

Mayor's Remarks
23 November 2018

November started well by seeing the joy of Year 5 pupils at Hunstanton Primary School as they received illustrated dictionaries offered by the Hunstanton and District Rotary Club. A few days later, at the Armistice Day Parade, two of the pupils came rushing up to tell me how much they were enjoying using their new dictionaries.

Congratulations to Councillor Winnington and the WW1 Remembrance Working Party for coordinating a wonderful weekend of activities and thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it one that will stay in our memory.

Students from each of the three schools visited the raised bed on the Green to place named crosses for the 443 servicemen and women who served in the Great War. A steady stream of people came to view the "Hunstanton Remembers" exhibition in the Town Hall and they were very complimentary about the quality of the exhibits.

There was also a large gathering at the Cenotaph for the Act of Remembrance and the two minutes' silence, despite the driving wind and rain. Our grateful thanks go to Mr Bun the Baker for supplying the Anzac biscuits and fresh bread rolls to go with the hot drinks and soup that were served in the Town Hall afterwards.

On the Sunday evening a crowd assembled on the cliff top to watch the lighting of the beacon by the Borough Council team, to hear the sound of the Last Post played by Alf Ball and to listen to the Town Crier (Brian Heighton) giving the Cry for Peace Around the World.

After the poignancy of the events commemorating the end of WW1 a hundred years ago, our thoughts now turn to happier occasions. A special thank you to Councillors Croucher, Howard and Knight and the Borough team for working together on a cold November evening to decorate the town's Christmas tree, and to the Councillors who contributed to buying the baubles.

I hope you will all agree that the tree is looking splendid this year and that we should actively support all of the festive events taking place in the town throughout December; we will be promoting them through the Festival of Christmas pamphlet and the Hunstanton Events FaceBook page.