

BATTLE'S OVER

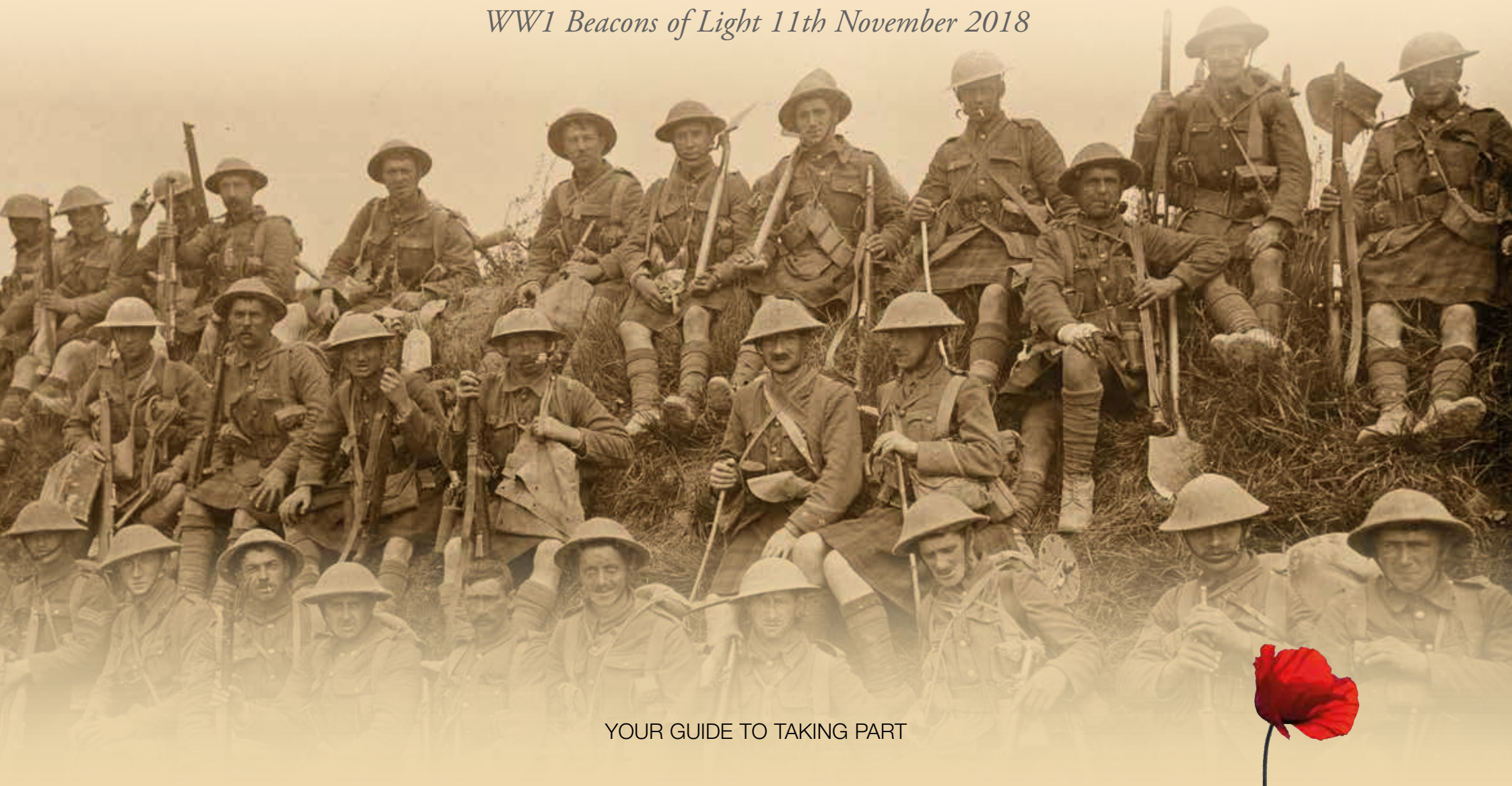


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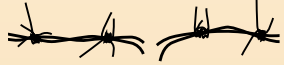
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*Your chance to pay your
personal and community
tribute to those millions
that gave their lives
for their country
during the dreadful darkness
of four years of War
1914 - 1918*

On 3rd August 1914, Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey, was looking out of his office window. It was dusk, and the gas lights were being lit along London's Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace, when he remarked to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime." Our country was about to be plunged into the darkness of the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, 1000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7pm on 11th November 2018 throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories - a century after the guns fell silent. The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvests home to ensure the nation did not starve.

The Beacons will symbolise the 'light of hope' that emerged from the darkness of war. You will be pleased to know that to date more than 830 councils, communities and other organisations have already confirmed their involvement by lighting WWI Beacons of Light that evening. (Please see acknowledgements on pages 12-19. These pages will be updated every three months up to 31st October 2018).

