

Remembrance Sunday Overview:

The Wreath Laying Service was well attended and was attended by around 200 people. Which included the Johnathan Hinder MP, His Worship the Mayor, County Councillor H. Hartley and representatives of the Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance Scouts Groups, Schools, The AFSG, and others who all laid wreaths.

The Service was conducted by the Rev. N. Murrey Vicar of St. Thomas's the Methodist Minister was conducting a service elsewhere in the Borough. The Service had one or two continuity problems which included:

- The Clerk was told that a small group of Barnoldswick Brass Band would be in attendance but only one member turned up on the day leaving no opportunity to provide accompanying music for the hymns.
- The AFSG did not provide a Parade Marshall this year, who in previous years helped with the parade marshalling and wreath laying elements.

The effect was that the service was disjointed in places centred around the Wreath Laying and Hymns. In a short discussion with Rev. Murray after the service regarding improvements to next years' service. Rev. Murray was keen to update the service sheet and including more well-known hymns and offered to get involved in the drafting the new order of service.

The reading of the 37 names of servicemen who died in WW2 and the Booklet that was handed out was well received as a tribute to mark the 80th Remembrance Sunday since the end of WW2.

The Council replaced its obsolete amplifier with a more modern unit and borrowed two cordless microphones from Cllr. Stringer. This reduced the trip hazard around the microphone stand with the new amp improving the quality of sound.

The Clerk suggests that for next year the Council implements the following changes.

1. That in conjunction with the Rev Murrey that the order of service be updated as the current sheet was last updated with The Rev John Hallows several years before he retired.
2. That an adequate number of Service sheets are printed and laminated in good time for next years' service.
3. That the Council makes use of the Bluetooth connectivity of the new amp to provides music for the service via that option.
4. That the Council continues to upgrade its sound system as necessary for both this service and the Cruck Barn Carol Service.
5. That a Parade Marshall is in place for next years' service.