

Lamp Light of Peace

In Remembrance

11am • 11 November 2026



AS THE EMBERS OF PAST CONFLICTS LINGER BENEATH OUR COMMON LIFE,
REMEMBRANCE BECOMES NOT MERELY A GESTURE, BUT A SOLEMN VOW

A Message from the Patron - Brian Conley

"It is truly an immense honour to be involved with the Lamp Light of Peace and its work in promoting world peace. To participate in a symbol that goes beyond borders, cultures, and beliefs and to contribute to the universal desire for world peace, is both humbling and inspiring."



Introduction

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster



As the embers of past conflicts linger beneath our common life, remembrance becomes not merely a gesture, but a solemn vow. Each November we gather in shared silence and witness names read out, carved tenderly in stone. We are summoned to more than mourning, rather to see the possibility of enduring peace.

To remember is to recognise the humanity within each story: the hope in a soldier's distant gaze, the echo of a mother's lament, the innocence lost to a child's vanished world. War is not the work of nameless nations, but of individuals; and it is here that we also find the seeds of peace, growing stronger through each of our memories.

As we remember, let the flame of peace also be passed between us, hand to hand - its light illuminating not only lives once lived, but the promise of a future yet unwritten. As the voices of those who have gone before fade into history, it is our responsibility to honour their sorrow and respond with hope to the living wounds that conflict leaves behind.

In a world often frayed at the edges, remembrance serves as our guiding star. Let us not only reflect on the past but also look to the future as joining across the land at 10.57am on November 11th as we light the Lamp of Peace. This will be a symbol to guide us all as we step into the future with courage and hope for our fragile and beautiful world.

Let this lamp burn brightly, an emblem of our shared commitment to peace.

Local authorities and others with flag poles are being encouraged to purchase the Flag of Peace shown on page 11 and raise it at 10.57am.

We would also like to encourage the involvement of young people in this promotion of continued peace around the world, involving youth organisations such as Scouts, Army, Sea and Air Cadets, schools, and youth clubs etc, to name but a few, especially as the youth of the world are the peace makers and keepers of the future.

Those who already have these Lamps are being encouraged to re-light them again as part of the Lamp Light of Peace at 10.57am on 11th November 2026.

The overall aim for the next few years, is to make this the largest promotion of peace the world has ever seen, bringing the people, families and communities of the world together at one moment in time, in a very simple, but symbolic act.

If you go to **page 8**, you will see the special prayer that has been written for this occasion, enabling it to be read over the Lamp after the two minutes silence should you wish to.

To purchase your lamp, please go to **page 10** of this guide.

I do therefore, hope that you will take part in this unique event, helping us to promote and encourage peace in our lifetime, making the world a safer place for the future of mankind.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Patron Brian Conley for his generous support for this unique and important occasion.

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Olney Town Council

I'm Cllr Debbie Whitworth and Mayor of Olney, and for remembrance 2025 I invited our local schools to attend the remembrance service at the memorial on the Market Place - two pupils from each of our three schools laid wreaths and I asked an older student to read the names of the fallen with me - they were proud to have been invited to such a poignant occasion and the residents were delighted to see the youth engaging in this way - it is vital our children feel involved so they can honour the sacrifices made by service personnel in the past and present conflicts, to ensure their legacy will never be forgotten.

Olney Town Council is delighted and proud to be taking part in the lighting of a Lamp Light of Peace at 10.37am on 11th November 2026, encouraging the 'promotion of peace in our time', and have already invited schools to take part by passing the lamp around the Market Place on 11th November too.

I would like to encourage other Mayors of towns, boroughs and cities throughout the UK to please sign up and take part in lighting a lamp of peace and reach out to your schools and together throughout the UK let us get the youth of today participating and encourage a joint commitment towards a future of peace and unity in our world.

With very best wishes
Cllr Debbie Whitworth, Mayor of Olney



How the Lamp Light of Peace can benefit animals in need today

The Lamp Light of Peace will support animal charities with £5 from every sale of each Lamp.



We have teamed up with the The War Horse Memorial CIC, who seven year's ago unveiled in Ascot, Berkshire, the first national memorial dedicated to the millions of UK, Commonwealth and Allied horses, mules and donkeys lost during The Great War and subsequent conflicts.

Poppy, named by the country's guides and brownies in a national competition, is a larger than life bronze horse and stands on a three metre high stone plinth created by acclaimed British sculptor Susan Leyland. It has become much more than a memorial. It has created an opportunity to raise funds for struggling animal charities and welfare organisations through the memory of those fallen victims of war and the emblem of a purple poppy to be worn alongside the red.

War Horse Memorial CIC, sells purple poppy pin badges and knitted purple poppies for treasured pets to wear ahead of International War Animal Day, on February 24 and on November 11 when we remember ALL lives lost in Two World Wars and conflicts that followed, through The Animal Purple Poppy Fund.

