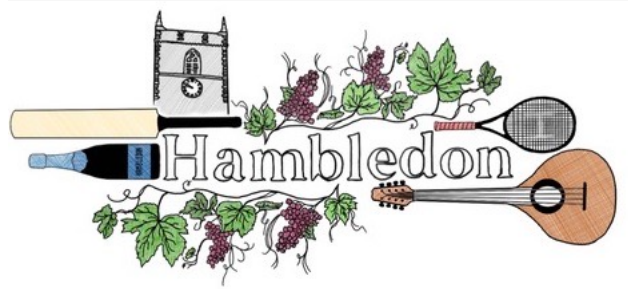


VE Day Com- memoration

Friday 8 May



Dear Villagers

Hambledon's planned celebrations for VE Day 75 next weekend have had to be greatly curtailed. The hope is that a combined VE Day and VJ Day celebration will be held in August. However, the Village will mark VE Day on **Friday 8th May** as follows:

- 1055 - Pipes played by Frank Luard from Speltham Hill
- 1100 - **2 minute Silence** across the nation
- 1102 - Pipes played to mark the end of the Silence
- o/c - Royal British Legion (Hambledon branch) and Parish Council representatives lay wreaths at the War Memorial
- o/c - Prayers at the War Memorial led by Father David

Anyone whose daily exercise walk may take them into the Churchyard at the time of the wreath laying **must** observe strict social distancing.

The Royal British Legion is calling on people to join the National Remembrance at 11am and pause for a Two Minute Silence, not only in recognition of the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation, but also to reflect on the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on so many lives across the world. People are invited to take part in the Silence in whatever way they feel appropriate be that standing at their window, stepping outside their home, whilst remaining distanced from others, or taking the opportunity for a quiet moment of reflection.

We hope that you might like to decorate your homes with appropriate flags or bunting. After the silence we encourage everyone to stay in front of their homes and have a cup of tea or picnic for a 'Stay at home Street Party'. Please maintain social distancing.

There then follow two events later in the day:

- Livestream at 11:15am: details may be found on the Legion's website rbl.org.uk/veday75.
- BBC One at 9pm - The People's Celebration which will include a special rendition of "We'll meet again".

Please let those around you, who are not online, know what is planned so everyone can take part.

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