

Remembrance Day Working Group

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 7 March, 6pm at Castle Park House.

Present: Cllrs Judith Critchley, Donna Critchley and Caroline Ashton – FTC
Ros Caldwell, Jenny Evans and Geoff Abnett – WW1 Commemoration Working Group
Father Michael Mills – St **Laurence's** Church
Ian Lancaster – Frodsham Players
Hazel Catt (Town Clerk)

It was agreed that Cllr J Critchley would chair the meeting.

This year is 100 years since the end of the World War 1 and Remembrance Day falls on the same Sunday. Bruno Peek, the Queen's Pageant Master, has produced a booklet 'Battle's Over' outlining proposals for the national commemorations - <http://www.brunopeek.co.uk/battles-over.php>

Services

There is usually a service at the Monument at 11am on the day and one on the nearest Sunday at St Laurence's Church. This year Father Michael plans to hold the service in church at 9.45am, allowing time for people to travel to the Monument for 10.45am for the 11am reading of the names, organised by WW1 Commemoration Working Group. RBL will call organisations up to lay their wreaths – some will be at the Monument and some at the church – this will need careful co-ordination. TC to establish contact with RBL for the next meeting. People could be invited back to Church for refreshments rather than going into the Hotel bringing both parts back together.

Beacon

It is proposed in 'Battle's Over' that the Beacon should be lit at 7pm.

FTC have a gas beacon which it purchased for the Queen's birthday celebration.

TC will contact Forest Hills to see if we can use their grassy area, where the music concerts are usually held. This is an area which will be easier to secure and make safe. Marshalling will be needed – TC will contact the Scouts to see if they can help.

Last Post

'Battle's Over' suggests 6.55pm for the Last Post. We could appeal for someone who can perform live. TC to approach Helsby High School.

Ringling Out For Peace

The bells will start ringing at 7.05pm.

Frodsham Players

They are planning a programme of readings and dramatisations starting about 4pm. The play, will last about 1 ½ hours, and will be ticketed with all proceeds going to RBL. They are also looking to get contributions from the families of service men and the letters they sent home.

Advertising

The events will be advertised in local newsletters, publications and on Social Media.

Programme

9.45am	Church Service
10.45am	Monument
11.15am	Church for refreshments
4pm	Frodsham Players in Church
6.55pm	Last Post
7pm	Beacon lighting
7.05pm	Bells – Ringing out the peace!

Others who need to be involved:

RBL – TC to follow up.

Churches Together – Father Michael will follow up.

Arts Centre – potential exhibition?

TC will invite the local MP.

Date, time & Venue of the next meeting

Wednesday 23 May, 6pm at Frodsham Library

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