As Co-Founder of this organisation, we are working with others in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and America to create an animal memorial in France dedicated to those animals who went to war and never returned, and will use some of the money raised from Lamp Light of Peace sales to help make that happen.



For more information on The War Horse Memorial and the Animal Purple Poppy Fund please go to www.thewarhorsememorial.org

Susan Osborne





Australian War Animal Memorial Organisation



Lest we forget, four-legged diggers served too.



To order and purchase your lamp, please go to www.amplightofpeace.co.uk

President of AWAMO Nigel Allsopp



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The Australian war animal memorial organization (AWAMO) was established over 25 years ago to honour the deeds and sacrifices of animals during conflicts. AWAMO has established over 50 memorials worldwide, including the official war animal memorial in Pozieres France. AWAMO has also worked alongside many international associations to establish memorials honouring the service of animals in their countries. As we rightly remember human soldiers, we should also remember the contribution of animals in all wars. Millions of animals have paid the ultimate sacrifice for mankind. AWAMO established International War Animal Day and the wearing of a purple poppy to recognize the role animals played. With the help of colleagues in Britain, Canada, America, France and New Zealand both the wearing of the purple poppy and War Animal Day has spread across the world.

AWAMO has established funds in Australia and New Zealand to support both human veterans with the provision of assistance dogs and provide financial assistance to retired military working dog veterinary bills.

AWAMO promotes the education of youth they are the future, and we encourage the involvement of young people on this day of peace as we remember, both human and animal deeds. Let the flame of peace shine around the world to remind us.





The Youth Lamp Light of Peace

11th November 2026



The sounds of war, keep raging on
Where have my childhood visions gone
I need no stress in my tender years
Keep Mum and Dad close, then I'll have no fears
It is children, who will rule the world
Step up, come forth, with banners unfurled
We can! We must! Use our brain
And light, the Lamp Light of Peace again.

Written by Chelsea Pensioner Roy Palmer.



A Prayer for World Peace

11.05am

May the lamplight of peace always
be to us a symbol of peace, hope
and reconciliation.

May the flickering flame remind us
that even in the darkest of times
there can always be a glimmer of
hope and light.

In the light of that hope, in a spirit
of reconciliation and compassion,
may we be led from despair to hope,
from hate to love, and from war to
peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world,
our universe.

Amen



Proclamation of Peace

10.55am

Oyez Oyez Oyez

The lighting of this Lamp Light of Peace provides us with the opportunity to encourage long-term peace throughout this troubled world.

The flickering flame of the lamp represents the 'Light of Peace' that emerges through the darkness of war.

If everyone demanded peace... then there would be peace.

Let us look to the future with the light by our side.

And let us give thanks and remember those people who gave so much and continue to do so on behalf of us all.

When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace.

God Save the King



Lamp Light of Peace

The gentle flame of the Lamp Light of Peace represents the light that emerged from the darkness of war. This lantern offers a simple, safe and meaningful way to take part in this unique aspect of national remembrance. Please light it just before the two minutes silence at 11am on Remembrance Day - 11th November 2026 and every year thereafter at this time - as a lasting tribute to the millions who gave their lives during WWI and WWII.



Handcrafted by Feuerhand, a trusted German brand known for quality since 1893, the lantern combines tradition with practicality. Each bundle includes the iconic Feuerhand hurricane lantern and a durable carry case. Exclusively available now for £55.00 at www.berryuseful.co.uk/llp, it's more than a commemorative light – it's a piece to cherish and use year after year.

After Remembrance Day, the lantern is perfect for bringing a warm glow to your garden evenings or camping trips.



Scan the QR for more details and to place your order for the Lamp Light of Peace, exclusively available from Berry Useful. www.berryuseful.co.uk/llp



THE FLAG OF PEACE THROUGHOUT THE NATIONS

10am November 11th, 2026

Flying 'The Flag of Peace throughout Nations' offers a traditional, simple but perhaps one of the most poignant and effective ways to take part in any act of remembrance.

The strong bold logo sits to the hoist of the flag, not only to maximise its visibility when flying but to help reinforce the symbolism and meaning of the flag.

The 'dove', a long held symbol piece carries a 'poppy', the flower of remembrance. It flies from struggle and conflict depicted by the red of the background towards the calm, stability, signified by the blue; leading into the light and wisdom signified by the gold.

Please join in a unique and simple act of remembrance and hoist the flag at 10am on the morning of 11th November 2026 and every year that follows.

JW. Plant & Co Ltd are proud to be nominated as the official supplier for 'The Flag of Peace throughout Nations'. We are a family run business and have been manufacturing flags in the UK for four generations.

Based in Leeds, our factory continues to manufacture a wide range of traditional hand sewn, screen printed and digitally printed flags.

We have a passion for flags: their ability to unite communities, to provide a focus whereby we can give thanks, celebrate and be proud.



