



WREXHAM REMEMBERS
WREXHAM
WORLD WAR ONE
COMMEMORATIVE
EVENTS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

2018



Wrexham Symphony Orchestra

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The Royal British Legion

A Commemoration of 100 years of The Armistice

Williams: Dartmoor 1912 (from War Horse)

Hindemith: Trauermusik

Butterworth: A Shropshire Lad

Elgar: Sospiri and Nimrod

Panufnik: Sinfonia Sacra

Walton: Spitfire Prelude and Fugue

There will be an act of commemoration and readings of poems by Wilfred Owen & others.

'When you go home, tell them of us and say for your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Saturday November 24th, 2018 at 7.15pm

**William Aston Hall, Wrexham Glyndŵr University,
Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AW**

Conductor: Stephen Threlfall

Leader: Mark Lansom

Soloist: Rhiannon Collins

Tickets available from:

www.wrexhamorch.co.uk; www.glyndwr.ac.uk/events
Wrexham Tourist Information Centre (01978 292015)
Llangollen Tourist Information Office (01978 860828)
Rowanthorn Gift Shop, Oswestry (01691 238227)

**Family Ticket £20 (2 adults and up to 4 children) Stalls £10 (Concessions £8)
Students, school pupils and young children £2**



Foreword

It is widely known that this November is the centenary of the end of World War One and the Armistice of 11th November 1918.

The centenary represents a significant opportunity to mark this event and remember those involved in all the conflicts of the past century, in particular those commemorated on the War Memorials across our County Borough.

I am delighted as Armed Forces Champion for Wrexham County Borough Council to be able to share some of the events that are happening across the County Borough at this important time.

I hope that many of you are able to take time to visit, enjoy, reflect and support these local events.

CLlr David Griffiths
Armed Forces Champion
Wrexham County Borough Council

Calendar of Events

REMEMBERING THE UNREMEMBERED

Remembering the Unremembered is a national campaign to remember World War One's army of workers – The Labour Corps. The Labour Corps supplied the army with weapons and ammunition, food and fodder, water and fuel. They built and maintained roads and railways and were essential to the First World War effort. Join us to find out more about the rarely acknowledged Labour Corp with a costumed World War One soldier telling stories of the Labour Corp and a wreath making workshop at The Butcher's Market on Saturday 13th October from 11am to 4pm.

SWITCHING ON THE NEWLY INSTALLED MEMORIAL GARDEN SCULPTURE ILLUMINATION SYSTEM

Memorial Gardens, Rhostyllen

18th October, at 7.30pm

Esclusham Community Memorial Project will be officially switching on the newly installed illumination system for the Memorial Garden on Thursday, 18th October, at 7.30pm, Memorial Gardens, Rhostyllen. Following the opening, the project's patron, Major General Cordingley DSO, OBE, DSc will host a talk 'How the two Gulf Wars have shaped the world we live in today!' The evening also includes: poetry reading, Imperial War Museum display, Esclusham War Memorial project team display a bar and a buffet. Admission is free but donations to the upkeep of the memorial are welcomed. To reserve your seat contact: esclushamcommunitycouncil@yahoo.com or 01978 366491.

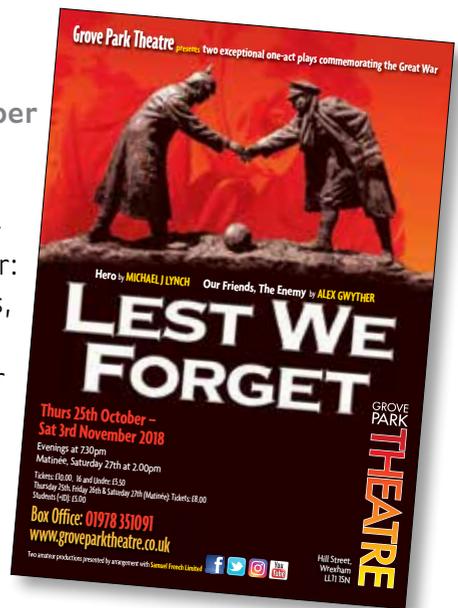
LEST WE FORGET

Grove Park Theatre, Wrexham

25th October to Saturday 3rd November

2.30pm / 7.30pm

Lest We Forget. Grove Park Theatre, Wrexham presents two exceptional one-act plays commemorating the Great War: Hero by Michael J Lynch and Our Friends, The Enemy by Alex Gwyther. Lest We Forget runs from Thursday 25th October to Saturday 3rd November with evening performances at 7.30pm and Matinee performance on Saturday 27th October at 2pm. Ring the box office on 01978 351091, or www.grovetheatre.co.uk for more details and ticket prices.