For example, beacons are being lit at the Tan Hill Inn, Yorkshire Dales, the highest pub in Great Britain; on the island of Unst, the most northerly inhabited island in Scotland; St Davids, the most westerly City in Wales; Lowestoft, Suffolk, the most easterly town in England, and at St Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen, the most westerly location in the United Kingdom. We do hope that your council and community will link with the other 800 (to date) and take part in this unique, historic tribute.

There are a number of cost-effective ways of participating in this event.

(1) Use existing Beacon Braziers set on tall wooden poles and gas fuelled beacons previously purchased for other historic anniversaries, celebrations and commemorations.

Build and light a traditional Bonfire Beacon.

(3) You may wish to purchase the special gas-fuelled beacon being produced for this project as, once used, it can be stored away for the future and then used for other such beacon occasions making it more economic - please see page 4.

(4) Build and erect a new Beacon Brazier on a tall wooden pole, using it as a permanent tribute to those that lost their lives in your local community during World War I - see page 5. (You may need to apply for planning permission so please contact your Local Authority Planning Department seeking their advice).

Those councils and organisations taking part will be able to download a special certificate after the event as a permanent reminder of their involvement in this tribute. (Details of where to obtain it will be sent in the latter part of November 2018).

Please see page 3 for how to participate.

As you will see from pages 8, 9, 10 and 11 we have four very worthy and appropriate charities associated with this event, representing The Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Army and Merchant Navy, so please feel free to make charitable donations direct to one or more of them. (You may also wish to consider staging a public collection for them around the lighting of your Beacon on 11th November 2018).

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Bruno Peek

Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR
Pageantmaster
Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute
& WWI Beacons of Light



How to take part & Beacon Lighting Ceremony

How to take part

Step 1: To confirm your involvement and assist us in easy communication and correct registration of your event, please be kind enough to undertake the following in FULL as soon as possible, sending it to Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster, Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute & WW1 Beacons of Light at - brunopeek@mac.com

If your event is a private occasion and NOT open to the public, and you do not want your involvement shown on any public or media listing, it is important that you confirm this when providing information requested below. Your participation will still be noted as part of this historic occasion but NOT made public.

However, if your event is open to the public your contact details will be shared with the media so that they can contact you direct to arrange any publicity and/or coverage of your event on 11th November 2018.

Name of Contact/Coordinator
Name of Council or Organisation
Job title of Coordinator
Full postal address including postcode
County
Country: England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territory
Telephone number - landline
Mobile number
Email Address
Beacon Location if known when registering, including postcode

Please ensure you have undertaken all the safety aspects etc, outlined on page 6 and before the lighting of your Bonfire Beacon on page 5 and you have alerted the emergency services, including the Fire Brigade, undertaken any risk assessments required and ensure all are happy with your plans. (This is your responsibility as coordinator of your Beacon lighting event).

Beacon Lighting Ceremony - 7pm on 11th November 2018

The Beacon lighting ceremony should be undertaken as follows:

Step 2: Invite your Lord Lieutenant, DL, Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Sheriff, High Steward, Lord Provost, Chairman or Leader of the Council. However, you may wish to consider running a competition in partnership with your local media, with the winner having the honour of lighting your WWI Beacon of Light at 7pm that evening.

Step 3: Please arrange to have professional photographs taken during your event, and immediately after, please send NO more than TWO high quality, copyright-free photographs to brunopeek@mac.com including the name of the photographer, the Beacon location, including postcode, along with the name of the Council or Organisation.

Step 4: If appropriate, please use social media channels - Twitter, Facebook etc - to promote your event. On Facebook, post photographs of your Beacon lighting ceremony on the 11th November 2018.

Step 5: On 1st November 2018 we will be providing you with an outline Press Release for your use, so please localise it, providing as much or as little information as you wish regarding your event, along with your contact details before YOU send it to all areas of your local media to enable them to contact YOU direct.

Step 6: Before the lighting of your Beacon at 7pm you may wish to consider reading out the names of those from your City, Town or Parish etc killed in action, during WWI, in remembrance of the sacrifices made.



Bonfire Beacon, Killyleagh, County Down, Northern Ireland.



Beacon at Manor Farm, Strete, Devon, courtesy of Kate Gill, Stete Parish Council.



WWI Beacons of Light, your unique gas-fuelled Beacon

The Battle's Over Beacon is of lightweight construction and comes assembled and complete with the exception of the gas cylinders that will need to be purchased separately:

a) 400g disposable cylinder of propane, (Bullfinch No 1644, or equivalent) for the FirePower Torch used to light the Beacon. These can be purchased from many DIY stores or Builders Merchants.

b) One full 47 kg propane cylinder or 2 x 19 kg full cylinders are recommended to give a full flame for an hour. For longer periods of burning or with partially full cylinders you will need double the number of cylinders. These cylinders can be purchased from Flogas Britain Ltd by calling 0800 085 6225 quoting Gas Fuelled Beacons or by going to their website www.flogas.co.uk where you can either order your cylinder online or locate your nearest Flogas stockist. You may also



download a propane cylinder safety data sheet from the Flogas website (www.flogas.co.uk/safety).

