

Reeve Talks Bungay

THE annual Remembrance service is just over two weeks away – that day in the year to remember the sacrifices made for our country by millions, to keep us free.

In Bungay it will be at St Mary's on Sunday, November 13th, at 3pm, and it will be an honour for me to walk in the procession, with the Mayor, to the service. In all over 140 Bungay men gave their lives in the two world wars, members of local families. Many have relatives living here today.

It is right that we respect their memory and their sacrifices, and we are indebted to our Royal British Legion branch for making the arrangements for the event, and for the work they continue to do. One of the most poignant events of the year is the sounding of the Last Post at the service, and afterwards the laying of wreaths at the war memorial by representatives of many of the town's organisations as their mark of respect. The service is open for anyone to attend – do come along if you can.

Before that, there is a Gut Forks Supper on November 5 to raise funds for my Town Reeve's appeal on behalf of the towns' youth. Once again John and Betty Warnes are generously hosting the event at their home at The Barn at Beccles Road. It will include food, wine and, I'm told, sparkling entertainment. Tickets are £10 - book them through me on 01986 896746, or Betty and John on 01986 892855. It should be a great evening.

Last week we had an enjoyable tea party at No 5 in Earsham Street to honour the longest serving resident in our Town Trust almshouses, Grace Moyse. She moved in 25 years ago, in 1991, to a double home with her husband, Vic, who sadly died four years ago. Grace has been a model resident all those years, always cheerful, always positive and still very active at 88. It was a great afternoon, attended by other residents from the St Edmund's homes and Grace's family – a lovely way to mark the landmark for a lovely lady.

Among the civic events I've attended recently was the Needham Market civic service, at which the preacher was the Bishop of Dunwich. It was in a beautiful church and another afternoon to meet civic leaders from around the county.

We have a special event coming up next week – we have been invited to the official opening of the new National Heritage Centre for Horse-Racing and Sporting Art at Newmarket. It is to be attended by Her Majesty the Queen, and Elaine and I are very much looking forward to representing Bungay there.

So little more than a month to go of a memorable year of office for us both. A reminder that the Town Dinner is still to come on December 2nd. Tickets are £25 and will be available from Tuesday<nov 1> at A Sweet for You in Earsham Street. The Town Meeting, when I pass on the robes and chain of office to my successor, is on Tuesday, December 6.

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