Ordering

Scan QR Code

or visit link below

<https://the-flag-company.co.uk/>

FlagofPeacethroughoutNations

Flags are made to order, once payment is received.

Please allow a minimum of 10 working days for the manufacturing process and place all orders in good time for the event.

Delivery will be made by Royal Mail 48 track and can take up to 3 working days. Please ensure full and complete delivery address is provided, including a contact name, telephone, and email address.

We suggest orders are placed by the date below to ensure delivery by 11/11/2026

14th October 2026



The flags are digitally printed in 8 colour RainbowTec™ High Energy disperse dyes, creating vibrant, durable colours. They are reduction cleared at 50° centigrade making them fully washable at 40° centigrade.

Single thickness flags, design shows correct on the front and in the mirror image on the reverse.

Hemmed all round with 2 rows stitching, 3 rows of stitching will be used on the fly edge of the 90" flag.

Headed down the left hand side. Finished as details below, other finishing such as eyelets, available on request.

PRODUCT Details - SIZE, FINISHING, PRICES below

Other sizes available on request.

Sizes				
Imperial - Inches		USE	Finishing	Unit Price £
Width	Depth			
36"	21.6"	Best suited to freestanding flagpoles around 3-4m (10-13ft), wall mounted and roof mounted flagpoles of at least 1-3m in length, at a approximately 1st storey level	D rings top and bottom	£18.11
60"	36"	Best suited to freestanding flagpoles around 5-6m (15-20ft), wall mounted and roof mounted flagpoles of at least 2-3m in length, at a height of at least 4-6m (20-25ft)	D rings top and bottom	£38.99
90"	54"	Best suited to freestanding flagpoles 8m (25ft) and above, wall mounted and roof mounted flagpoles of at least 3m in length, at a height of at least 10m (30ft.)	Rope and toggle	£67.65
144"	72"	Best suited to freestanding flagpoles 12m (40ft) and above, roof mounted flagpoles of at least 6m in length, base approximately 12m (30ft.) from the ground.	Rope and toggle	£118.82

*** Prices include postage and VAT and are correct at the time of publication

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Lamp Light of Peace Official Lapel Badge

This beautifully crafted 40mm gold and enamel badge is a proud symbol of unity, remembrance, and the global hope for peace.

Created by Empire Medals in support of the Lamp Light of Peace campaign, it features secure butterfly clasps for a perfect fit.

Wear it with pride and purpose.

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Lamp Light of Peace on Historic Fishing Vessels

Message from Ernie Artis, Ship Manager, Vice Chairman, Lydia Eva and Mincarlo Charitable Trust

The Lydia Eva and Mincarlo Charitable Trust is extremely delighted to participate in the unique lighting of Lamp Lights of Peace at 10.57am on 11th November 2026, on the steam drifter Lydia Eva in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, and the Sidewinder Trawler Mincarlo in Lowestoft, Suffolk, as part of The Lamp Light of Peace in Remembrance next year.

THE LYDIA EVA YH89 is the last remaining Steam Drifter and is based on South Quay, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, built in 1930 at Kings Lynn, fitted out in Great Yarmouth and operated by Harry Eastwick until 1939 when it was sold to the Air Ministry and then forwarded to the Royal Air Force as a buoy layer and recovery vessel. In the early 70s it was sold to the Heritage Maritime Trust, converted back to a Drifter and on permanent display in Great Yarmouth as a museum until 1978. It was then moved to St Catherine's Dock, London



until the mid 80s when it was sold to the Lydia Eva and Mincarlo Charitable Trust for just £1.00 and returned to Gt.Yarmouth/Lowestoft SAS museum where it was lovingly restored from 2000-2009. The Lydia Eva is back in steam taking paying passengers on trips out as a floating museum and is now a film star in the new Wonka film of 2023.

MINCARLO LT412 is the last Sidewinder Trawler built and engined in Lowestoft, Suffolk and is on display on Heritage Quay in Lowestoft. Built in 1961 at Brooke Marine, Lowestoft, with a 5 cylinder Diesel engine the Mincarlo was operated out of lowestoft until the mid 70s and was renamed Putford Merlin and operated as a standby boat until the mid/late 80s, when it was then sold to Lydia Eva and Mincarlo Charitable Trust and opened as a floating museum in the early 90s.

Both these vessels remain in the hands of Lydia Eva and Mincarlo Charitable Trust and rely on donations to keep the vessels afloat.



Mincarlo LT412



Lydia Eva YH89



James Paget Hospital lights the way

"As an NHS organisation, James Paget Hospital values the connection between our hospital and the communities we serve, and this is a simple and meaningful way of showing our support for the Lamp Light of Peace in Remembrance at **10.57am** on the 11th November 2026.

"By lighting the lamp of peace, our hospital is showing support for this significant shared moment of reflection, shared peace and remembrance. We encourage other hospitals and health care organisations to get involved in a similar way, and share in the commitment to peace."

