



Press Release

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Title: 2021 Remembrance

Embargoed:

When:

Where: Wokingham

What: Remembrance

This year, we are pleased to share that Wokingham Town Council is arranging Remembrance activities as they have been done previously. We recognise how important this time of year is to our residents, but we also recognise that events such as these still need careful managing due to the covid pandemic.

Remembrance Sunday - Parade and Church Service – Sunday 14 November

Wokingham Town Council will be co-ordinating a parade this year to All Saints Church for its annual Remembrance Church Service at 3pm.

Rev David Hodgson will lead its afternoon service at All Saints Church, in partnership with Churches Together in Wokingham, at 3pm. However, the service will be much smaller than previous years as the Church itself, like many others, is restricting its congregation size to a maximum of 100 people to keep everyone as safe as possible. This means the number of people joining the parade is also reduced.

Anyone wishing to join the parade and attend the Church Service this year must register their interest with the Civic Officer in advance, as there is limited capacity in the Church. Attendance to the Church Service is not guaranteed, if you have not registered. (Civic Officer contact details: civic@wokingham-tc.gov.uk or 0118 974 0882)

The parade will leave the Market Place at approximately 2.30pm; Individuals are welcome to watch the parade but are encouraged to be respectful of others in terms of social distancing.

The Church Service will also be broadcast live online via the All Saints Church Wokingham YouTube channel for people to watch at home.

The Act of Remembrance-Thurs 11 Nov (Armistice) & Sun 14 Nov (Remembrance Sunday)

Wokingham Town Council will lead a two-minute silence on both of these days in the Market Place to remember and honour those who sacrificed their lives in line with this national time of Remembrance.

Our Honorary Bugler will sound the Last Post and the Reveille.

Individuals are welcome to observe this two-minute silence but are encouraged to be respectful of others in terms of social distancing.

Visiting the Town Hall Memorial

During this Remembrance period, Wokingham Town Council will open the war memorial, inside the Town Hall for residents, to enable quiet reflection on the following days between 10am and 2pm:

Monday 1 November to Friday 5 November

Monday 8 November to Friday 12 November

If you would like to visit on any of the above days, please go to the Information Centre or press the WTC intercom and a member of staff will be happy to show you.

Please note: it may be possible for you to visit on Saturday 13 November between 10am and 2pm but this will be by appointment only and should be booked in advance by calling 0118 974 0882.

Wooden crosses and poppies are available this year from a temporary Poppy shop which is next to Waterstones in Peach Street. The wooden crosses can be placed inside the memorial or outside in our Market Place where a stand is provided. The Poppy Shop will be open on Mondays to Saturdays from Wednesday 27 October to Saturday 13 November between 10am and 5pm

Quotes:

Cllr David Lee (Chairman of Civic Committee) commented: "I am delighted that Wokingham is able to mark Remembrance with its annual traditions again this year albeit with smaller numbers and I encourage all our residents to be respectful at this important time."

Cllr Tony Lack (Town Mayor) commented: "It is so important that we still pay tribute to all of those who gave their lives in wars and conflicts. I shall be honoured to be attending the Church Service and leading both the two-minute silences this year with the Deputy Mayor."

About WTC

Vision: To encourage the life and vibrancy of Wokingham Town for its existing and future residents and businesses.

Wokingham Town Council comprises twenty-five councillors who represent the four wards of the town: Emmbrook, Evendons, Norreys and Wescott.

The Town Councillors are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects one of their members to be the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council.

The Council delegates much of its business to the following committees:

- **Amenities:** Responsible for the Council's facilities such as parks, allotments, buildings, markets, and playgrounds
- **Arts & Culture:** Encourages, supports and, in conjunction with other organisations, delivers artistic and cultural events to users of the town centre.
- **Civic:** Makes decisions on matters relating to the Mayor's Civic involvement with the Town Council. These include Civic Events such as Civic Awards, Mayoral regalia and the honorary staff members.
- **Finance & Personnel:** Controls the finances and general administration of the Council. This committee also administers the allocation of grants to local charities and community projects.
- **Planning & Transportation:** This committee acts as a consultative body on Planning Applications, Development Proposals and Transport issues.

The Full Council meets at least six times a year. Council meetings are open to the public.

The agendas and minutes can be found on the Town Council's web site at

www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk.

For general information please telephone the Town Council on 0118 978 3185.

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