The Gas-Fuelled Beacon package will contain the following:

- Burner unit with distinct design to commemorate the event - with the motif WWI 1914 18 round the circumference
- 2m high stand with an anchor for fixing to the ground
- 10m hose with the regulator for connecting to the gas cylinders
- FirePower Gas torch for lighting the burner (you will need a 400g disposable cylinder of propane for this - (see above))
- Spanner
- Leak detecting fluid
- Hose assembly and Y manifold to link 2 cylinders
- Lighting and safety instructions

The above items are packed into 2 strong cartons.

The tripod describes a circle area of about 1.32m diameter and the beacon has an extended height of about 2.15m.



The Beacon (and flame) are stable in the wind up to 30 mph. It is supplied with a ground anchor and rope for securing to the ground if this is possible, or else we would recommend the use of sand bags. Full instructions are provided for this. The Beacon must be supervised by 2 people at all times when lit and a fire extinguisher must be provided. It is important that the supervision should be undertaken by those who are competent and it is essential that a trial be undertaken before the event to ensure that everyone is fully trained and familiar with the operation.

See our website bullfinch-gas.co.uk for more details.

The price is £360 plus VAT including carriage within the UK Mainland. There will be an extra carriage charge for other areas.

To order please contact:

Bullfinch Gas Equipment, Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AJ.



Tel: 0121 765 2000

Fax: 0121 707 0995

Email: sales@bullfinch-gas.co.uk

Web: www.bullfinch-gas.co.uk

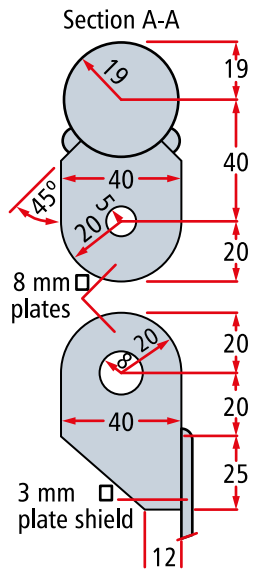
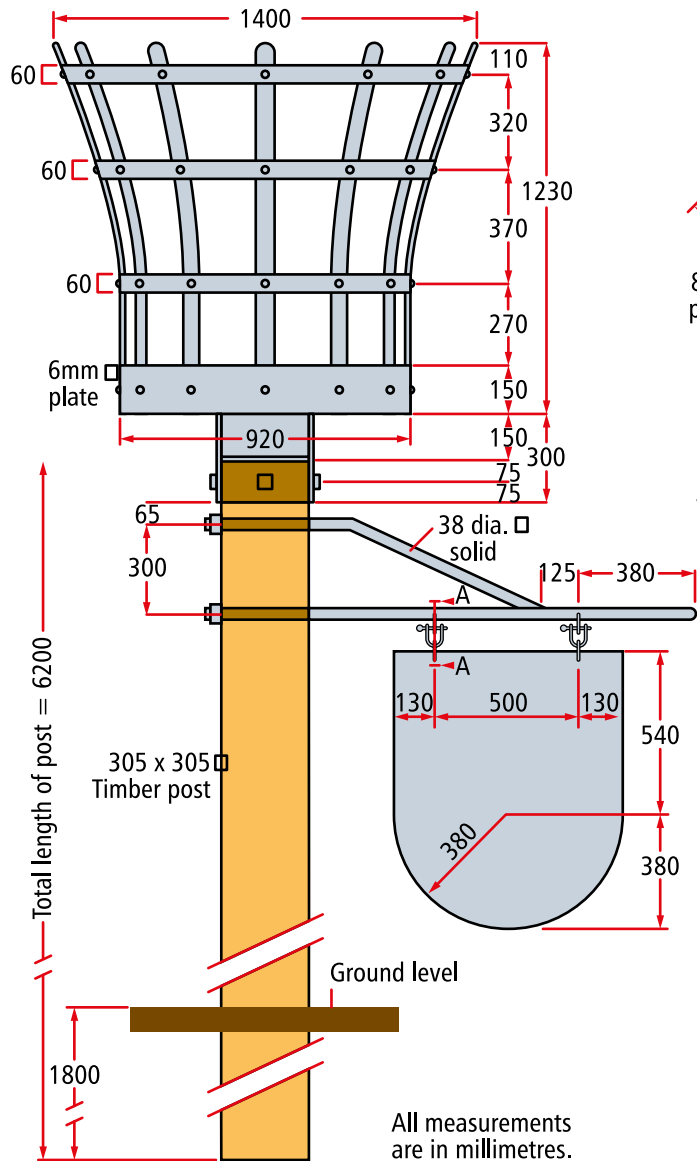
Payment by Bank Transfer, Credit/Debit Card or Cheque. Payment will not be asked for until the Beacon is about to be despatched. Last date to order to guarantee delivery by 1st November is 31st August 2018. However please enquire after this date for availability.



