Brigstock knitters create poignant poppy display

FEATURE

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group of knitters have helped put together a display in honour of the centenary of the end of World War One.

The poignant display of poppies has gone on show in Brigstock thanks to the efforts of members of the village knitting group.

Steph Beckett said: "The village knitting group started a small poppy display and it just

'We set ourselves a target of 1,000 poppies but in the end we had more than 2,000. Some of our senior citizens knitted through the winter months and were later joined by other villagers.

"The larger poppies bear the names of each of the 39 men named on the war memorial." A book has been produced with a few sentences about each one, and there are also displays in the church with poppy wreaths and a Tommy donated by the WI. These are appearing up and down the country with the project entitled 'There but not

there. There is also a bench in the village also decorated with poppies where people can go to reflect.

People have had the chance to sponsor a poppy and so far more than £700 has been raised for the Royal British

Following the morning services at the church and chapel on Sunday (November 11) villagers will gather for a short service at the war memorial. Tea and coffee will then be served with donations also going to the Royal British Legion.



Part of the display in Brigstock





Where to pay your respects

The nation will fall silent on Remembrance Sunday (November 11) to mark 100 years since the end of the First World War.

Here's where to pay your respects around the north of the county:

BRIGSTOCK: There will be a Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial at 10.50am. There will be a display of knitted poppies made by villagers and tea and cake will be served in the United Reformed Church. Proceeds will go to the British Legion.

BURTON LATIMER: There will be a special commemoration gathering around the town's War Memorial at 11am. In the afternoon, the Remembrance Day parade will leave the car park in Churchill Way at 2pm and head towards Church Street. At 2.30pm there will be a service at St Mary's Parish Church, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

CORBY: At 6am piper Ian Wilson-Hughes will fill James Ashworth VC Square with the sound of bagpipes as he plays 'Battle's O'er' to mark the official anniversary of the end of the war. The annual Remembrance Service will then take place at 11am at the War Memorial in Corby Old Village. At 6.15pm outside the Corby Cube the Corby Silver Band will perform with council leader Cllr Tom Beattie giving a speech at 6.35pm. At 6.40pm the roll of honour will be read out by local cadets and a beacon will be lit at 7pm by Corby's mayor, Clir Mohammed Rahman.

DESBOROUGH: The Remembrance Parade will start at the Gladstone Street Co-Op at 9.20am, proceeding along Station Road and pausing at Saxon Close for those who cannot parade the full route. It will then make its way to St Giles Church for a 10am service. Wreaths will be laid

after the service. FINEDON: At 10.30 am the Remembrance Parade will assemble at Finedon Junior School before the parade and service at the War Memorial at 11am. There will be

a Remembrance Service conducted by the **Rev Richard** Colesat 6pm at St Mary The Virgin Church. **GRETTON:**

At 11am there will wreath-laying ceremony at the **USAAF**memorial at Spanhoe Airfield. At 2.45pm a parade will leave Gretton Recreation Ground led by Gretton Silver Band ahead of a service at St James Church starting at 3pm. Afterwards there's

a wreath-laying ceremony

at the War Memorial on the

village green. **HIGHAM FERRERS: A Remem**brance Service will be held at the War Memorial in Market Square at 10.50am.

KETTERING: A parade will form up at 1.30pm in advance of the annual wreath-

> laying ceremony at Kettering's War Memorial. which will be immediately followed by a service at Kettering Par-

ish Church. After the conclusion of the service, refreshments will be available in the council chamber for all those in attendance. including any members of the

OUNDLE: A two-minute silence will be held at the war

marching contingents will assemble in West Street with the march to the memorial starting at 2.20pm. The ceremony will begin at 2.30pm with a service at St Peter's Church starting at about 2.55pm. **RAUNDS:** A special Royal British Legion service will be held at the parish church at 10.30am. A procession will assemble at the Town Hall at 2.20pm with a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial at St Peter's Church at 3pm. Refreshments will be served at Saxon Hall after the service. **ROTHWELL: The Remem**brance Service will take place at midday at the War Memorial in Squires Hill. Wreath layers should attend the Parish Church door at 11.45am. RUSHDEN: The parade will start to form up at 10.15am at Robinson Road, ready to march off at 10.35am. The Remembrance Service will take place at 10.50am at Rushden's

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School pupils remember war sacrifice

Youngsters at Brigstock Pri-asked to research significant mary School have been helping to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War by creating a poppy field outside the school.

Joint head teachers Sandy Ettridge and Vicky Bull said: "Every child in our school has created a poppy, and they are displayed on the front bank of our school. They have been memories to write on the poppy leaves, and many of these have poignant family links to the world wars. We have 100 poppies in the main part of our display, and we have also created poppies for all the fallen soldiers of Brigstock. The art club of the school has also created soldiers, bunting and extra poppies."



Brigstock Primary School's Remembrance display