



PRESS RELEASE
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Remembrance in Folkestone

Folkestone commemorates all of those lost in war by holding three Remembrance Services during November.

The first Service, the Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance took place on Sunday 3rd November in the Garden of Remembrance. Regimental crosses were placed in the Garden of Remembrance, Sandgate Road for the month of November, to enable members of the public to pay their respects. The Service was led by Interfaith Minister, Anita McKenzie, with attendees including civic dignitaries, Cadets and ex-service personnel along with Councillors and members of the public. The service was extremely moving and was made even more so with the Shepway Brass Band accompanying and a Bugler playing the Last Post and Reveille.

The second Service took place on Sunday 10th November with the Remembrance Parade and Service at Folkestone's War Memorial. The Parade was made up of civic dignitaries, serving military representatives, ex-service, civilian, cadet and youth organisations and was led by a Piper and the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas. The Service was taken by Rev. Bob Weldon and included wreath laying with a Bugler playing the Last Post and Reveille. After the Service at the War Memorial, the Parade marched through the Town to the Town Hall where the Mayor, Cllr Abena Akuffo-Kelly, took the salute.

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The final Service, the Machine Gun Corps, was held in the Cemetery on Cheriton Road on 11th November and was organised by the RBL. This Service was led by Father Stephen Brown and Major Richard Oliver and included wreath laying, a Bugler playing the Last Post and Reveille.

All three services were extremely well attended. The Mayor said “I am always grateful for the impressive turnout to our town's Remembrance Parade and this year did not disappoint. Thank you to the veterans, cadets, bands, girl guides, scouts, St. John Ambulance, Police, service personnel including Canadian personnel who came to pay their respects and to honour our fallen heroes. We also send a special thanks to our twin town of Etaples, France who sent delegates especially for the day. Thank you to the people of Folkestone for proving that you have not and will never forget the sacrifices made not only in the past but in the present and unfortunately in the future. We stand in solidarity with those who have made and continue to make the ultimate sacrifice, and we will always remember and honour them.”

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Photos attached: Dedication Service credit to Mark Hourahane

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