Dr Shane Gordon
Executive Managing Director
James Paget University Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust



James Paget
University Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust



Rotary Club of The Studios & Elstree and Borehamwood

Message from George Carr President 25/26

Welcome everyone, I'm calling on you all to join in the lighting of a Lamp Light of Peace at 10.37am on 11th November 2026.

This will become an annual occasion from next year, growing in size and stature throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and other countries around the world, promoting and encouraging long-term peace in this troubled world of ours.

My name is George Carr, Rotary President 25/26, of the Studios & Elstree and Boreham Wood Rotary Club.

It is an Honour and a Privilege for our club to be invited to take part in this Unique Opportunity, and invite and encourage the Worldwide Family of Rotarians to join with us in this important message.

The light from the Lamps will represent the 'Light of Hope' that emerges from the dreadful darkness of war.

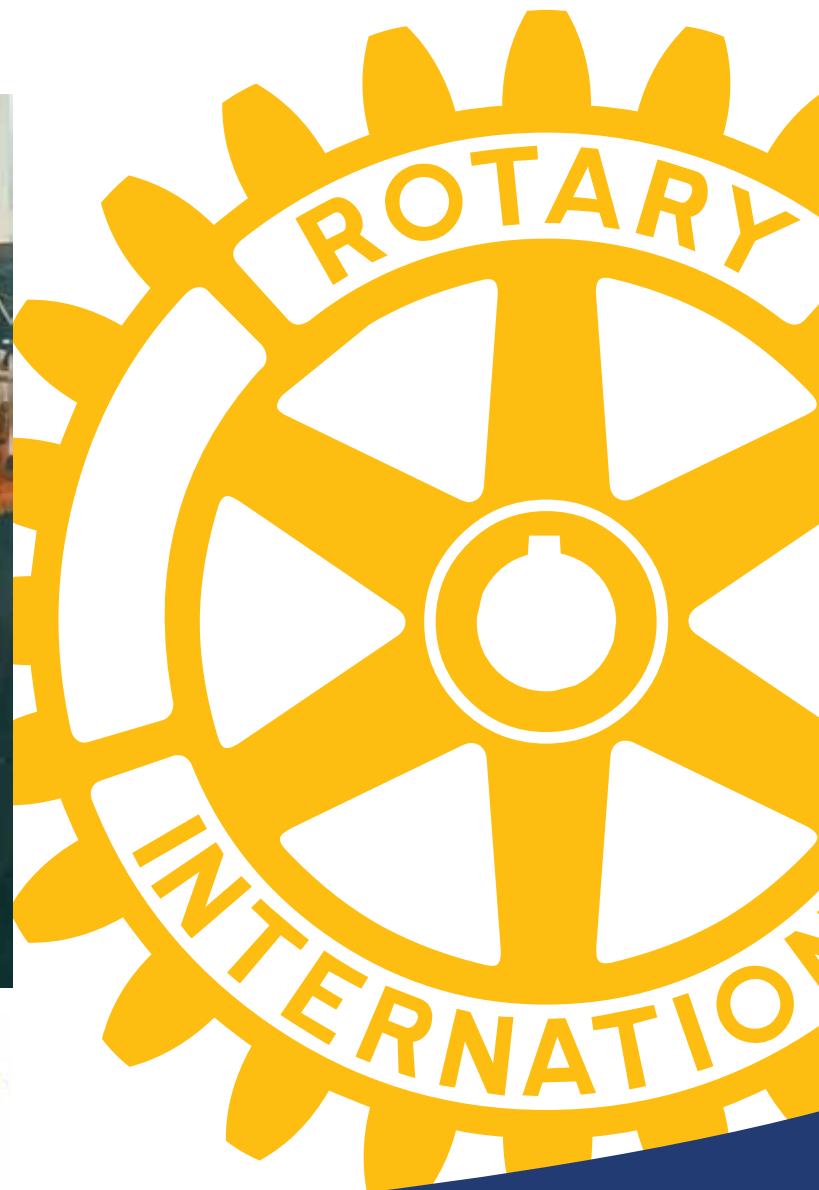
As a Piper I will be one of many Pipers around the UK taking our part in piping from 1st to 11th November 2026 at 11.00hrs.

George Carr President 25/26

G W Carr



Rotary 
Club of The Studios
& Elstree and Borehamwood



Empowering Youth Ventures (EYV)

The Lamp Light of Peace in Remembrance 11am - 11th November 2026

Empower Youth Ventures (EYV) is a community-based organisation committed to inspiring and empowering young people to achieve their full potential through creative, inclusive and engaging programmes built around play, performance, education and personal development, thus providing opportunities for children and young people, especially those from disadvantaged or underserved backgrounds, to grow in confidence, key life development skills enabling them to thrive in Borehamwood Hertfordshire.

