



News Release

Thetford Town Council

We are part of Battle's Over – commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI November 11th 2018

Thetford is playing its part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Organised by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Battle's Over takes place on November 11th 2018, with events throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and overseas, including New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, Canada, the United States and Germany, to name but a few.

Across the country it begins at 6am with **lone pipers** playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside cathedrals in the country, following which a specially written tribute will be read out.

In Thetford, our piper Mr. **Ray Russell** will mark the start of our town's remembrance.

The Royal British Legion will hold their service and parade on the Market Square in the morning at 11am, and in the afternoon there will be a WW1 exhibition and poppy display in the Guildhall.

As darkness falls a 100 person parade will form at Castle Hill (6:30pm)and a torchlight parade will march from Castle Hill to the Market Square to take part in the Nations Tribute service which starts at (6:45pm). At 6.55pm the **Last Post** will be played after which the lights go out and the beacon is lit in a tribute called **Beacons of Light**, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war at 7 pm.

Then at 7.05pm over 1,000 church and cathedrals across the country will ring their bells as part of **Ringin' Out for Peace** organised in association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, with **David Rogers** ringing the bells in **St Peters**. **Thetford's Town Crier Harry Turberville** will perform a specially written **Cry for Peace Around the World**, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones which will conclude the service.