

## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

6 NOV 2017

Report from the 1918 Armistice Commemoration Working Party  
Held at 7pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017  
in the Town Council Offices

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**Present:** Cllrs Bob Barnes (Chair), Martin Eager (Note Taker), Andy Manns & Tony Bradford, also Jenny Harrison, Brenda Hill (RBL) & Clive Jupp

**Apologies:** Cllrs Nina Shields & Jean Simpson, also Rev Bill Mackenzie, Lloyd Meredith, Rachel Lambert & Alison Thomas.

1. **Interests:** None declared.

2. **Ideas and discussion for commemoration events for 2018:**

Bob & Martin reported that the restoration plans for the war memorial were now in progress with listed planning and ground works applications now being undertaken.

It is hoped that the restoration & ground works will start late Spring 2008 with completion in early summer.

**Recommendation:** That a re-dedication service takes place hopefully sometime in June 2018, and that this will be the start of any commemoration events leading up to Remembrance Sunday 2018.

Further ideas for this included inviting the crew of HMS Ledbury, maybe coinciding with Armed Forces Day and an exhibition at St Michaels & All Angels. Jenny has undertaken extensive research of the War Memorial and is also planning some form of exhibition.

Jenny suggested that 85 plaques were temporary placed (with the owner's permission) on the houses where the 85 fallen had lived. All in favour (in principle) with the suggestion, and that a display of the plaques is made after they are taken down.

**Recommendation:** That the cost of 85 plaques be sought (including asking local potteries) and reported back to next meeting.

Further discussions included...

- a. Wording for the plaques
- b. Brenda – Fund Raising coffee morning
- c. Rededication & Remembrance Services content
- d. Making use of Ledbury Community Brass Band
- e. Involving local schools/children
- f. Nina Shields – crocheted Poppies on railings (emailed)
- g. HMS Ledbury Freedom Parade

3. **Remembrance Sunday 2017:**

Jenny has created a poster which she gave out for distribution and also emailed copies to some WP members.

**4. Fields in Trust:**

Bob stated that the Recreation Ground Memorial Plaque needed to be installed as soon as possible and then a dedication service held.

**Recommendation:** That the Memorial Plaque is installed at the place recommended, and then a date is set for a dedication service.

**Date of next meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm in the Town Council Offices**