

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PENRITH REMEMBERS 1914 – 1918**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Penrith will mark the day 100 years ago when the guns fell silent at the end of the First World War.

At 10.40am, the day starts with a Civic Parade to St Andrews Church, where at 11.00am a two-minute silence will be observed, followed by the laying of wreaths at the towns War Memorial in St Andrews Churchyard.

A Remembrance Day Service, which is open to everybody, will follow delivered by Reverend David Sargeant. Penrith Branch of the Royal British Legion will then proceed to Castle Park, to lay wreaths at the Memorial Gate.

From 1.00pm on the 11<sup>th</sup> November there will be a special Remembrance exhibition at The Eden Valley Artistic Network featuring work from several local artists reflecting their response to events of The Great War. This exhibition will include the iconic near life size 'Tommy' (the original Silent Soldier) silhouette. 'There but not there' is part of a national movement to say thank you to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the nation. The exhibition will close on 17 November.

Later in the day, Penrith Town Council will be participating in the Battles Over, A Nations Tribute. The Last Post will be played by Bugle at 18:55 at Penrith Beacon. The 201 names of those fallen from Penrith in the First World War, which were provided by Penrith Remembers Group, will be read out by the Town's Mayor, Councillor Scott Jackson.

At 7.00pm, with kind permission of Lonsdale Estates, Penrith Town Council in partnership with Andy Need, of Cumbria DJ Store, will light up Penrith Beacon as part of the nationwide Beacons of Light project.

This commemorates the comment made on the 03 August 1914 by Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey,:

'The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them again in our lifetime.'

Members of the public will be able to observe the lighting of the Beacon from view points across Penrith, between 19:00 and 21:00 hours.

The beacon of light will extend from the Beacon to St Andrews Church from where at 7:05pm St Andrews Church bell ringers will ring the Church Bells as part of the national Battles Over – Ringing Out for Peace project, which marks the end of the First World War. When the bells fall silent members from The Eden Valley Artistic Network are coordinating an evening of remembrance entitled "Remembered" and will present a poem and music to close the event at St. Andrews

At 8.00 pm at the George Hotel 'Remembered' will be performed by members of Eden Valley Artistic Network to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice of The Great War 1914 – 1918

There'll be original songs, penned by local musicians. 'Remembered', will be poignant respecting the memory of all too many lives lost. The world then was changing very quickly, and this will be reflected, not just with music, but dancing from Swing dance Cumbria, poetry performances from Penrith Players, community singing, a chance to step back in time and then move forward with hope.

Entry is free however you are asked to reserve tickets for The George evening performance from The Eden Valley Artistic Network (EVAN)Gallery. EVAN gallery, 4 Corney Place, Penrith.