

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATIONS IN NEWBURY CONTINUE.

Newbury Town Council's WWI Commemorations will continue with a number of events taking place which include:

Battles Over Beacon Event

This event, which is part of a national initiative, takes place from 6.15 pm on Sunday 11 November 2018 in the Market Place, Newbury. The Newbury First World War dead will be acknowledged followed by a brief silence and then the lighting of a beacon to mark the coming out of the darkness of war into the light of peace with community singing of songs from the era to mark a celebratory end to the 1914-1918 commemorations. This is a family based event and those attending are encouraged to bring a torch or battery operated tea lights (no naked flames please).

WWI in Newbury Exhibition 2018

The final exhibition will take place in the Council Chamber, at the Town Hall from Friday 9 November to Sunday 18 November 2018. The exhibition, focusing on Newbury 1918, is open to the public at weekends from 10am to 4pm and during the week from 10am to 2pm. This exhibition has proved extremely popular over the last four years and this year will include information on 1918 Newbury and the War as it affected the town and it's serving personnel. The exhibition also provides opportunities for residents to research family members who served in WW1.

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WWI Talks

Again this year for the final time, there will be a series of talks as follows:-

Thursday 8 November 2018 – Newbury 1918 by Philip Wood

Thursday 15 November 2018 – The Last Battle: End game on the Western Front by Peter Hart

Friday 16 November 2018 – The Spring Offensive 1918 by Philip Wood

Saturday 17 November 2018 – Lest We Forget: The Work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission by Jane Burrell

Booking is essential at the Newbury Town Hall Reception or call 01635 35486.

Councillor Adrian Edwards, Leader of the Council, said “The Newbury World Wars Working Group have worked extremely hard over the last five years to bring together many fitting commemorations and events. This year’s end to the commemorations come as a climax to all the hard work that this group has put in over the years. Everyone is welcome to attend all of these events”

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