WREXHAM REMEMBERS THEM!

**Memorial Hall, Wrexham Library & St Giles, Wrexham Parish Church
November 3rd 2018**

Wrexham Remembers Them! On show from November 3rd 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Wrexham Library and St Giles, Wrexham Parish Church. At least 545 men and two women from the County Borough of Wrexham were killed in action or died of wounds or disease while in the line of duty during the First World War. Many hundreds more from the surrounding villages lost their lives as well. This display, spread across three sites, reveals the extraordinary stories of a select few to prove that the 547 are more than just names inscribed on a memorial.



WREXHAM REMEMBERS

Gallery 1, Wrexham County Borough
Museum & Archives

November 3rd 2018 – July 20th 2019

A century on from the Armistice and the peace treaties that brought an end to the fighting, volunteers have been researching the stories behind the memorials, medals, militaria and memorabilia from the First World War held in the museum collections. Explore what they have discovered!



FREE ART CLASS - THE WREXHAM INDEPENDENT GALLERY

Tŷ Pawb, Wrexham

1pm on 6th November

The Wrexham Independent Gallery is hosting a Free art class at Tŷ Pawb, at 1pm on 6th November, offering the chance to learn about Poppy Painting. This will link to the Gallery's first exhibition at Tŷ Pawb, and exhibition based on the theme of Remembrance.

GWERSYLLT COMMUNITY COUNCIL is organising a programme of events to mark the centenary of World War One. There will be a range of celebratory and commemorative events for people in Gwersyllt. The weekend will open with a community concert at Gwersyllt Community Resource Centre on the evening of Friday 9th November. Brymbo Choir will headline the concert and there will be poetry and prose readings and an exhibition of local art. On Saturday 10th November local people are being encouraged to recall and share personal events about the wars and conflicts of the last century, and bring photos, letters and artefacts they may have. There will be a range of craft sessions and storytelling activities for children.



LEST WE FORGET – A CONCERT TO REMEMBER

All Saints Church, The Green, Gresford

Friday 9th November at 7pm

Lest We Forget – A Concert to Remember is being held at All Saints Church, The Green, Gresford on Friday 9th November at 7 pm. The event includes Cantorion Rhos, and Music Director Mathias Wurz. Tickets are £10 or £8 concessions in support of the Royal British Legion. Reserve your tickets: 07944 143119 or pat.david.pearce@hotmail.com

WORLD WAR ONE MOBILE TRENCH AND BIPLANE

Queens Square, Wrexham

Saturday 10th November, from 10am to 4pm

A World War One Mobile Trench and Biplane will be on Queens Square, Wrexham on Saturday 10th November, from 10am to 4pm. Come and discover about life in the trenches with a mobile World War One Trench. The Trench provides a fascinating insight into life on the Western Front during World War One. Alongside the trench there will be a Biplane - an original World War One Bristol Scout Static. The biplane is made up of a considerable number of original parts and is the only flying example left in the world.



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FREE EVENT



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WARTIME TEA DANCE

Wrexham Memorial Hall

Saturday 10th November, from 2pm to 4pm

Wartime Tea Dance on Saturday 10th November, from 2pm to 4pm at the Wrexham Memorial Hall. Come along to a good old fashioned Welsh Tea Dance, with live music to take you back in time. Ticket price includes freshly baked scones with jam and cream, traditional Welsh cakes, bara brith and a hot drink. Tickets are £3 and are available from Wrexham Tourist Information Centre: 01978 292015 Or tic@wrexham.gov.uk.



