

The Royal British Legion Fleet, Crookham & District Branch



8 May 1945: HM King George VI and Queen Elizabeth greet crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace at the end of World War Two together with the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret.

Act of Remembrance

Gurkha Square, Fleet
Sunday 9 November 2025

WELCOME

Once Parade participants are assembled in the Square, standard bearers and wreath layers in position, the Ceremony will commence with a welcome.

HYMN

Accompanied by the Farnborough Concert Band of the RBL, Hart Male Voice Choir, and Shuffletunes Choir.

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are
peace.**

READINGS

Poems will be read by pupils from Calthorpe Park School & Court Moor School.

THE ADDRESS

By The Rev Canon Mark Hayton.

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The parade is brought to attention, and a member of the Royal British Legion recites The Exhortation:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

TWO-MINUTE SILENCE

The Two-Minute Silence is signalled by the sounding of "The Last Post" and Standards are lowered.

"Reveille" signals the end of the Silence, Standards are raised, and a member of the Royal British Legion recites The Kohima Epitaph:

When you go home, tell them of us and say, "for your tomorrow, we gave our today".

The parade is stood at ease.

THE WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY

Wreaths will be laid, during which the band will play suitable music.

His Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant, Chair of Hart District Council, Member of Parliament for North-East Hampshire, Representative of Hampshire County Council, Chairs of Fleet Town Council and Elvetham Heath Parish Council.

Commanding Officer, The Royal School of Military Engineering, Branch Presidents of The Royal British Legion & The Royal Air Force Association.

Organisations, Societies and Associations in Fleet, including: Hampshire Police; Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service; South East Coast Ambulance Service; St John Ambulance; The Combined Cadet Force and Army Cadet Force; The Boys and Girls Brigades; Scout and Guide Associations; Fleet Lions; Hart Lions; Hart Rotary; Fleet and Crookham Society; Fleet Pond Society; Court Moor and Calthorpe Park Schools, All Saints School Fleet Town FC; Fleet Cricket Club; Hart Male Voice Choir and Shuffletunes Choir; and others.

Members of the public may lay a memorial after the ceremony has concluded.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The parade is brought to attention

**God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King!**

The parade is stood at ease

THE BLESSING

After the Act of Remembrance refreshments will be available in The Harlington, generously provided by Fleet Town Council



The Royal British Legion would like to thank Hart District Council, Fleet Town Council, Fleet Lions and local Scouts for their support and contribution to this Remembrance Parade and Act of Remembrance

The Royal British Legion was founded by veterans after the First World War. The Legion helps today's Service men and women, veterans, and their families in almost every aspect of daily life. This work is funded, in large part, by the annual Poppy Appeal.

Fleet, Crookham & District Branch supports Town and Parish councils in their Remembrance activities, coordinates Poppy Appeal collectors, and provides valuable comradeship to all who would like to join the Branch.

<https://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/fleet-crookham-and-district>