

Press Release

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Marlborough Remembers – WW1 Ends

Marlborough & District Rotary Club and Marlborough Town Council are playing their part in ***Battle's Over***, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

At **6.55pm** a bugler will sound the **Last Post** at **Marlborough's Battle's Over Ceremony** on The Common and at more than 1,000 other locations, and at **7pm** a beacon will be lit, in a tribute called **Beacons of Light**, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war. Then at **7.05pm** bell ringers at St Mary's Church will join other churches across the country ringing their bells as part of **Ringin' Out for Peace** and **Marlborough's Town Crier**, Mike Tupman, with more than 100 other Town Criers up and down the country and around the world, will perform a specially-written **Cry for Peace Around The World**. Finally, as the bells continue ringing in the background, the names of Marlborough people who fell will be remembered.

Stewart Dailly, President of the Rotary Club said:

“One hundred years ago the lights came on after four long years of darkness. We in Rotary are honoured to be here with Marlborough Town Council to commemorate, with people from around the world, the sacrifices of the brave men and women, especially those from in and around Marlborough, who served their country through those dreadful times.”

Councillor Lisa Farrell, Town Mayor of Marlborough, who will be lighting the beacon, said:

“This is a tremendous honour for me and a chance for Marlborough to join with thousands

in an international tribute recognising the sacrifice made by so many and, at the same time, giving us a chance to remember those from our own town. All are heroes.”

Marlborough Rugby Football Club has given enormous support to the event offering up its facilities with Club members helping out too. Redrow, housing developers at the new Salisbury Road site, has named its streets after some of those from Marlborough who served in WW1 and has also made a large contribution towards the cost of the specially made beacon. We are grateful to them and to T H White who will be helping to erect it, and to the other local people and organisations who are making this special commemoration possible.

The whole community is invited to join in this event, to share in this important National Tribute. The Frees Lane gate to The Common will be open from 6pm and parking will be available inside. Hot drinks and soup will be on sale. Everyone is encouraged to bring along torches.

The Rotary Club will be raising funds for Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) and the Royal British Legion (RBL).

Battle's Over has been devised and planned by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek. He has organised major royal celebrations and international events for more than 36 years and has been working on this project for more than four years. More information on can be found at www.brunopeek.co.uk/battles-over.