

Worcestershire First World War Remembrance ceremony



Music, parade of standards and an Act of Commemoration. Join assorted civilian and uniformed organisations each representing the different aspects of commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War

Assemble at noon Saturday 15th September 2018
Ceremony begins 12.30 at Gheleuvelt Park,
Worcester, WR1 3EY.

A Drumhead Service in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, Lt Col Patrick Holcroft LVO, OBE and the Bishop of Dudley with the Band of the Grenadier Guards.



Open to the public – free event

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This is the final opportunity for the whole county to come together to commemorate and mark the Centennial of the Great War 1914–18 and will be our own open-air ‘Festival of Remembrance’.

Standards of the Royal British Legion Branches, veterans' associations and civic representatives from all corners of the old county of Worcestershire will parade at the start of the ceremony.

Uniformed and non-uniformed organisations have been invited to erect a display stand to be open throughout the Ceremony, and afterwards, and there will be music at the Bandstand. The whole event is expected to close around 3pm.

The Drumhead Service

While ‘in the field’, often near the battlefield itself, military units would hold a short religious service using the drums of the regiment piled up to form a generic altar with the regimental colours draped over it, in this case, 4th Mercian. While designed to appeal to a range of faiths our Service will be led by the Bishop of Dudley, recognising the huge number of men from Historic Worcestershire including Dudley, Stourbridge and Halesowen who enlisted, fought and died in the Worcestershire and other Regiments.



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The Ceramic Poppy



Towards the end of the ceremony the public are encouraged to create a sombre spectacle with their own poppies, purchased by people across the county after the Tower of London art installation in 2014, and brought to Gheluvelt Park for this day to remember members of their family who died in the First World War.



Tower of London art installation and ceramic poppies, 2014

Practicalities

Please allow sufficient time to park and walk to the event. Limited parking will be available on the Pitchcroft racecourse overspill – please follow the signs from Barbourne Road. Temporary toilet facilities will be on site as well as limited refreshment stalls. This is an open air event taking place on grass which will go ahead regardless of the weather so please be prepared. No public seating will be provided. The actual Service will last approximately one hour.



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