

RYE CIVIC REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE AND SERVICE

Sunday 14 November 2021

To: Participating Organisations

Please advise attendance to RBL President, 7 West Street, Rye TN31 7ES,

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SERVICE - Because of the difficulties of adhering to Covid separation advice in an enclosed space and the challenges of restricting numbers in the congregation, there will be NO service in Rye Parish Church, but there will be a parade and a short outdoor service around the Rye War Memorial, comprising the observation of a silence and the laying of wreaths and crosses.

REHEARSAL – Friday 12 November at 6pm (1800hrs) - a rehearsal for all Standard Bearers and Escorts in the Church under the direction of the RBL. Please do attend.

PARADE – Sunday by 1020hrs, gather before Adams. At 1030 hrs, detachments, under the direction of the Parade Commander (Uniformed Sea Cadet Officer OR Chair RBL OR RBL Standard Bearer), will form and then step off to march up East St to march past in front of the Town Hall and then via the east end of the church to the memorial.

ORDER OF COLUMN ON PARADE:-

1. Royal British Legion (RBL)	5. Police, Fire and Ambulance
2. Former Service organisations	6. National Civil organisations
3. Sea Cadet Corps	7. Rye Schools
4. <i>Scouts, Guides Cubs and Brownies</i>	8. Rye District civil organisations and clubs

1040hrs: The Mayor of Rye will “take the salute” in front of Rye Town Hall. MP and other elected members should join.

1045 hrs: Parade and Wreath Bearers will take post at the memorial. Mayoral procession will leave the Town Hall and proceed via the east end of the Church to the north side of the memorial.

At the Memorial: Allocation of position will be under the direction of the RBL.

- a) North: Clergy and choir form on grass between Memorial and right of East door.
- b) North: Mayoral party form two lines on asphalt immediately in front of the East door.
- c) East: Standard Bearers form line on the path (avoid overhanging trees) with escorts and remainder of parade immediately behind.
- d) South: Wreath bearers fill on the pathway opposite Methodist Church
- e) West: remainder of the congregation and public fill in.

1055- Service: President RBL signals to Chaplain that the congregation has arrived.

Order of Service will be:

- a) Chaplain – Opening short remarks
- b) Exhortation by President RBL
- c) 1100 Two minute silence start and finish by the maroon
- d) Kohima Epitaph by President RBL
- e) Chaplain – prayers
- f) Mayor - short reading/words
- f) Call to Lay wreaths: by Chair RBL (see below)
- g) Schoolchildren – place crosses
- h) Chaplain - Final Blessing
- j) Parade Commander seeks permission and dismisses parade.

Order of laying wreaths – The Mayor; Member of Parliament; any Regular or Reserve Military; Rye Branch RBL, other Rye RBL; Armed Forces Associations; Cadet Service Organisations; Civilian Services; Voluntary Sector; Youth Organisations; Other Civil Organisations and then Individuals. Crosses will then be placed around the Memorial by the Young people.

Dress – cold weather clothing; Chains of Office with any FULL SIZE medals

Other:

Flags on Church, Town Hall and Landgate

No music or Bugler

Collection?

Post service coffee?

Post service RBL lunch – separate arrangements

Disabled area at Memorial?

Memorial and surrounding area: overhanging branches? No parking. Signs.

Anthony Kimber PhD

Col and President Rye RBL