Gas fuelled Beacon, Berkley Castle, Gloucestershire, England.



WWI Beacons of Light, Beacon Brazier



Beacon Brazier with Metal Shield

A Beacon Brazier can be a more permanent fixture, sited in a country park, hilltop or village green, as a lasting memorial of this important moment in history commemorated, and could be manufactured and erected by using local craftsmen.



Materials Required for Beacon Construction

Wooden centre post consisting of 305mm x 305mm wooden post, 6.25 metres in length of which 2 metres goes into the ground.

Basket and fixing brackets consisting of:

- 1 x 920mm diameter steel plate.
- 1 x 4,178 long 60mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 1,330mm diameter ring.
- 1 x 3,455mm long 60mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 1,100mm diameter ring.
- 1 x 2,985mm long 60mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 950mm diameter ring.
- 1 x 2,922mm long 150mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 930mm diameter ring.
- 12 x (approx 1,250mm long) 60mm x 5mm vertical bars (rolled to shape).
- 1 x 310mm x 310mm x 300mm high connection box welded to base of basket.
- 1 x hanging shield and support: 3.7m length of 38mm diameter solid steel rod.
- 1 x 920mm x 760mm steel plate 3mm thick 4 x connection brackets 8mm thick (see detailed drawings left).
- 2 x pins and loops.



WWI Beacons of Light Bonfire Beacon

Locate the bonfire at least 30m away from buildings, roads, railways and public rights of way, and a safe distance from dangerous materials and overhead power lines. Ensure it has good access for the transportation of materials for the bonfire and sufficient space for spectators to stand upwind.

Obtain the landowner's permission and involvement.

Liaise with local fire brigade and emergency services, presenting them with your plans, and seek their advice and support.

1 Prepare site by removing top layer of turf and stack away from fire area. Obtain seven poles, 5-6m in length. Attach four guy ropes to top of one pole and anchor as shown.

2 Erect remaining poles as shown, ensuring tops are secured in place.

3 Use either pallets or suitable lengths of timber, spreading them over ground area of beacon for a good through draught. Secure timber horizontally between poles as shown, preventing material placed over the framework from dropping through. Construct access

tunnel to the middle of the beacon. Keep middle empty until required. Always construct the bonfire so it collapses inwards as it burns.

4 Use only wood for combustible materials. Do not burn dangerous items such as foam-filled furniture, old tyres, aerosols or tins of paint. Build upwards until height of centre pole is reached. Materials around top should be loosely packed to allow air flow. Cover bonfire to keep it dry.

5 Fill centre with suitable, dry combustible materials. Check construction is stable and remove any unsuitable materials that may have been added. Look specifically for fireworks, aerosols, highly inflammable materials or containers with such materials.

6 Construct a safety barrier out of ropes and stakes or scaffold poles to ensure public is kept at a safe distance from the fire.

7 In daylight, and just before lighting, check that there are no children or animals playing or hiding in the bonfire. Arrange for, and brief sufficient numbers of marshals.

8 The person looking after the fire should not wear lightweight clothing that could ignite easily. They should wear a substantial outer garment of wool, or other material of

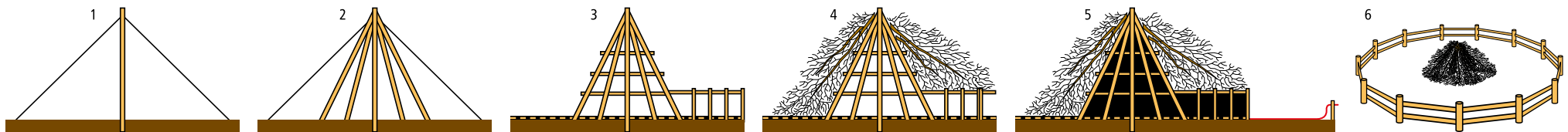
low flammability, and stout boots. They should know what to do in the event of a burn injury, or a person's clothing catching fire, and should have a fire blanket ready in the bonfire area along with a number of fire extinguishers.

9 Lighting: the safest and recommended approach is to use paper and solid firelighters in six places just inside the walls of the beacon to ensure an even burn. Never use flammable liquids such as paraffin or petrol to get it going as this can result in uncontrolled spread of fire or explosion.