PHILIP JONES GRIFFITHS

Gallery 3, Wrexham County Borough Museum & Archives

November 10th 2018 to March 2nd 2019

Running from November 10th 2018 to March 2nd 2019 at Gallery 3, Wrexham County Borough Museum & Archives an exhibition by Philip Jones Griffiths, born in Rhuddlan, North Wales. Philip was a man on a mission to use the camera to tell the truth about the world around him. Fifty years on from the end of 'the war to end all wars', his photographs of the Vietnam War helped to change public opinion. The exhibition has been curated in partnership with the National Library of Wales.



ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

RWF Memorial, Bodhyfryd

Sunday, 11th November at 10.55am

The Annual Remembrance Service will be held at the RWF Memorial, Bodhyfryd, on Sunday, 11th November at 10.55am. At 10.59am a bugler will sound the "Last Post" and the two minute silence will be observed. Members of the public are invited to attend this poignant event to remember those who fought and lost their lives during WW1, WW2 and many subsequent conflicts.

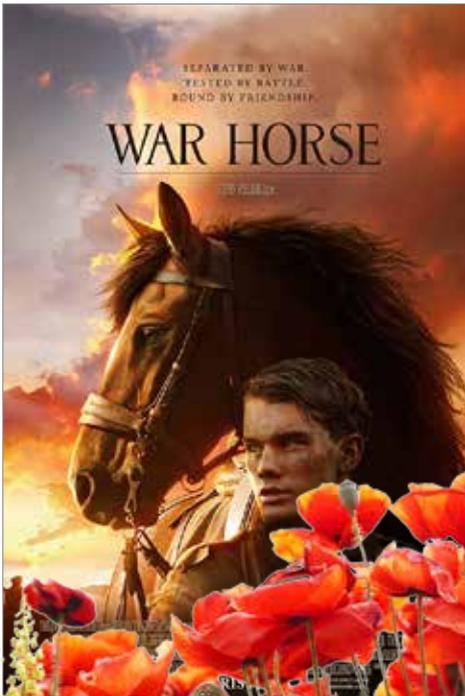


BEACON OF LIGHT

St. Giles' Church, Wrexham

Sunday 11th November, 7pm

'Beacons of Light' will see over 1,000 beacons lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories symbolising an end to the darkness of war and a return to the light of peace. Here in Wrexham our beacon of light will be lit at 7pm on the top of St. Giles Church.



WARHORSE (12A)

Tŷ Pawb, Wrexham

November 12th, starts 7pm

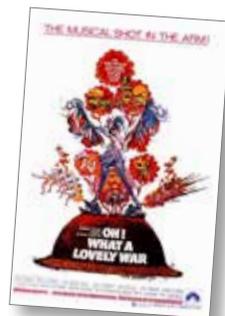
Come along to Tŷ Pawb on November 12th from 7pm to watch a viewing of Warhorse (12A). The war drama film directed and co-produced by Steven Spielberg is based on Michael Morpurgo's 1982 novel of the same name.

WAR – ITS IMPACT ON FAMILIES THROUGH SPOKEN, WRITTEN AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Wrexham Library

Thursday 15th November, 6.30pm for 7pm

Students from Wrexham Glyndwr University and Maelor School will be performing and will be supported by theatre and choral groups from the area.



OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR (PG)

Tŷ Pawb, Wrexham

November 18th, starts 7pm

Tŷ Pawb are also showing the film Oh What a Lovely War (PG) on November 18th from 7pm. This classic anti-war film originally premiered in the early 1960's.

FREE CONCERTS

Thursdays in Gallery 2 in Ty Pawb

1pm to 2pm

Tŷ Pawb are hosting a number of local musicians who will perform music of Remembrance and music from the war years (donations welcome)



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MUSIC

Thursday November 8th

ROBERT PARRY Piano

Thursday November 15th

JAGO PARKYN Piano

Thursday November 22nd

MIRIAM PEAKE Piano

COMMEMORATION OF 100 YEARS OF THE ARMISTICE

William Aston Hall, Mold Road, Wrexham

Saturday, 24th November at 7.15pm

Wrexham Symphony Orchestra in Association with the Royal British Legion, will be holding a commemoration of 100 years of the Armistice on Saturday, 24th November at 7.15pm at the William Aston Hall, Wrexham Glyndwr University, Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AW. There will be an act of commemoration and readings of poems by Wilfred Owen and others. Tickets available from: www.wrexhamorch.co.uk and www.glyndwr.ac.uk/events or the Wrexham or Llangollen Tourist Information Offices.

