REMEMBERING THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF
The Great War 1914-1918

Nayland & District
Royal British Legion

Record of events held in November 2018
to commemorate the centenary of the end
of the First World War
COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

Events to mark the Armistice centenary began in Nayland on November 8.

A Field of Remembrance was created on Caley Green at the entrance to the village and a short service was led by priest in charge, the Rev Mark Woodrow.

Fifty-two crosses were planted in a marked area to remember servicemen from Nayland and Wiston who died in both world wars. Children from the primary school also took part, singing two hymns.

DISPLAY OF POPPIES

Impressive cascades of poppies, knitted by local ladies, adorned St James’ Church.

1918 REMEMBERED is a new compilation of photographs and narrative illustrating the impact of the Great War on families and the rural economy of Nayland with Wissington and adjoining parishes. The book has been produced to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice on 11th November 1918. It is a sequel to 1914 REMEMBERED published in 2014 to commemorate the start of WW1. Published by Nayland and District Royal British Legion, researched and edited by Mary George. PRICE £5, any profit will go towards covering the costs of November Armistice events.
REMEmBRANCE SUNDAY

On November 11 a large crowd gathered at the village war memorial for a wreath-laying ceremony. Wreaths were placed by parish council chairman Mary George, Ernie Smith for the Royal British Legion, two primary school pupils and a member of Nayland firefighters. Names of the fallen from Nayland, Wiston, Stoke-by-Nayland, Leavenheath and Polstead were listed.

Bugler Bill Slark sounded the Last Post and Reveille following the two minutes’ silence. The congregation then moved to St James’ Church, which was packed, for a special service conducted by the Rev Woodrow.

More than 700 poppies had been knitted and were arranged over the altar, the font and elsewhere.

The Rev Woodrow thanked everyone who had helped organise the remembrance events. In his sermon he said it was vital to remember everything that had happened in the past. Choirs from the primary school, village and church all took part. Readers were Chris Hunt, Peter Drew, Jim Bond and Ken Willingale.

At the end of the service the church bells rang and the everyone moved to the village hall for a celebration.

COMMEMORATION CELEBRATION

Mary George had arranged a historical display and light refreshments were also provided. Nayland Choir sang popular wartime songs and everyone joined in.

WISTON ARMISTICE

In the afternoon a service was held at the Wiston war memorial where wreaths were laid by parish councillor Martyn Booth and Dudley Edwards for the RBL.

POPPY APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

A well-attended coffee morning at Nayland church hall on November 10 raised £526 for the Poppy Appeal.
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Impressive cascades of poppies, knitted by many local ladies, and carefully stitched onto netting adorned St James’ Church.
A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

November was a particularly busy time for us; briefing the schoolchildren on the meaning of Remembrance, Poppy collections, setting up a Field of Remembrance with the School on Caley Green on 8th November, Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning on 10th November and of course on the 11th November the Special Benefice Remembrance Day Service and celebration in the Village Hall.

We must have had a record number of people at the Remembrance Day Service; all seats taken and people having to stand at the back. We apologise to those who could not get a service sheet – we just ran out. We are so grateful to the School Choir and Nayland Choir for their delightful participation and to the Revd Mark Woodrow for conducting a memorable service.

Wiston held its own memorial service at 4pm on 11th November.

Mark Shirley worked hard to find poppy appeal collectors to cover all the parishes in the Benefice. We made £527 at our Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning compared with £331 last year and we are so grateful to all that supported us.

The knitted poppy cascade in progress

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The Benefice commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War in great style and we should all feel very proud of this.

This could not have been done without the help of so many people. We are very grateful to Lorraine who designed all the posters, the many ladies in Nayland who knitted all those poppies in St James’ Church, Nayland School pupils who sang so well and participated in the Field of Remembrance Ceremony on Caley Green, the many who provided food for the celebration in the village hall after the Service, the readers of the names and war stories, the Nayland Choir for their singing in Church and in the village hall afterwards, the numerous people who helped set everything up which included a fine historical display and finally all those from Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke-by-Nayland and Polstead who joined us in this memorable service.

Thank you all very much.

John Partridge, RBL Chairman

The Field of Remembrance

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to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice
11th November 1918

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A Service of Remembrance

The Benefice of Stoke-by-Nayland with Leavenheath and Polstead, and Nayland with Wissington
THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER
At 11am our children will be planting crosses to commemorate the fallen in a special Field of Remembrance on Caley Green at the A134 entrance to Nayland.

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER
At 10.45am there will be a special service at the War Memorial in the centre of the village followed by a service of commemoration in St James' Church. Afterwards there will be a celebration in the village hall with refreshments, a historical display and music by the School Choirs and Nayland Choir.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR BOTH EVENTS