10 To light the beacon: from poles 2m in length, prepare hand torches for lighting with paraffin-soaked rags wired around one end. Remember, paraffin is dangerous and great care should be taken. Paraffin can be used as directed, but it is still dangerous and should at all times be treated with great care - for example, always ensure all excess paraffin is drained off rags before use. If spilt on your clothes during the preparation of your beacon lighting you should replace those items of clothing before approaching any naked flames. In particular, always remember to replace the lid on any container of unused paraffin and store it in a safe place away from naked flames. Do not use an accelerant on the fire itself.



Bonfire Beacon, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, England.



▲ After the event, extinguish fire and collect remaining debris. ▲ Dig over site and re-lay turf. ▲ Leave site clean and tidy.



Your Legal Essentials and Safety

If you are inviting personal guests to your home it is worth checking with your household insurer that you are covered in the unfortunate circumstances that there should be an accident. If your event includes inviting the public, or it is a third party venue then, where applicable, the following advice should be heeded, to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Licensing

Your local authority is responsible for licensing of such events. This includes the sale of alcohol (please see separate section) and Regulated entertainment, which includes live and recorded music along with other types of entertainment. Generally if there are going to be no more than 499 people present at your event, including staff and performers you can apply for as Temporary Event Notice. This is a simple process and can be obtained from your local Council and completed on line for only £21. If you expect more than the 499 people you will require a Premises licence to allow your event to take place. This process takes at least 28 days after you have submitted your forms, so leave plenty of time, the process may seem complicated but you can get assistance from your local licensing service at the Council. Local authorities will treat each event individually. The licensing officer's job is to advise the local authority's licensing committee on the granting of a licence should anyone object. If there are no objections the licence will be granted but you may have to agree to some conditions. It is always worth checking before you apply with the Councils licensing service to see if location already has a licence, as some open spaces are already licensed. Talk to the licensing officer as soon as possible. In Northern Ireland, if you plan to sell alcohol at an event, you will need to apply for an occasional liquor license from the Northern Ireland Court Service.

Safety Advisory Groups

A lot of local authorities run Safety Advisory Groups for events, these groups consist of all emergency services plus other members such as the Highways authority. They can provide you with all the information you require and some have example event plans to assist you organising your events, you can normally contact them through your local Council or the Police events officers.

Insurance

Unfortunately accidents can happen at even the best organised events. Therefore you will need to consider and obtain insurance cover for your event, whether you are holding an event on your own premises or someone else's. Beacon/Bonfire events require specialist public liability cover. If you hire a park or venue or use land owned by a third party for your activity, they are likely to require you to have your own suitable insurance to cover your liability for any injury to the public or damage to other people's land or property. If hiring equipment for the event, you may need to insure these items; you may also need to consider cover for loss of any financial outlay you incur if the event has to be cancelled for reasons beyond your control, or loss of money, particularly if you are holding a fund-raising event. To help you obtain the appropriate insurance, and risk management advice, we are working closely with Unity Insurance Services, which is a specialist insurance broker in the voluntary and non-profit sector. They have developed a range of bespoke insurance covers specifically for the Beacon/Bonfire events. Unity is owned by a charity, The Scout Association, and donates all its profits back to charity. To obtain a quote or for more details or advice on the insurance cover you may need, please visit Unity's website, www.unityinsuranceservices.co.uk/beacons or telephone them on 0345 040 7702.



Alternatively, the licensing officer may be able to direct you to a suitable specialist company or broker, but you should not try to source this kind of insurance from a non-specialist.



Emergency Services

Tell the police well in advance about the type of event you are planning, and get in touch with your local community police officer. Write to the fire brigade and ambulance service, particularly if you are planning to have a Beacon/Bonfire, fireworks, or an event that will attract a large crowd. St John's Ambulance and the British Red Cross will provide first aid and sometimes a vehicle. You can be expected to be charged for these services. If your Council has a Safety Advisory group this process will be part of the process and will save time.



Food and Drink

Basic food hygiene guidelines should be followed at all times if you are providing food and drink. Caterers must have food hygiene certificates. Advice on this subject can be obtained from your local council environmental officer. If you are using outside catering companies check with your local authority to see if they are a registered food business.



Alcohol

If you wish to sell alcohol at your event you will need to obtain a licence, please see the section above on licensing, it is important that you obtain the correct permissions and your local authority Licensing service will help you do this. You can normally use a temporary events notice for a bar as only a small number of people can be present (less than the 499 limit).



Site Clearance

The local authority will arrange for clearance and disposal of litter after your event if it is on public ground (check for possible charges). You can help this process by arranging litter bins or recycling bins around the site, and a crew to clear up throughout the event.



Hiring or Borrowing Equipment

Your local authorities, or local event organisers may be able to help you with contacts for supplies such as marquees, portable toilets, barriers and bunting, or may in some cases have these for you to hire and borrow. You may also need to consider generators, a public address system, and emergency flood lighting. If you need to arrange insurance for your hired equipment, Unity Insurance Services can arrange this for you too. If you hire a Marquee make sure the company providing it provide you with the necessary safety certificates.



