



Honouring Great Paxton's 1st and 2nd World War Heroes

and commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War.



WW1 remembrance meetings

Notes for Wednesday 15th August 2018 in church

1. Welcome

2. Donations to the Great Paxton Remembers account set up for us by the Parish Council. We thank them

- a. £200 Parish Council
- b. £100 Titan
- c. £25 Inspirations
- d. £20 Paxton Hill Garage
- e. £20 D & D Lloyd

UPDATE £100 donated from Hire or Buy Group Ltd, and a promise from Ibbetts, and possible another private donation. There is a delay in getting account details from Christine Parish Clerk as not online. Receipts have been written as acknowledgement, and recorded in the book 'Great Paxton Remembers'

3. Paxton Post article done asking for donations and help

4. Donations of materials from Roy – felt and buttons, Habby days – felt and buttons, Fleur – buttons from the Shirt Shop, now moved to Church Walk, and Button Knit.

5. 1st craft date on Monday 13th August went very well, lots of people came. UPDATE and for the second evening. No one for the morning session so moved to Diane's house. Lots including grandparents and children for the afternoon session, fun had by all.

6. Remembrance Day timings and notes

Hot coffee and chocolate drinks and food available from the Community Shop in advance of the Service. The shop will then close for a while to allow the volunteer to attend the service.

Overnight heating on in church

0900 open church

1000 -1015 half muffled church bells to ring

1015 gather on Church Green

1020 start parade, led by the Brownies

1025 arrive at church

1035 service starts in church

1050 gather at outside memorial, names read out

1100 Two Minute Silence

1102 The Last Post

1105 back into church for the remainder of the service. This will include a short spoken summary of each soldier, poetry, prayers and hymns. It is an All Ages Service. Light refreshments will be available in the church after the service for the congregation who can then look at the displays and also visit the individual property displays throughout the village.

- Open church at 9am – ask Sarah Gray for key, heating on overnight.
- Internal church display to be mounted after the concert on Sunday 4th November because of room
- Invite Sheila Cane to come – ask if she will read the piece about Lionel Cane. The people who live in the houses with connections to read 'their soldier', also Graham James and Chris Hall.
- Ask the school and the Brownies if they would like to read soldiers between Graham and Chris. Diane to read 'In Flanders Field', Carole Wells to read her poem.

- Offertory to be divided between church and Royal British Legion
- Parade from Church green will need a risk assessment, high viz jackets. Jacqueline W to contact school regarding their arrangements. Tell all houses in Church Lane what is happening, but we don't think we need to apply formally for a road closure – it doesn't happen when the school walks down.
- Bugler for Last Post - arranged by Diane and hopefully accepted, but still need to prepare in case of problems on the day. UPDATE. No Lewis, conflict of dates – Diane still trying to get someone.

7. Need to count lamp posts and telegraph poles for plastic poppies. Caroline to make a mock-up and draft picture of effect.

8. Personal property displays known about:-

- David and Diane Lloyd – London Lane
- Graham and Diane James – Towgood Way
- Maggie Horne – Glebe Close
- Possibly Jacqueline Wieczorek – Glebe Close
- Fleur Bateman – Paxton Hill
- Lyn Nicholls – Church Lane
- Chris Hall High Street
- Caroline Thompson – High Street
- (Andy Cowham – High Street)

After Paxton Post delivered in September Diane and Caroline will call at the houses in High Street to encourage them to participate.

9. Jacqueline W to ask Mr Saunders at Bullens Farm if they will do a display as Arthur Norman lived and worked there even though it is out of Great Paxton, Also ask if Roy can meet Mr Saunders to learn the history of the pistols retrieved from the battlefield by Fred Luddington and would he allow them to be displayed in church on November 11th, under the guardianship of Roy Litchfield.

10. Great Paxton Community Shop and committee have agreed Michelle can sell bunting that Diane will source for people to buy for their own displays. The shop will close early on Sunday 11th so the volunteer can come to the Parade, but they will sell hot chocolate and other hot drinks before hand for those in need. Not afterwards, as we will have refreshments on sale in the church.

11. Village central display on Church green – site visit needed to check how the netting is to be displayed and fixed. Ask Chris Hall about spikes for fixing the crosses on the green, how big are the crosses. Can we move the litter bin – ask PC.

UPDATE – we think we can work around and over it. Site visit in the pouring rain but shape and size of net sorted, should look good.

12. Maggie and Chris Horne propose to make two life size wooden soldiers from each end of the village to stand on a mound of poppies made from plastic bottles. Diane has the banners for each end of the village and for the central display. Query from Maggie about how to store the plastic poppies once made, and for future years.

UPDATE – Chris is very ill so Caroline will take over.

13. Crafting poster to be made to advertise the future dates, A4 x 3 (School board, church green (laminated) plus A5 x 4, (church, shop and 2 in pub). Facebook Great Paxton and Benefice pages, Great Paxton Online and word of mouth.

14. Book coming along, as A5. Cover decided as our War Memorial only UPDATE – order placed for 100 copies at £247.50.

15. Next meetings Wednesday 19th September in church 7.30 Wednesday 17th October in church 7.30. November debrief in The Bell.

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