

Friday 26th October saw the launch of the annual Poppy Appeal in Carmarthen. Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, Mayor of Carmarthen was joined by representatives of local organisations including the Chair of the Royal British Legion, Cllr Barry Williams.



Carmarthen Town Council will be participating in Battle's Over – commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI November 11th 2018 .

Carmarthen Town Council is playing it's part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I. It 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.

It begins at 6am with over 1,000 lone pipers across the United Kingdom playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside cathedrals and other individual locations throughout the country and overseas, following which a specially written tribute will be read out.

Carmarthen's Armistice Day Parade will commence at 9.25am from Guildhall Square with a service in St Peter's Church. The congregation will then march across to Priory Street and muster at the County War Memorial to lay wreaths.

11.11.18 - Armistice Day

9.25am Parade from Guildhall Square

10am Service at St Peter's Church

11am County War Memorial

11.15am Parade back

For more information - <https://www.facebook.com/events/626566504405184/>

At 6.55pm buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm WW1 Beacons of Light will be lit in a tribute signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

Then at 7.05pm over 1,000 churches and cathedrals will ring their bells as part of Ringing 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.

"We are so 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," said Cllr Emlyn Schiavone, Mayor of Carmarthen. "Carmarthen will also be lighting it's own Beacon from Carmarthen Castle at 7pm when there will be an international reading of a 'Cry for Peace Around the World'. We will raise the Peace Flag after the Beacon is lit from Carmarthen Castle to send a message of peace around the world from Carmarthen."

The programme for the evening:

6.45pm All gather in County Hall Car Park near Carmarthen Castle overlooking the River Towy

6.55pm Battle's Over - Last Post - Mr Gareth Morgan

The exhortation will be read

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun , and in the morning

We will remember them."

Response: "We will remember them."

The Two Minute Silence then begins

The end of the silence is signalled by playing the Reveille

7pm Beacon Lit - Mayor of Carmarthen, Cllr Emlyn Schiavone

7.05pm Flag of Peace - Mayor of Carmarthen, Cllr Emlyn Schiavone

7.05pm A Cry of Peace Around The World

7.10pm Address - Mayor of Carmarthen, Cllr Emlyn Schiavone

7.30pm Beacon extinguished