

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

The annual village ceremony to honour the war dead of Halvergate and neighbouring villages will be held as usual on Sunday 8th November from 10.40am at the War Memorial.

It falls under one of the Exemptions from the new Rule of Six and the Law states that outdoor events organised by a public body, the Parish Council, are not restricted to a specific number of attendees but must:

- i) Carry out a thorough risk assessment
- ii) Take all reasonable steps to mitigate risk of viral transmission in line with Covid-19 Secure Guidelines
- iii) Socially distance by 2 mts preferably or 1 mt as an absolute minimum

Consequently, we have carried out a risk assessment and the following points must be observed by all who attend:

- Social distancing of 2 metres between each person, regardless of bubble or group.
- Anyone self isolating or displaying symptoms should not attend.
- No entry to the War Memorial, apart from pre-arranged wreath layers
- Comply with any requests from the Chairman of the Parish Council (Charles Reader)

The Revd Martin Greenland will be in attendance but the ceremony will be led by Charles Reader. The quotations from the traditional poems will be read out, as will the names of the war dead. We are hoping to have a Bugle player to play the Last Post but this is yet to be confirmed. The Girl Guides will lay their wreaths and hold their banners but in very limited numbers.

We are trying to keep the numbers to a minimum and, in light of that, would respectfully request, where possible, for only 1 member of each family to be representative. This is to ensure that numbers are kept to a level of lowest risk and also so that those present, with social distancing measures in place, will be able to hear.

There will be no church service this year, due to Covid-19 rules.

The road will be closed from 10.40 to 11.15 and the ceremony is due to start at approximately 10.45.

Please note that any cancellation of this event would be due to either further Government or locally imposed restrictions or to severely adverse weather conditions, namely lightning or gale force winds. However, please note that in the event of wet weather the ceremony will still take place.

We hope to see you there and thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

Halvergate Parish Council