

WE REMEMBER  
**1918**



November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in which over 1 million people were killed or wounded fighting for 'God, King and Country' - the war to end all wars.

A number of commemorative events are being planned throughout the year in the Cotswolds. In Cirencester, the "Capital of The Cotswolds", the celebration culminates in a weekend of celebration and remembrance on the 9th, 10th and 11th November 2018.

### **The Plan**

In the week leading up to and on the weekend of 9/10/11 November 2018 to work together, without conflict or political agenda to create and co-ordinate events in Cirencester that acknowledge and give thanks for all those in the town and surrounding parishes who served and/or gave their lives in World War I.

A schools outreach programme will be co-ordinated from September to educate and bring alive the impact on local life made by the First World War.

All the events are being co-ordinated by Cirencester Community Development Trust, together with the Royal British Legion, the Barn Theatre and the Parish of Cirencester

### **The Team**

Cllr Nigel Robbins (Chair, Mayor), David Fowles (Vice Chair of CCDT), Corinne Lamus (We Remember 1918 Meetings Chair, CCDT), Cllr Sabrina Poole (CCDT) Melanie Scrivens (CCDT), Keith Brown (Parish of Cirencester), Rev. Katie Richardson (Parish of Cirencester), Ian Carling (Barn Theatre), Iwan Lewis (Barn Theatre), Cllr Andy Lichnowski (CCDT), Jan Gronow (CCDT), Eileen Chapman (Women RBL), Ben Smith (Kings Head), Ray Michael (Coln Choir), Allen Howe (Men's RBL), John Tiffney (Cirencester Civic Society). John Lamus (CCDT), Major Dave Hussey (OC 29<sup>th</sup> Regt RLC), Sergeant Major Neil Reed (29<sup>th</sup> Regt RLC), Aileen Anderson (CAHS), Carole Boydell (Corinium Radio)

### **The Programme**

**THE PROGRAMME** starts the weekend before

#### **Friday 2nd November**

◆ 7.30pm in the Parish Church

“THE ELEVENTH HOUR’ by Coln Choir - music and readings focussed on local stories. *(Sponsored/Funded by Coln Choir)*

#### **Friday 9th November.**

◆ ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

7.30pm in the Parish Church, Market Place

‘Albert Hall’ style remembrance concert.  
*(Sponsored/Funded by RBL)*

◆ COMMUNITY AWARDS EVENT by CDC

7.30pm at the Royal Agricultural University  
to celebrate the work of local volunteers.  
*(Sponsored/Funded by CDC)*

**Sunday 11th November**, normal services and refreshments in the church.

◆ 10.00am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY service - wreath placing at the War memorial and March Past.



From 2.00pm until 5.00pm

### **CREATION OF THE HUMAN POPPY**

in the Market Place, Cirencester

*Men women and children will represent the fallen, each issued with red, black or green ponchos. They will converge on the market place to create a human poppy.*

This event will be co-ordinated by Major Dave Hussey (OC 29<sup>th</sup> Regt RLC), Sergeant Major Neil Reed (29<sup>th</sup> Regt RLC) with artistic direction from Iwan Lewis of The Barn Theatre.

Recruitment of "fallen soldiers" has already begun and 105 parishes in the area have been contacted to provide representatives with some response already received.

◆ 5.30pm COMMUNITY SERVICE in the Parish Church and peal of bells at 7.05pm to mark the time of the Armistice signing

◆ 7.30pm THE BARN THEATRE in the Corn Hall  
'A COTSWOLDS WAR', Remembrance Spectacular

#### **Ancillary Projects**

1. **WE REMEMBER 1918 SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS** - an important project to bring awareness into schools and to help recruit members of the Human Poppy. (Adopt a Soldier).  
A schools outreach project will be co-ordinated by Iwan Lewis and managed by John Tiffney to educate and bring alive to school children the hardship, courage and sacrifices endured by the First world war participants, that gave us the freedom and life we experience today. This will give meaning and encouragement for them to join in the events of the weekend
2. **RBL Silhouettes** x 5 to be purchased to stand in the town/church/Corn Hall.at £250 each
3. **Seated Silhouettes** x 10 to be in the Parish Church  
*(These have been funded by The Armistice and Armed Forces Communities Programme).*

#### **The Charities to be Supported**

In addition to funding the costs of the weekend, we would like to support the following charities: -

The Royal British Legion  
The Parish of Cirencester  
The Barn Theatre  
The Duke of Gloucester Play Group at 29 Regiment South Cerney

#### **Funding of the Project**

- ◆ A budget sheet has been set up (attached) which explains the funding needs.
- ◆ The seated silhouettes for the church have already been funded.
- ◆ £4,225 has already been pledged.
- ◆ A DL leaflet has been printed and distributed to encourage commercial sponsorship (attached).
- ◆ A Fund raising Beer Festival is being organised at the King's Head (projected funds included in £4,225).