

News Release

Chilham Parish Council

We are part of Battle's Over – commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI November 11th 2018

The parishioners of Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden are playing their part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Organised by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Battle's Over takes place on November 11th 2018, with events throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of locations overseas, including New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, Canada, the United States and Germany, to name but a few.

It begins at 6am with **lone pipers** playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside cathedrals in the country, following which a specially written tribute will be read out. At the same time, over 1,000 pipers will be playing the tune in individual locations within their local communities.

At 6.55pm buglers will sound the **Last Post** at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm beacons will be lit in a tribute called **Beacons of Light**, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

Then at 7.05pm over 1,000 church and cathedrals will ring their bells as part of **Ringin' Out for Peace** organised in association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which represents 65 societies of ringers from the British Isles and overseas. Also at 7.05, more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written **Cry for Peace Around the World**, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.

Our parishioners are taking part in the following events:

Activity: A short Service of Remembrance will be conducted by Rev. Paul Ratcliffe beside the Chilham War Memorial in the Churchyard.

Location: St Marys Church, The Square, Chilham, CT4 8BY

Time: 10.45 am

Contact Name: Rev Paul Ratcliff

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Contact Tel No: 01227 738720

Activity: The traditional Remembrance Day Service will be enhanced by a cascading display of knitted and crocheted poppies, the inclusion of transparent soldiers, donated by the Armed Forces Covenant, and during the reading of the names, the involvement of Chilham schoolchildren. The Remembrance Group will mount a display of the biographies of the 40 men who died in WW1, and there will be a special peal of bells rung by the Chilham Bell Ringers, to coincide with many other Parishes.

Location: St Marys Church, The Square, Chilham, CT4 8BY

Time: 11 am



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Activity: The Old Wives Lees Hall Committee invite everyone to a joyful celebration to mark the Centenary of the end of hostilities through singing songs of the period led by the Old Wives Lees Community Choir. Refreshments will be provided.

Location: Old Wives Lees Village Hall, Long Hill, Old Wives Lees, CT4 8BN

Time: 4 pm

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Activity: Process from Old Wives Lees Village Hall to the Mount, Grove Lane, Old Wives Lees. Leave cars at the village hall car park.

Location: Old Wives Lees Village Hall, Long Hill, Old Wives Lees, CT4 8BN

Time: 6:30 pm

Contact Name: Geoff Dear (Parish Clerk)
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Activity: The Beacon will be lit, simultaneously with 1000 other beacons across the country at 7pm. Followed by Celebratory Fireworks, and refreshments.

Location: The Mount, Grove Lane, Old Wives Lees, CT4 8BD

Time: 6:45 pm

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Paul Lulham, chairman of Chilham Parish Council said: "We are proud to be playing a part in this historic international event to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War, and to recognise the contribution and sacrifice made by the men and women from our own community. Volunteers from the parish together with sixth form pupils from Wyvern School in Ashford have given their time to clear the area around the Beacon which was erected in 1995 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of VE day and had become overgrown in recent years. The parish council wishes to express its thanks to all of those who have contributed to these events."

More information on Battle's Over can be found at www.brunopeek.co.uk/battles-over.

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For further information or interviews on the events in the parish of Chilham please contact:

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