

VE & VJ Day Commemorative Peace Tree

On the 24 November 2020 several members of Newent & District Branch turned up at Newent Lake to plant a Commemorative Peace Tree in honour of those people who unfortunately did not make it through to the celebrations on 8 May (VE Day) and 15 Aug 1945 (VJ Day).

Due to the pandemic and local restrictions the Branch were not able to conduct a suitable dedication until the 9 September 2021, whereby 14 Members of the Branch and Newent Town Mayor Christine Howley attended a dedication service led by our Padre, Simon Mason and Deputy Padre Pat Phillips.

24 November 2020



The Peace Tree was cultivated by Barrie Wellington who sold the tree to the Branch at a fraction of its full price, for which we are extremely grateful. Thanks also go to Newent Town Council for sourcing a suitable site and equipping the tree with a protective guard, stake and a stone for the plaque to sit on.

The service was a simple affair with an introduction, brief history of the events around the tree, a short bible reading, verse 4 of 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon, the reading of the Names of the fallen from the Parish of Newent, the Silence followed by the Kohima Epitaph and the Dedication.

Thanks also go to Keith Urch for the History, Graham Barton for parading the Standard, all those who came out to support and for standing in as Photographer Adrian Dover enabling the event to be recorded.



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