All Ability Access

Access for the disabled is very important. Many local authorities run community transport schemes. Talk to them about arranging transport. On green field sites access may be improved by cutting the grass before the event.



The Royal Naval Association is proud to be associated with 'Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute'

With over 16,000 members across 300+ branches in the UK and overseas, we are a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy.

Whether we are catching up with friends at our regular social events; fundraising; advising on welfare and employment matters, or just providing an arm around the shoulder, our natural willingness to help others stems from the tradition and camaraderie that only Naval Service life can instil. Everything we do is inextricably linked to our core values:

Unity

Shared backgrounds and equality in rank. We share the same bonds, the same mindset, and even the same language (Jackspeak!). We are all equal. We are the heart and soul of the RNA.

Loyalty

To each other and our dependants. We will always support and look out for each other. Our loyalty is to all our shipmates, our local communities, the personnel and dependants of the Naval Service, along with other charities or organisations with naval connections.

Patriotism

We are proud to serve and proud to represent our country and the Naval Service. Our pride in serving our country never leaves us. Nor do we forget those who have fallen for our country or who fight now. We are deeply honoured to represent them on both a national and international level.

Comradeship

Friends in fun, fellowship and need. Your shipmates will always be here for you, whether it's about a job, ideas for a fun day out or just an arm around the shoulder. We will never leave you or your dependants in despair.

The Royal Naval Association has lots of great things going on:

- Project Semaphore to bring digitally isolated naval veterans online.
- Befriending naval veterans who need an arm around the shoulder.
- 3 minibuses fitted with wheelchair hoist for socially isolated veterans.
- Support for those leaving the Royal Navy - the Shipmates and Oppos programme.
- We support and lead the Conference of Naval Associations, a group of 70 like-minded naval associations, bringing great benefits and working together. www.cona.org.uk/
- Most importantly we have fun together with our regular meetings and organised events - such as our annual reunion and Conference and the Remembrance Sunday march at the Cenotaph.

The RNA has been involved with many aspects of commemoration of the First World War.

- Our National Standard led the parade at the National Event at Lyness cemetery on the Orkneys for the Battle of Jutland, our members have been part of many events.
- We have lent the Chapel door of HMS WARSPITE to the National Museum of the Royal Navy - for their Jutland Exhibition running in Portsmouth from 2016 to 2020.
- We are the lead sponsor with the Woodland Trust in the establishment of the Jutland Wood as part of their WW1 Centenary Wood Project. The wood will consist of 6,094 trees - reflecting the number of Royal Navy sailors who lost their lives on that day in May 1916. The RNA has sponsored two of the large specimen trees in the main avenue, and hope to have members at the planning at Langley Vale Epsom in the Winter of 2017.

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ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

ABF The Soldiers' Charity is the National Charity of the British Army. Originally established as the Army Benevolent Fund in 1944, we provide a lifetime of support to soldiers, veterans and their immediate families in times of need.

How we help

We give financial assistance to individuals as well as make grants to a large number of specialist charities and partner organisations such as Combat Stress, SSAFA and the NSPCC, which provide support on our collective behalf.

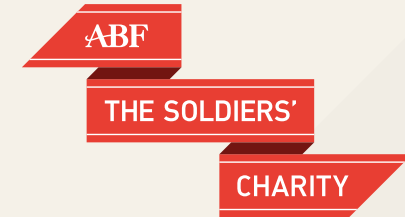
The scope of our work is huge; from providing funding for specialist medical equipment for the 6-month old child of a serving soldier, to assisting with the care home fees of a 105-year-old veteran, our work touches the lives of around 80,000 people each year, sustaining the British Army 'family' both at home and around the world. We are The Soldiers' Charity: 'For Soldiers - For Life'.



How you can help

From abseils, skydives and 24-hour hikes across the Scottish wilderness, to cake sales, big curries and cycling challenges, there are many ways for you to get involved and support our work. However you choose to support us, your contribution will go a long way to making a difference to the lives of serving and veteran Army personnel, and their families.

We don't receive any statutory government funding, so we rely on the generosity of our supporters to ensure we can continue to be here, supporting the men and women of the British Army.



The Army's National Charity

For more information on The Soldiers' Charity or to make a donation, visit www.soldierscharity.org or email info@soldierscharity.org



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THE HEART OF THE RAF FAMILY SINCE 1919



**Royal Air Force
Benevolent Fund**
THE HEART OF THE RAF FAMILY



Since our foundation in 1919, the RAF Benevolent Fund has been there, through thick and thin, supporting the RAF family.