POPPY DISPLAY

St Tydfil's Church, Coedpoeth and St Giles' Parish Church, Wrexham

If you are out and about over the next few weeks look out for the fabulous Poppy display at St Tydfil's Church, Coedpoeth and St Giles' Parish Church in the town centre. The churches have been festooned with hundreds of carefully knitted poppies to form a 'weeping window'. They really are a striking addition.



DID YOU KNOW.....

What did Jelly Babies have to do with World War One?

George Bassett & Co., one of Britain's oldest sweets manufacturers, launched their own version of Jelly Babies, called Peace Babies a century ago to celebrate the end of the First World War.



The chewy sweets were first invented back in 1864 by an Austrian working in Lancashire. Peace Babies were popular between the wars but production ceased in the Second World War because of rationing. Jelly Babies reappeared in those old-fashioned jars in 1953 with the end of sweet rationing.

Now to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One, Maynards Bassetts has designed a special limited-edition pack of Peace Babies available at Tesco. The packs will raise money for the veterans' charity Help for Heroes.



THERE BUT NOT THERE

Look out for the There But Not There figures across Wrexham, which are part of a national campaign to place a representative figure for a name on local war memorials around the country into their place of worship, their workplace, their school or wherever their absence was keenly felt. The transparent silhouettes will be placed in communities for Remembrance 2018 and we are proud to say they can be seen in various locations across Wrexham. The project was established to: Commemorate, Educate and Heal.

Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

To **Educate** all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

Heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds through sales of the Silhouettes known as Tommies.

SILENT SILHOUETTES

You may also spot some of the Royal British Legion Silent Silhouettes appearing around the county borough. These are part of the RBL's say "Thank You" to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the nation. In support of the "Thank You" movement the RBL are offering a variety of silhouettes to symbolise the communities that took part in World War One. Look out for the three arriving around Queens Square representing the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.



PERCY A STORY OF 1918

A poignant war story about a local boy from Cefn Mawr. Letters found in a flea market tell the story of a teenage boy, Percy and his girl Kitty. This is a story of 1918. It is a true story. Percy Edwards was conscripted into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers in 1918 and was sent to the front, aged just 18. Tragically, he was to die of his wounds three weeks after his arrival. This unique book built around the words of a young man from Cefn Mawr has been constructed from surviving documents, war diaries, accounts of battle and newspapers. An accurate picture of the war, the story of one soldier from Cefn Mawr representing the bigger picture.

Written by historian Peter Doyle and illustrated by Tim Godden. What Percy brings is an authentic testimony of the final year of the Great War, through the eyes of one young man. Percy's story is typical of the last year of the war, when the British Army fielded a conscript army of 18 year olds. It is also a story of the contribution of Wales to the Great War.

Percy 1918 is available to buy from all good book stockists and if you'd like more information on this story you can contact the author at [@ProfPeterDoyle](https://twitter.com/ProfPeterDoyle).



This booklet was produced with funding from The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust which is an organisation that supports work being delivered for our Armed Forces in the UK.

The Armed Forces Covenant is a promise by the nation that ensures that those who serve or who have served, and their families, are treated fairly. This commitment is made in recognition of the sacrifices they make on behalf of the country. The Armed Forces Covenant is not designed to give the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families' preferential treatment compared with other citizens but it should ensure that they get a fair deal and are not disadvantaged because of their Service.

The Armed Forces Covenant relies on the government, communities, businesses, and individuals of the UK to actively support it in order to make a difference.

With your help Wrexham County Borough Council can continue to raise awareness of the issues faced by our Armed Forces and offer support and advice where needed.

If you would like more information on the work being carried out in the Wrexham area, please email afcc@wrexham.gov.uk

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