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NEWS RELEASE

2nd November 2021

Remembrance Events in Bridgend Town Centre

Children & Family Parade & Service

Where: Bridgend Town Centre (Top of Wyndham Street to War Memorial, Dunraven Place)

When: 10:40am Saturday 13th November 2021

Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade & Service

Where: Bridgend Town Centre (Adare Street to War Memorial, Dunraven Place)

When: 10:25am Sunday 14th November 2021

This year, Bridgend Town Council is co-ordinating two Remembrance events to commemorate the military and civilian servicemen and women from Britain and across the Commonwealth, who lost their lives in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

A Children & Family Remembrance Parade and Service will take place on **Saturday 13th November**. This event is arranged specifically for younger children and families and will provide an opportunity for primary school aged children to learn about the importance of Remembrance. Children will actively participate in the event by gathering at the top of Wyndham Street from 10.20am and parading to the War Memorial in Dunraven Place, where Reverend Rachel Wheeler will conduct a short Remembrance Service. This service will take place irrespective of weather conditions (unless adverse weather deems the event dangerous). We ask that those attending

dress appropriately for the weather conditions and wear facemasks to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

The Bridgend Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place on **Sunday 14th November 2021**. This year, for several reasons, a decision has been taken to change the route of the Remembrance Sunday parade. The parade will now take place completely within the pedestrianised streets of Bridgend Town Centre. This means that the parade will not muster outside the Civic Offices in Angel Street as in previous years.

The parade, led by the City of Swansea Pipe Band, will muster in Adare Street at the junction with Elder Lane (outside former H Samuel shop) from 10:25am. The parade will step off at 10.40am and march to the War Memorial, Dunraven Place for a service conducted by Reverend Rachel Wheeler. Bridgend Male Voice Choir and Lewis-Merthyr Brass Band will once again take part in the event.

Children under secondary school age are welcome to attend to observe the Sunday Remembrance Parade and Service with their family or carers, but will not be invited to participate in the Sunday Remembrance parade.

We are currently working towards as close to 'business as usual' as possible for the Remembrance events in Bridgend Town Centre this year, however, please be aware that changes to regional and/or national Covid-19 restrictions may affect the Remembrance events.

In accordance with Welsh Government requirements, a Covid-19 Event Risk Assessment has been prepared and we will continue to monitor government advice for mass gatherings to ensure the health and safety of participants and spectators.

Due to Covid-19, the Carnegie House building in Wyndham Street will not be open to the public on Remembrance Sunday.

Hand sanitiser dispensers will be available in the area and it is recommended that people wear facemasks to protect themselves and others from Covid-19.

Should government guidelines necessitate, the Town Council may need to reduce the number of spaces in the Parade at short notice and may need to introduce social distancing for spectators.

Further information regarding the Remembrance events and any changes to this event as a result of Covid-19 will be communicated via our website

www.bridgendtowncouncil.gov.uk

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