Our principal activities are to provide assistance to the RAF family when they are in need, maintain and preserve the RAF Memorial in London on behalf of the nation, support the morale and wellbeing of the serving RAF and be responsible for the Bomber Command Memorial in central London.

HOW WE HELP

We routinely help over 41,000 individuals every year, by providing a range of support aimed at serving and former RAF personnel. We also support members of the Air Cadet Organisation, including members of the Combined Cadet Force RAF component, if they are injured whilst on duty.

They include welfare breaks for families and veterans, grants to help with getting about inside and outside the home, specialist advice on benefits and care services, individual grants for RAF Stations and Station personnel and support for young people through our Airplay programme.

By working with others, we ensure that members of the RAF family get the right support, when it's needed. Last year we gave over £1m in external grants to over 50 charities and organisations including RAFA, SSAFA and the Royal British Legion.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are lots of ways you can get involved with the RAF Benevolent Fund and we always welcome your support.

And don't forget whatever you do, no matter how small, will go a long way in helping us make a difference to the lives of RAF personnel, past and present, and their families. From cake sales to fun runs, cycling challenges to dinners, your support matters.

We receive no regular government funding, so we rely entirely on people like you to continue our work supporting the men, women and children of the RAF family whenever they are in need.

For more information on the RAF Benevolent Fund or to make a donation, visit www.rafbf.org, or email info@rafbf.org.uk.





The Merchant Navy Association

from ship to shore, from past to present

The merchantile marine, as it was termed in those times, played a significant and often critical role throughout the First World War...much the same as it would two decades later. In both world wars merchant seafarers and fishermen fought the enemy, the weather and the seas to keep the nation and the Armed Services supplied and able to defend themselves. Their way of life and conditions of service were austere with seafarers often not returning home for over two years, some having been sunk, survived and transferred to other ships to maintain those lines of support.

During the First World War attacks on merchant and fishing vessels began quite slowly but increased significantly as the enemy sought to blockade Great Britain. In 1914 and 1915 a total of 342 merchant vessels were lost to enemy action with 2,471 men, women and boys losing their lives. During 1916 there were 396 ships and 1,217 seamen killed. In the following year, 1917, the losses were so severe that the ships being built could not match the number of ships being lost in action with six ships a day being sunk on some days. The loss of life was increasing significantly. It was so severe that if the rate of losses of ships and men had continued the war would have been lost. No food, no fuel, no wood, no arms and ammunition especially some of the 91 million shells that were eventually produced and transferred by sea. In that year 1,197 ships were sunk through enemy action and 6,408 seamen were lost at sea with their ships...their only grave the sea. The losses had to be decreased and this was achieved by the introduction of the Convoy System in 1917. In 1918 the impact of the actions in the previous year were clearly evident with 544 ships and 4,122 seamen lost.

The total recorded losses for the First World War were 2,479 ships and 14,287 seamen plus 675 vessels of the fishing fleet and 434 seamen. There were many more seafarers who died ashore and were not commemorated. They had to die at sea to be commemorated even when they were hospitalised because of their wounds. They were also off pay when their ships were sunk. They actually had to die at sea to be commemorated.

The men, women and boys who were lost at sea during the First World War included lads such as Redan Sydney Jeffries (aged 13) of Lowestoft, presumed drowned on 24th October 1917. Redan was a Cook aboard the fishing vessel Vanguard. More than twenty-nine Boy seamen aged only 14 lost their lives for their King and Country. At the other end of the scale were men long overdue for retirement who insisted on "doing their bit" and who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Men such as A.B. Patrick Casey, aged 73, killed when the S.S. Dotterel was sunk by a mine off the French coast on 29th November 1915....they were the forgotten heroes, their lines of support were never broken.

Capt J M R Sail MNM MNI, MNA National Chairman

Please donate what you can, when you can, as often as you can. Small donations will make a big difference.

Contact www.mna.org.uk and access the DONATE button.

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute & WWI Beacons of Light Acknowledgements

This event is being organised in association with:

The Society of Editors, Army Cadet Force, Air Training Corps, Sea Cadet Corps, Combined Cadet Force, Association of English Cathedrals, Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, Merchant Navy Association, The Buglers Association of The Light Division & Rifles, Trinity House, National Association of Local Councils, National Association of Civic Officers, One Voice Wales, National Trust, English Heritage and the National Union of Mineworkers (formerly known as Miners Federation of Great Britain).

We would like to thank the many and various councils, churches, organisations, local communities, commercial companies, private land owners and others to date listed below, for their generous participation in this unique, local community tribute.

There are a number of others taking part as private occasions, so are not open to the general public so have asked not to be listed.

(The Merchant Navy Association will be lighting 12 further Beacons, the locations of which will be confirmed nearer the date).

