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2018 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL & REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

POPPY APPEAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War on 11th November 1918. By coincidence, this year, Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 11th November 2018.

ANNUAL POPPY APPEAL

A small number of residents currently undertake the Annual Poppy Appeal in the Village, acting under the auspices of the Royal British Legion (RBL). The Surrey Appeal raises about £1.25 million annually - Claygate generously contributes around £4,000 pa. All the monies raised during the Appeal are spent on supporting Service and ex-Service personnel and their dependants. Administration costs are funded from other means. **This year the Appeal runs from 26th October to 11th November.**

Recently, the Claygate Poppy Appeal Organisation approached the Parish Council which has agreed to help increase awareness of, assist in and encourage residents to volunteer for the Village Poppy Appeal.

BUDDING POPPY PEOPLE WANTED!

Could you give a little of your time to volunteer to help the Poppy Appeal in Claygate?



Just a couple of hours, once a year, at the end of October/early November, will make a difference to people's lives. (Must be over 16 to collect in the street).

For more information please contact:

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CLAYGATE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

On **Sunday 11th November 2018**, the Parade will assemble at 10.15 am at Hare Lane Car Park, by Champions. It will depart at 10.30 am and process to the War Memorial, Church Road.

The 1st Claygate Scout and Guide Band have been selected to participate in a special march immediately after the Cenotaph event in London. This is great honour for the Band - of which the Village can be very proud. Unfortunately, this commitment means that the Band will not be able to attend the Claygate Remembrance Day Parade this year. 1st Claygate Scout Group and the Guide Association sections will be at the Claygate Parade. There will be an Outdoor Service at the War Memorial, led by Holy Trinity Church, followed by an indoor service in the Church.

The Parade is overseen by the Parish Council, partnering with 1st Claygate Scout Group and Holy Trinity Church. The Parish Council provides public liability insurance and pays for Surrey Police accredited traffic marshals. Please note there will be some temporary road closures in the vicinity.



Any organisation can participate in the Parade and/or lay a wreath at the War Memorial. It would be helpful if those who wish to participate could let the Parish Council know in advance: e-mail Shirley Round, Parish Clerk at clerk@claygateparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01372 467000.

CLAYGATE REMEMBERS

WHO ARE THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL)?



The British Legion was formed in 1921, to care for those who had suffered due to service in the Armed Forces during WW1 and their families.

It saw the gigantic task of looking after those who had suffered, the need to prevent further sacrifice by reminding the Nation of the human cost of war and to work actively for peace.

Granted 'Royal' status in 1971, now anyone, of all ages, can become a member whether or not they have served in the Armed Forces.

The RBL is not just about those who fought in the two World Wars of the last century but also about those involved in the many conflicts since 1945 and those still serving today.

WHAT DOES THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION DO TODAY?

The RBL is the major voice for Service and ex-Service people. Nearly 10.5 million people are eligible for their help: It provides financial, social and emotional support to those who have served or who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and their dependants. More information @ www.britishlegion.org.uk



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WHY POPPIES?

During the First World War much of the fighting took place in Western Europe. Previously beautiful countryside was turned to fields of mud where little or nothing could grow.

Bright red Flanders poppies, while delicate, are resilient flowers and grew in their thousands, flourishing even in the middle of chaos and destruction. This eventually led to the first ever Poppy Appeal in the UK in 1921 and the establishment of the Poppy Factory, to employ disabled ex-Servicemen.



The poppy is: a symbol of Remembrance and hope and red because of the natural colour of field poppies. It is not: a symbol of support for war, a reflection of politics or religion or red to reflect the colour of blood.

CLAYGATE REMEMBERS 2018

'SILENT SILHOUETTES' AND LAMP POST/ROAD SIGN POPPIES



To mark the 100th Anniversary of WW1; to come together to reflect, remember and say 'Thank You' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the Nation, Claygate Parish Council and Claygate Village Association (CVA) have agreed to support the Royal British Legion's 2018 'Silent Silhouette' campaign.

WHAT'S A SILENT SILHOUETTE?

The 'Silent Silhouette' is a mark of respect both to the many who never returned home and to those who survived and after demobilisation and discharge made their way home, walking back across the country, returning to their families 'silently'. The 4' 6" near life size, tough and weatherproof, 'Silent Silhouettes' have at their base the words 'Lest we Forget'.

LEST WE FORGET



The silhouettes recognise not just a 'Tommy' the original 'Silent Soldier' but other branches of the Armed Forces, those who served next to them such as Queen Alexandria's Imperial Military Nursing Service (QAIMNS) and those on the Home Front.

Three 'Silent Silhouettes', two supported by Claygate Parish Council and one by the Claygate Village Association, will be located in the most appropriate, visible places in the Village, in October.

LAMP POST/ROAD SIGN POPPIES

The Parish Council has agreed that it will attach large poppies, sourced from RBL, to lamp posts and road signs on The Parade and along the Remembrance Day Parade route, in October (subject to any approvals required from Surrey County Council and/or Surrey Police).