

BATTLE'S OVER

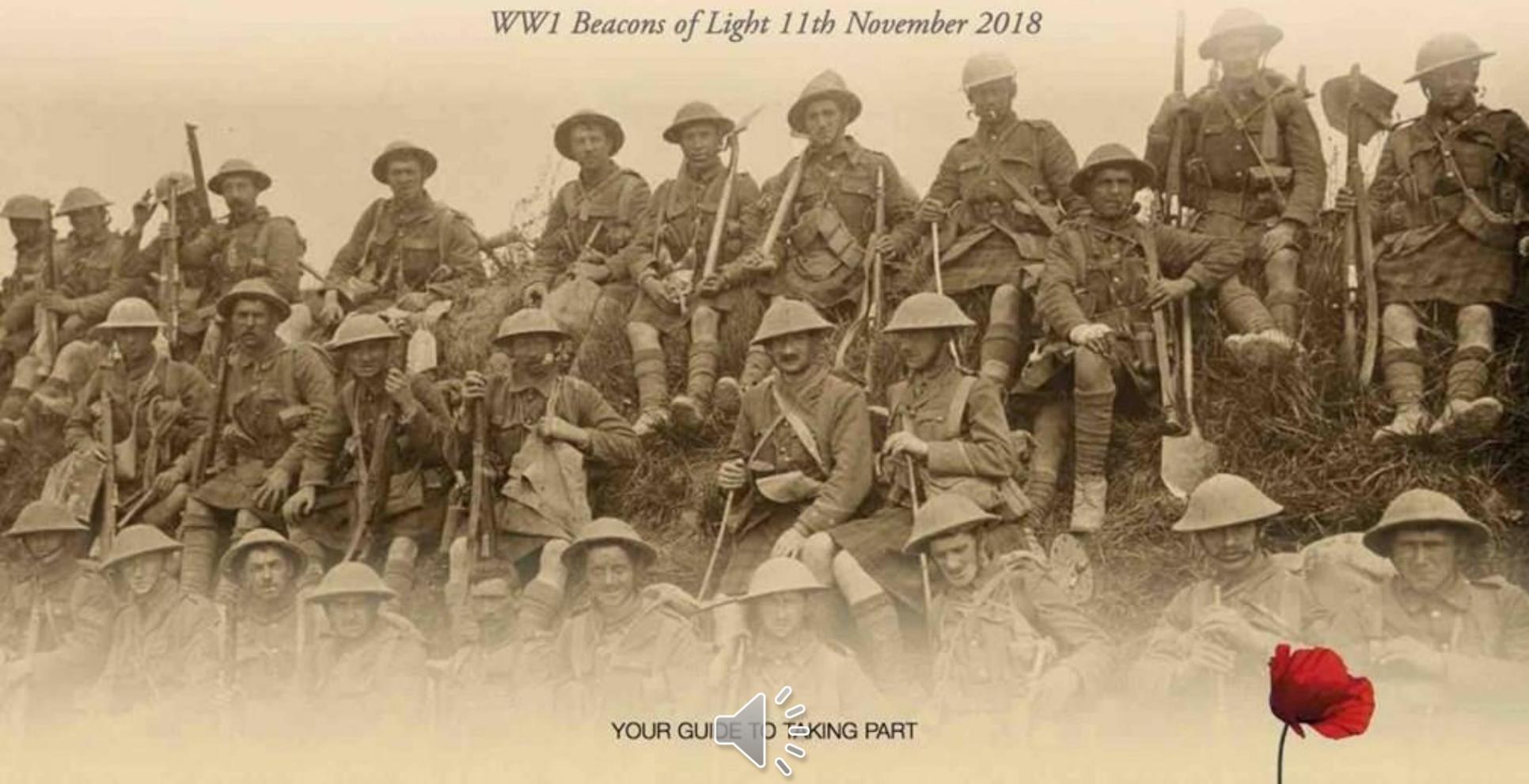


A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

WW1 Beacons of Light 11th November 2018



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Battle's Over

– A Nation's Tribute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NkKEvnoTwp8>

Battle Town Council Proposes:

- **A celebration of Armistice Day – The signing of the 1918 peace treaty**
- **To recognise the 100 years anniversary of the declaration of peace**
- To be held at 6:00pm (tbc) on Sunday 11 November in the Memorial Hall and followed by the lighting of beacons at 7:00pm on the Abbey Green and/or on the Abbey Gate House ramparts (subject to English Heritage agreement)
- Last post
- Peal of Bells at 7:00pm by arrangement with the Dean

Beacons for Peace



On the 3 August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk, and gas lights were being lit along London's Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace, when he remarked to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". Our country was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace.

The National Association of Local Councils has suggested:

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, a chain of 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories at 7pm on the 11 November 2018 – a century after the guns fell silent.

The event will also commemorate:
the huge army of men and women on
the home front who, often in dangerous
and exhausting conditions:

- underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning,
- bringing the harvests home
- and ensuring the nation did not starve.

Will you join us?

The beacons will symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war, and we hope that you will join us in this important national commemoration on 11 November 2018, especially as the majority of you would have had a previous member of your family involved in this four year conflict.

Preliminary ideas for the event

We want to pay homage not only to the fallen but also non-military casualties. We want to recognise service personnel and others who survived armed conflict and reflect on the difficulties faced by them and their families and civilians.

Possible Programme

- The readings and music that will be used at the event will reflect different viewpoints **for example:**
- “My Boy Jack” by Rudyard Kipling
- “Returning, we hear Larks” by Isaac Rosenberg
- “Into Battle” by Julian Grenfell
- “The Soldier” by Rupert Brooke
- “Disabled” by Wilfred Owen
- “Handbag” by Ruth Fanlight
- “Women at the munition making” by Mary Gabrielle Collins
- “Pillbox” by Edmund Blunden. A poem about a soldier from Battle

Music could include:

- Choral version of Sancta Deus, (Nimrod): Elgar
- Battle Town Choir have been approached by the Dean and could perform “For the Fallen”: Elgar
- In Flanders Field, Music by John Jacobson and Roger Emmerson, Words by Dr John McCrae
- Lester Simpson: Shuffling Jack

Any suggestions?

Battle residents may have examples of poems or other readings or songs which reflect the inclusive nature of the event and the recognition of the impact of war on armed forces personnel, their families, friends and other non-combatants. Please let Town Council know of anything you would like included.

Other possibilities

It would be possible for invited young people from the town to place on a brazier post placed in the “bullring” individually named ribbons in remembrance of the fallen from Battle. Other names such as those who survived conflict but were injured and civilian casualties could be added by members of the local community.

More possibilities

A wreath of flowers could be placed next to the brazier post by a member of a community organisation in remembrance of relatives of service personnel and other civilians whose lives are or have been adversely affected and in remembrance of those who survived wars but were maimed physically or mentally by the conflicts. The wreath could commemorate the victims from either side of the conflict.

More Possibilities (2)

Prayers from representatives of different religious denominations or non-faith groups could be said.

Other ideas?

What do you think?

Please let us know.