Rooted in strong community ethos, EYV partners with schools, local organisations, and families to create safe, supportive environments where young people can learn, express themselves, and build brighter futures. Every project we deliver aims to nurture creativity, teamwork, and resilience, helping them to discover their strengths and shape positive pathways forward. We are therefore extremely proud and delighted to support and participate in the lighting of the Lamp Lights of Peace in Remembrance on 11th November 2026, enabling our young people to come together to honour those many

millions who sacrificed so much to achieve the freedom we all enjoy today, especially because the young people of the world are the 'peace makers' of the future, so their involvement in this event is so important.

This event also provides our young generation with the opportunity to play their equal part in the promotion and encouragement of peace in this troubled world of ours, encouraging others to follow their lead. Through their meaningful participation, our youth engage in the important act of remembrance from an early age whilst learning the important values of unity, gratitude and civic responsibility.

Anthony McEyeson
Founder & CEO

Kerri Carr
Operations and Director

Empower Youth Ventures

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Healthier Heroes: A Veteran's Story

Howard Boudewyn and his daughter, Caitlin Boudewyn.



Howard had always wanted to join the Royal Marines, and in 1991 his dream came true. After completing the Royal Marines Commando Course, Howard served in Northern Ireland with 40 Commando before being deployed to Kuwait, Norway, the Caribbean and the Indian Ocean. Howard left the Royal Marines in 1999 after a distinguished career.

On leaving the Royal Marines, Howard, like many, struggled to adapt to civilian life, which unfortunately led to the breakdown of his marriage. He moved from job to job, never fulfilled and never at peace, which ultimately led to a reliance on alcohol as a coping mechanism.

Howard became homeless in 2015. Over the course of the next five years, he had no fixed abode and slept in places including stock rooms, on sofas and on the road. Alcohol continued to play a huge part of Howard's life, ultimately resulting in the breakdown of his relationship with his daughter Caitlin in 2020. This caused Howard significant pain, knowing that the responsibility for this breakdown rested solely with him.

In April 2021, Howard's problems reached breaking point. He was identified as a Veteran and taken to Bancroft House, a home for veterans run by Healthier Heroes CIC. Now accommodated in a safe place, Howard underwent a programme of intervention including Rehab at Elisha House where he successfully undertook a 12 step, peer lead recovery programme.

His time since then has been both fulfilling and productive. Howard has gone full circle and now works for Healthier Heroes as night staff responsible for residents' safety and well-being. Having been through the process,

the guidance and support he gives to others is priceless. He is living independently, has purchased his own transport, and most importantly, has built and continues to build on his relationship with his precious daughter.

"If it wasn't for Healthier Heroes I don't know where I'd be. It was due to their support and guidance that I am clean and now can move forward in my life. I have regrets and for many years I was ashamed of the person I had become. Not the Royal Marine I was so proud of, a person I didn't like. In fact, it was only on a visit to D-Day in June 2025, that I felt worthy to put on my Beret for the first time in years. But I can't change the past. All I can do is continue on my path forwards and know my life is better now. As a Veteran, I am both delighted and proud to be involved with the Lamp Light of Peace in Commemoration and will be lighting one of the Lamps at 10.37am on 11th November 2026, in memory of my Comrades that did not return, and to help promote everlasting Peace in our world, and urge other Veterans to undertake similar."



How to Register your Involvement



The Lamp Light of Peace
at St Augustine's Abbey,
Canterbury, Kent,
courtesy of English
Heritage.



Social Media: Use the power of social media channels to promote your involvement in Lamp Light of Peace in Remembrance 11am - 11th November 2026.

TV, Radio and Newsprint: Make contact with your regional and local TV stations, local radio and newspapers, informing them of your participation in this event. We will be providing you with a Press Release during the last week of October 2026, outlining the overall plans for this event, enabling you to affix it to your plans. **Please** remember to include all of your own contact details, enabling them to contact you direct.

REGISTRATION OF EVENTS

Step 1: To confirm your involvement and make important communications as easy as possible please register your participation, providing the information below, direct to brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible please, but **no later than 30th October 2026**.

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. 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.

Name of Country: England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands, Isle of Man.

Name of County

Name of City, Borough, District, Community Council, Town, Parish

Location where Lamp will be lit

Will it be accompanied by an event - Yes/No

Name of Organisation

Name of Organiser

Email address

Public or Private event

Step 2: Public or private event & legal essentials

Ensure you have undertaken all legal essentials and risk assessments before lighting your Lamp, ensuring everyone involved is happy and familiar with your plans, including your local Fire Brigade and Local Authority, along with taking out public liability insurance where necessary.

Step 3: Please light your LampLight of Peace just before you undertake the two minutes silence at 11am.

The Lamp Lighting Ceremony could include your HM Lord Lieutenant, DL, Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, High Sheriff, Lord Provost, Chairman, Leader of the Council or a WWII Veteran, or another of your choice.

Bruno Peek

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Your pets can join in the Remembrance Day celebrations

War, and its consequences is naturally viewed from a human perspective. However, it is only right we also remember the contribution of animals in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Tens of millions of horses, donkeys, dogs, cats and pigeons gave service during those dark years - and sadly, many never returned.

