.

Michael and Matt toured some of the same battlefields and cemeteries visited by those on the 1928 Pilgrimage, before marching along the original route through Ypres, to the Menin Gate on the 8th August, bearing their branch standard and a wreath.

If you want to find out more about GP90 or your local Royal British Legion branch, then please contact Steve Kemp on 01394 272570.



FELIXSTOWE REMEMBERS

— Honouring our heroes of WW1 —

6.15pm Sunday 11th November 2018
Town Hall Gardens and War Memorial Undercliff Road West, Felixstowe

Felixstowe Remembers...

The idea behind Felixstowe Remembers came from a similar event held in Lewes, Sussex, last year. They had over 235 torch bearers and it was a great success. I saw coverage of the ceremony, which was very moving and a great tribute to the fallen of World War One, and I thought how incredible it would be to do such a thing in Felixstowe this year.

The idea is simple in concept: 163 local people form up by the war memorial carrying burning torches. The names, ages and dates of death of the 163 brave men from Felixstowe that died during the First World War are read out and, as each name is read a torch bearer walks forward and extinguishes their torch. This continues until no lit torches remain.

I approached the Town Council with my proposal early in 2018 and, after a few feasibility conversations, I got the go ahead and the full support of the Mayor, the Town Council and the Felixstowe Branch of the Royal British Legion. Since then, we have had several planning meetings and I started looking for volunteer torch bearers. The search for volunteers started primarily on social media and later expanded to flyers and the local press. The uptake was excellent and I achieved the required number of volunteers about 6 weeks prior to Armistice Day. I would like to thank every single person that volunteered as they are the focal point of the whole event.

I hope you find Felixstowe Remembers a poignant and fitting way of remembering the fallen of Felixstowe and that you will take the opportunity to think about the impact this war had on the town and the families living here.

I would like to publicly thank all the staff at the Town Hall, the Mayor and all my safety marshals for supporting Felixstowe Remembers because without this support the event wouldn't be happening.

Darren Aitchison
Felixstowe Remembers Volunteer Coordinator



**Sunday 11th November, 6.15pm
Town Hall Gardens, opposite
Felixstowe War Memorial
Undercliff Road West**



**BATTLE'S
OVER**
A NATION'S TRIBUTE
11TH NOVEMBER 2018
100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

**FELIXSTOWE
REMEMBERS**
— Honouring our heroes of WW1 —

**6.15pm:
Salvation Army Band**

**6.25pm:
Mayor's Address**
Cllr Graham Newman, Mayor of Felixstowe
2018/19

Felixstowe Remembers
Darren Aitchison (Volunteer Coordinator)

How is it possible?
A poem written and read by Rachel King
Year 11 Felixstowe Academy

Felixstowe Remembers
Torches are carried to a roll-call of the 163 lost
to Felixstowe, read by;

Cadet First Class Matt Barker
Felixstowe Sea Cadets

Katie Combe
Year 11 Felixstowe Academy

Cadet Flight Sergeant Ryan Roberts
356 (Felixstowe) Squadron ATC

Ella Jones
Year 11 Felixstowe Academy

In Flanders Fields

Poem by John McCrae, read by Harry Lewis
Felixstowe Army Cadets

The Last Post

Silence will be kept

Battle's Over: WWI Beacons of Light

In remembrance of the end of the war and the millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, Felixstowe will join towns across the country and a Beacon of Light will be lit at 7pm.

Reveille

Tribute to the Millions

Read by Rev. Andrew Dotchin

**7.05pm:
Ringing out for peace**

As beacons blaze around the country, bells in 1,000 churches and cathedrals will ring out in celebration of the end of the First World War, concluding a day of contemplation.



SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018

Civic Remembrance Service

9.45am St. John's Church, Orwell Road

Act of Remembrance

10.45am Felixstowe War Memorial, Undercliff Road West

Remembrance Service at the War Graves

Midday Felixstowe Cemetery, Langley Avenue

Felixstowe Remembers and Battle's Over Beacons of Light

6.15pm Town Hall Gardens and War Memorial, Undercliff Road West