ENGLAND

BEDFORDSHIRE

Leighton-Linslade Town Council
Silsoe Parish Council
Potton Town Council
Luton Borough Council
Billington Parish Council
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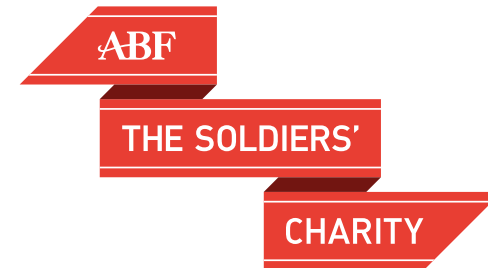
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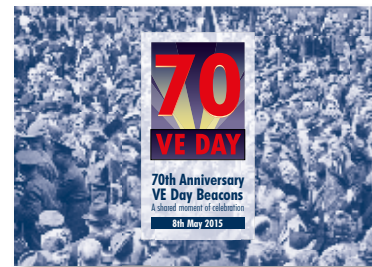
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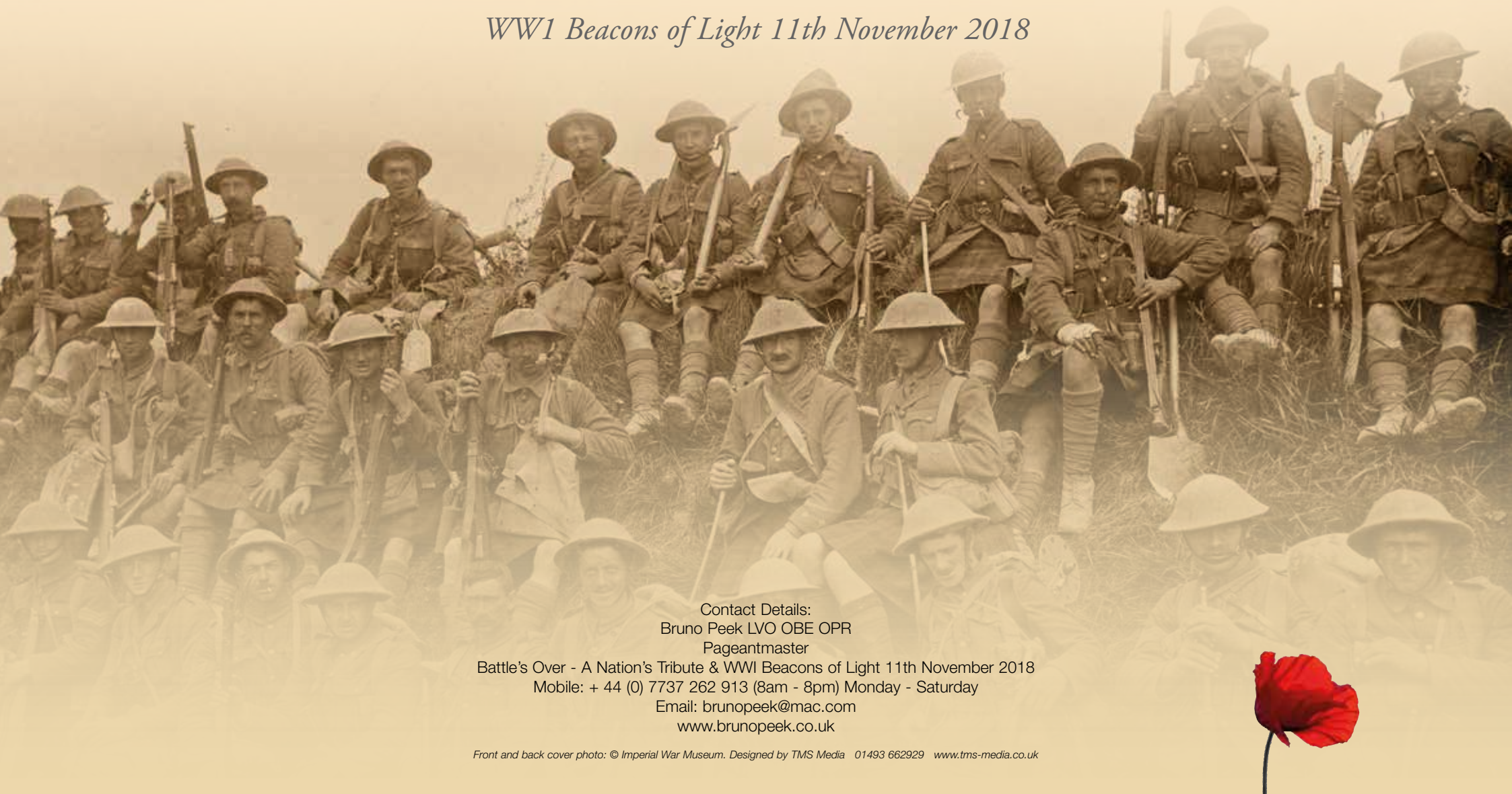
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