For example, the role that dogs played can never been underestimated. Up to 20,000 dogs of different breeds and sizes were trained for front-line duties during World War One. Dogs like Woody (pictured here) took messages between the lines and sniffed out enemy soldiers. Their roles were deemed so important that in the early months of 1917 the War Office formed the War Dog School of Instruction in Hampshire to train them. They were also used for pulling machine guns and equipment. Many - about 7,000 - had been family pets, while others were recruited from dogs' homes or came from police forces. Sentinel dogs were trained to stand quietly on the top of the trench alongside their master's gun barrel, in order to let the soldiers know if anyone attempted to approach the barbed wire.

The picture (below), courtesy of The Imperial War Museum, shows French Red Cross dogs, including Labradors like Woody, line up for inspection on the Western Front, in 1914. These specially trained dogs wore harnesses containing medical equipment, which they delivered to injured soldiers on the battlefield.



The skills, loyalty and devotion of our canine friends was called on again in World War Two. British forces utilized various dog breeds for a range of crucial roles, including sentry work, mine detection, messenger duties, and even as companions. German Shepherds, Doberman Pinschers, Labradors, and Airedales were among the breeds favoured for their specific skills and temperaments. Some were specifically trained to locate and detect landmines, playing a vital role in breaching minefields, and others were used for search and rescue, locating people buried under rubble, and even laying telephone wires.

Millions of animals were taken from family homes and farms to aid allied forces during both World Wars, so it is only fitting that those of us with much loved pets, should be encouraged to light a Lamp Light of Peace at 10.57am on 11th November, 2026, to 'shine a light' on the animals who also served, and for the lamp to be re-lit for years to come.

Woody Osborne



Your pets can join in the Remembrance Day celebrations

Meet Patrick. He's a miniature Shetland pony, with a lovely temperament and a kind and caring nature. He is something of a celebrity and is the current Mayor of Cockington, a beautiful village in South West Devon. He has been trained as a therapy pony, which means that his calming effect can help alleviate pain, reduce stress, anxiety and improve overall psychological state in people young and old.

However, if Patrick had lived during either world war his fate would have been very different. A war horse is often thought of as a huge cavalry charger or a smart officer's mount. But during the First World War the roles of equids was much more varied. A Shetland pony like Patrick can pull twice their own weight, and because they evolved in harsh environments, are known for their sure-footedness.

The Army needed thousands of civilian horses to serve alongside its soldiers. Different types were suited to different military roles. Riding horses were used in the cavalry and as officers' mounts. Draught horses switched from pulling buses to hauling heavy artillery guns or supply wagons. Small but strong multi-purpose horses and ponies carried shells and ammunition. Without these hard-working animals, the Army could not have functioned.

By 1917, the Army employed over 368,000 horses on the Western Front. The vast majority of these were draught or pack animals rather than cavalry horses. Thousands succumbed to fatigue or diseases like mange. Others fell victim to the weapons of modern war. The use of gas, artillery, mines, machine guns, mortars and tanks made the front a terrifying place for horses. In the early days of gas warfare, nose plugs were improvised for horses to help them survive. Later, special types of horse gas masks were developed.

Back home, one of the most significant uses of animals was in the coal mines. Pit ponies, small horses or ponies used underground, played a crucial role in the mining industry, hauling coal from the depths of the earth to the surface. With many horses requisitioned for the war, the demand for pit ponies increased. These ponies worked in harsh conditions, often spending their entire lives underground. Despite the challenging environment, they ensured a steady supply of coal, essential for powering factories, railways, and ships.

On November 11, 2026 at 10.57am, Patrick and the Petrakis family he lives with in Torquay will light their Lamp Light of Peace and remember those soldiers and animals who gave service and sacrifice, and hope this simple act will create a movement for peace across the globe.



Patrick the Pony



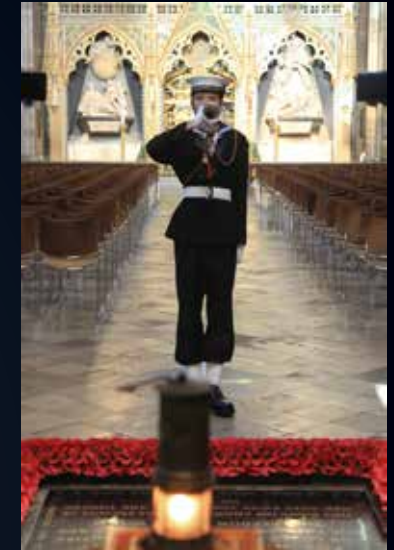
The Principal Lamp Light of Peace

2018 - 2026



The Lamplight of Peace was originally conceived, created and designed, by Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR - Pageantmaster, in 2018, to pay an everlasting tribute to remember the many thousands of Miners who left families and loved ones, and the Coalfields of the UK to dig tunnels under the German lines on the Western

Front. The Lamp was lit alongside the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, London on the 4th August 2018 while a lone Bugler from the Sea Cadet Corps played the Last Post. It was subsequently kept alight for 25 days each by the four Charities of Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute before being returned to the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior at the Abbey for 6am on 11th November 2018, before its long journey throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, other locations around the UK and overseas too before being used at 10.37pm where it will be re-lit and placed in the National Arboretum, Staffordshire, the first of many thousands being lit that night as part of 'The Lamp of Peace in Remembrance 11 November 2026.





