



Press Release

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Title: 2024 Remembrance

Embargoed: N/A

When:

Where: Wokingham

What: Remembrance

We are pleased to share that Wokingham Town Council is arranging its annual Remembrance activities. Here are the details:

Remembrance Sunday – Parade, Wreath laying and Church Service – Sunday 10 November

Wokingham Town Council is co-ordinating a parade to All Saints Church for its annual Remembrance Church Service at 3pm. Rev Hannah Higginson will lead the afternoon service, in partnership with Churches Together in Wokingham.

We welcome all to watch the parade which will leave the Market Place at 2.35pm. However, any organisations wishing to take part in the parade must register their interest with the Civic Officer in advance at civic@wokingham-tc.gov.uk or 0118 974 0882.

In a change from previous years, the wreath laying part of our Remembrance activities is being included within the Church Service for the first time, to allow it to be more visible to all those attending on the day.

The Church service is a public service, and residents are welcome although there is limited capacity.

The Act of Remembrance- Sun 10 Nov (Remembrance Sunday) Mon 11 Nov (Armistice)

Wokingham Town Council will lead a two-minute silence on both of these days in the Market Place to remember and honour those who sacrificed their lives in line with this national time of Remembrance.

Our Honorary Bugler will sound the Last Post and the Reveille.

Residents are welcome to observe this two-minute silence.

Visiting the Town Hall Memorial

During this Remembrance period, Wokingham Town Council will open the war memorial, inside the Town Hall for residents, to enable quiet reflection on the following days between 10am and 2pm:

Monday 4 November to Friday 8 November

If you would like to visit on any of the above days, please go to the Information Centre or press the WTC intercom and a member of staff will be happy to show you.

Please note: it may be possible for you to visit outside of these times by appointment, and this should be booked in advance by calling 0118 974 0882.

Poppies and Crosses

Wooden crosses and poppies are available this year from Waitrose and Tesco, during normal opening hours, in addition to the Town Council's Information Centre, open Mon, Wed and Fri between 10am and 2pm.

The wooden crosses can be placed at the memorial inside the Town Hall, or outside in our Marketplace where a stand is provided.

Quotes:

Cllr Rob Comber (Town Mayor) commented: "I shall be honoured to attend the Church Service and lead both the two-minute silences this year with the Deputy Mayor, to honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of us all."

Cllr Keith Malvern (Chairman of Civic Committee) commented: "It is so important that we still pay tribute to all of those who gave their lives in wars and conflicts. I am delighted that Wokingham is able to mark Remembrance with its annual commemorations again this year."

About WTC

Vision: To encourage the life and vibrancy of Wokingham Town for its existing and future residents and businesses.

Wokingham Town Council comprises twenty-five councillors who represent the four wards of the town: Emmbrook, Evendons, Norreys and Wescott.

The Town Councillors are elected every four years. Each year the Council elects one of their members to be the Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council.

The Council delegates much of its business to the following committees:

- **Amenities:** Responsible for the Council's facilities such as parks, allotments, buildings, markets, and playgrounds
- **Arts & Culture:** Encourages, supports and, in conjunction with other organisations, delivers artistic and cultural events to users of the town centre.
- **Civic:** Makes decisions on matters relating to the Mayor's Civic involvement with the Town Council. These include Civic Events such as Civic Awards, Mayoral regalia and the honorary staff members.
- **Finance & Personnel:** Controls the finances and general administration of the Council. This committee also administers the allocation of grants to local charities and community projects.
- **Planning & Transportation:** This committee acts as a consultative body on Planning Applications, Development Proposals and Transport issues.

The Full Council meets at least six times a year. Council meetings are open to the public.

The agendas and minutes can be found on the Town Council's web site at

www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk.

For general information please telephone the Town Council on 0118 978 3185.

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