

Didcot Town Council Newsletter



19th December 2024



Elizabeth Paris DL and MP Ollly Glover at the service



Oxford Caledonian Pipes and Drums

Didcot Remembrance Events

'Remembrance Sunday' is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life'.

Remembrance Day, sometimes known as Poppy day, is a memorial day observed since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11th November to recall the end of First World War hostilities. Hostilities ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918, in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. ("At the 11th hour" refers to the passing of the 11th hour, or 11:00 am.) The First World War formally ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June 1919.



Smallbone Recreation Ground War Memorial

Didcot Remembrance Day

Each year in Didcot, Remembrance Sunday begins at approximately 2.40pm with a parade down Broadway, ending at Didcot War Memorial on Smallbone Recreation Ground.

After the parade, the wreath laying and service take place at the memorial.

Oxford Caledonian Pipes and Drums play during the parade and Abbey Brass Band play during the service.

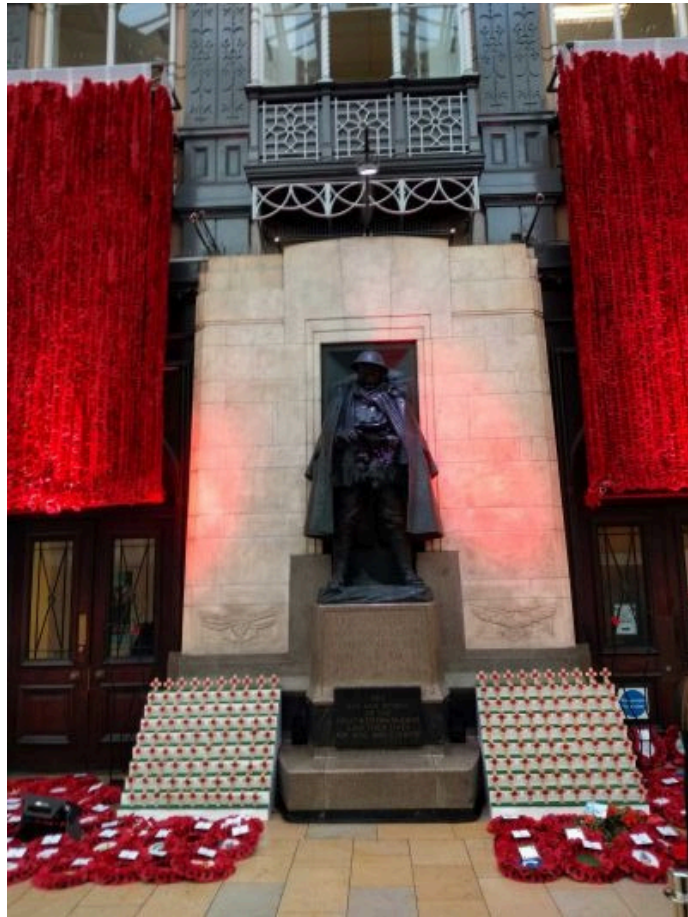
Poppies to Paddington

Great Western Railway and The Veterans Charity organise 'Poppies to Paddington' which the Mayor of Didcot joins each year.

The events sees Remembrance wreaths placed on a GWR train to Paddington and then laid at the stations war memorial.

In 2024, over 200 wreaths were taken to London.

This year, Mayor of Didcot, Councillor Andrew Jones, travelled with the Didcot wreath and was able to capture some great photos of the wreaths and memorial displays at Paddington.



Photos of London taken by Didcot Mayor, Cllr Andrew Jones.

More photos available at Didcot Town Council Facebook.



November 11th

When November 11th does not fall on the second Sunday of November, a separate small service is held.

This service is on Sunday 11th November at 11am at Smallbone Recreation Ground War Memorial.

This service is arranged by the Royal British Legion and spectators are welcome to join the 2 minutes silence.

If you have any questions relating to Didcot Remembrance Day, please email events@didcot.gov.uk.