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The Lamplight of Peace was returned to the Abbey by river, by representatives of the Merchant Navy Association at 6am on 11th November 2018, where it was once again placed alongside the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior while a lone piper from the Air Training Corps played Battle's O'er. It was used at 7.15 that evening by the Dean of Westminster to light a beacon alongside the Garden of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey.



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The Lamplight of Peace conceived, created and designed by Bruno as a lasting Tribute to the WW1 Tunnellers, those unsung heroes of WWI who fought their war underground, constantly surrounded by darkness and danger. They were among the millions of service men and women who died or returned home dreadfully wounded from the Great War, and who are honoured as part of Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018.

The WWI Tunnellers

New light has been shed on a special breed of men who fought on the Western Front. Their job was not to charge over the top of the trenches but to sink explosive-packed tunnels deep beneath enemy lines.

The allied tunnelling companies operated in such secrecy that little was known of their exploits for years after the war. Working in total silence up to 100ft underground their task was to detonate mines beneath the enemy's trenches while seeking out German tunnellers digging the other way. It was a covert war waged by civilians with little or no military training - tough and resourceful men, many of whom had been rejected by the army on the grounds of health and age.

The British Army had about 25,000 trained tunnellers, mostly volunteer coal miners supported by almost twice that number of infantrymen working alongside them. They worked in constant fear of carbon monoxide poisoning, tunnel collapse, explosions and the dread of fighting German tunnellers hand-to-hand in the dark.

Their greatest victory came at 3.10am on 7th June 1917 when 19 mines were detonated at Messines Ridge in West Flanders, Belgium. A seismograph in Switzerland registered the explosions and David Lloyd George is said to have heard them over 150 miles away in Downing Street, London. Following the blasts, it took just three hours for the British troops to take the German positions.



The E. Thomas & Williams Bonnetted Clanny (Meusler) Lamp
The lamp was built before 1907 and is the type that WWI tunnellers of the Somme, would have taken with them from the British coalfields. Ironically, its glass was made in Prussia. The items with which the lamp has been dressed reflect the dedication and sacrifice of the tunnellers, and the awful arena in which they performed their amazing acts of heroism.

The Victoria Cross

The Victoria Cross (VC) is the highest award for gallantry in the face of the enemy awarded to British or Commonwealth forces. It was awarded 628 times to 627 recipients in the First World War. However, William Hackett was the only WW1 tunneller to receive the VC.

Born on 11th June 1873, he worked as a miner for 23 years in the Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire coalfields. Rejected three times for being too old, Hackett eventually enlisted on 25th October 1915, despite having been diagnosed with a heart condition. He spent two weeks of basic training at Chatham, Kent, before joining the 172nd Tunnelling Company.

In June 1916, Sapper Hackett and four others were in Givenchy, France, tunnelling towards enemy lines when the Germans detonated a mine and the shaft collapsed, burying the five men.

Hackett worked for 20 hours to create a hole and saved three of his comrades. The remaining soldier, Private Thomas Collins, was mortally wounded, however, Sapper Hackett stayed with him, despite having the opportunity to escape. When another explosion occurred, both men were buried alive and died together.

The Victoria Cross was presented by King George V to Sapper Hackett's widow, Alice, at Buckingham Palace on 29th December 1916.



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British and German Barbed Wire

(pictured below left)

The two strands of barbed wire, one British and one German, were found at Thiepval on the Somme Battlefield. They represent the hopelessness of trench warfare in which so many brave men found themselves tangled and dying on the barbs of a muddy battlefield.

Kellingley Coal (pictured left)

The pieces of coal are from the Kellingley Colliery, North Yorkshire, the last major coal mine in Great Britain. It represents the selfless civilian miners who left their loved ones to join the WWI tunnellers on the Western Front. Many of them never returned.

Trench Post and Soil Sample

(pictured centre)

The shards of trench post built into the base of the lamp around the four panes of glass covering the various artefacts were found in a British trench during road works in 2014 at Wieltje, a hamlet north of Ypres, Belgium. The soil sample also came from a trench near Ypres. These symbolise the dreadful conditions in which those fighting on the Western Front lived and died during the four-year campaign.

