

SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE WALMER AERODROME

A Service will take place on the Hawkshill Freedown, adjacent to the south side (Kingsdown side) of Walmer Castle on Saturday 12th August 2017 to commemorate the opening in spring 1917 of the Royal Naval Air Service Aerodrome. During the service a commemorative stand will be unveiled by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and Constable of Dover Castle, Admiral the Lord Boyce.

The Service will start between 4.50-5pm after the arrival of the Lord Warden's Procession from Walmer Castle which will include the Vicar of Walmer, The Chaplain of the Fleet, The Deputy Chaplain in Chief of the RAF and the Chairman of Walmer Parish Council. Please note that if you wish to attend we request that you are on the Freedown by 4.30pm as there will be restricted movement after this time until the end of the Service. Hymn sheets will be distributed to members of the public.

Unfortunately the Freedown is not accessible to the general public by car. It is common land and access to and on is via footpaths only. There are a number of footpaths, one by the side of Walmer Castle from the Kingsdown Road, one footpath from the junction of Liverpool Road and Walmer Castle Road, two paths from the junction of Liverpool Road and Grams Road and also via the footpath from Kingsdown. There is a car park opposite Walmer Castle on the Kingsdown Road, but please take great care accessing the footpath which is approx. 50 metres from the car park past the Castle Gates towards Kingsdown. Please note there is no access via Walmer Castle or its grounds.

Since this is a memorial service we ask that those attending respect instructions from cadets and stewards on the day and refrain from letting dogs of the lead for the duration of the service.

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