

## **Walmer Remembers**

There was an extra poignancy to the celebrations this year because it was the centenary of the day on which the First World War ended.

All three of the special events in Walmer on Remembrance Sunday this year were well attended and went off without a hitch and just as the first group arrived at the World War One Memorial to airmen at Hawkshill the heavy rainstorm stopped as if God had turned off the tap.

Around two dozen people turned up at the memorial which was opened by Walmer Parish Council just over a year ago; in the first of what is intended to be a regular Remembrance Ceremony for the airmen of the Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps who flew from Walmer and were killed during the First World War.

Wreaths were laid by retired Royal Corps of Signals Troop Commander Councillor Derek Murphy and by Councillor Amy Herring on behalf of the young people of Walmer. Canon Seth Cooper led a brief service of Remembrance the first of several for him on that day.

At St. Saviour's the crowds blocked the pavements and some had to stand on Walmer Green to avoid the traffic as they listened to the Last Post, the Remembrance Poem and a bagpipe version of The Battle's Over and saw, among others, former Green Howard soldier Councillor Peter St Ange lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

Hundreds more turned up at the cricket ground to see the Beacon being lit by Cllr Sue Le Chevalier, Chair of Walmer Parish Council and hear the bells ring out from Walmer Churches including old St Mary's Church.