Ballast (pictured right)

The pieces of ballast came from between the railway lines where the WWI Armistice was signed on 11th November 1918, in the railway carriage of French military commander Marshal Ferdinand Foch. Its location in the Forest of Compiègne, 55 miles north of Paris, was chosen because it was remote and discreet. The Armistice itself was agreed six hours earlier at 5am local time. Its first term was that fighting would end at 11am.



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The first of over one thousand four hundred WW1 Beacons of Light being lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, was lit on 11th November 2018, at Westminster Abbey, London, by the Dean of Westminster, from the flame of the Lamplight of Peace, in commemoration of the millions that died during dreadful conditions on the battlefields of the Western Front, on the high seas and in the air, along with paying tribute to the WW1 Tunnellers, the thousands of civilian coal miners that left the coalfields of the UK, to dig tunnels under the German Lines during World War 1.



Step into History's light: Igniting the flame of peace across generations

In May 2024, Challenge The Wild proudly agreed to accept the invitation from Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR Pageantmaster, the Lamp Light of Peace, to become the trusted Custodians of the Principal Lamp Light of Peace in readiness for its use at 10.37am on 11th November 2026. Our unique journey began at the iconic Chartwell, Sir Winston Churchill's stunning property being lovely looked after by the National Trust and continued its journey to the historic shores of Normandy, France. There, it's flame lit the D-Day 80 Lamplights of Peace and, from their enduring flames, cast a wonderful, radiant tribute to the many thousands of brave souls who once fought on the blooded beaches and ignited a 'Beacon of Hope' for the future they fought so hard to secure.

That event marked the beginning of a series of extraordinary events as Challenge The Wild, made a commitment to carry the flame forwards to key events in our history. From the Beaches of Normandy to the Trenches of the Somme; to the Mountain Locations that have formed the backdrop of our VE and VJ Day Commemorative events, the Lamp has continued to forge deep connections between eras. Together, we honour the selfless sacrifices of those who paved the path to our freedom, while charting a course towards a world defined by peace and prosperity.

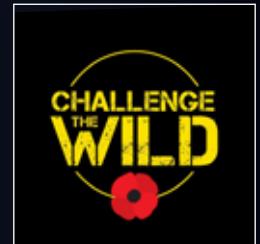
Challenge The Wild is passionate about our current veteran community, and actively supports Healthier Heroes, a grassroots veteran's organisation that makes a real difference. Their Mission has purpose. UNITE as one, INSPIRE one another, BELIEVE anything is possible. They aim to rehome veterans by providing supported living accommodation, rehabilitate through positive intervention, and reconnect veterans with their families, so it is only fitting that they should be playing such a prominent role in the lighting of the Principal Lamp Light of Peace at 10.37am on 11th November 2026.

"Challenge The Wild are extremely honoured to be the Custodians of the Principal Lamp Light and are committed to honouring history and supporting our veteran community. Together, we can build bridges between generations, foster resilience, and leave a lasting legacy celebrating the unbreakable spirit of those who protected and inspired us. "



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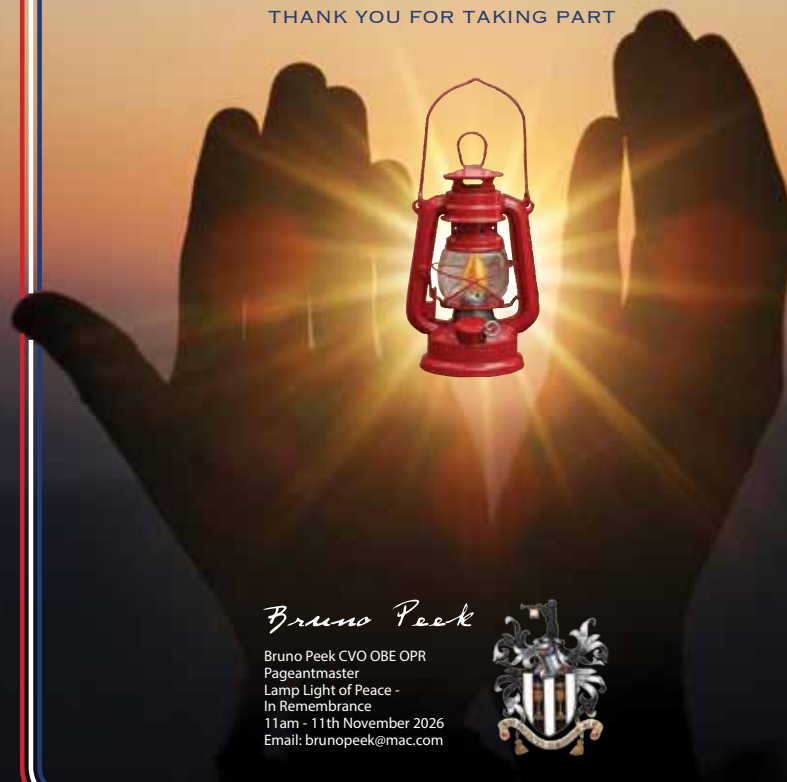


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