

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ELM PARK – Sunday 14 November 2021



The parade mustered at 10.45 am in front of the RBL Elm Park in Maylands Avenue. Parade Marshals were retired firemen Gary and Trevor. Jeff Brown played the Last Post at 11 am and we observed 2 minutes' silence led by councillor Barry Mugglestone Chairman of the Elm Park Branch.



We welcomed Mr Mike Brace DL and Mrs Maureen Brace, pictured here with Julie Wilkes, Councillor Stephanie Nunn and Father Tom Keighley.



The parade marched off to St Nicholas Church led by a sole Haverettes drummer to keep the beat for us. At St Nicholas we had a special service of remembrance led by Rev David Perry and Father Tom Keighley. We were sorry to learn Rev Amanda was unwell and could not be with us.

The parade arrived at St Nicholas Church and standard bearers from the RBL and cubs, scouts, brownies and guides stood each side of the red carpet to welcome us in. Young people are encouraged to join our parade.

We enjoyed a commemorative service with the congregation and marched back to the RBL in Maylands Avenue afterwards.

As is traditional in Elm Park RBL, an afternoon of fund raising and merriment takes over. There was an outstanding auction, many thanks to local businesses and individuals who contributed gifts, vouchers, cakes and a variety of items to allow us to raise our all-time record of £1650. After adding the proceeds of the raffle to this amount and various money making ideas the total amount raised on the day was approximately £1800.

After the fund raising and entertainment in the RBL Club in Maylands Avenue, Elm Park, Councillor Barry Mugglestone gave thanks to the Poppy Team Chair Joanne White and her team for doing an outstanding job. He thanked the Chairman of the RBL Club, Jim White for working with the Poppy Appeal team and he also thanked the Parade Marshals, police officers and volunteer marshals from Barking and Dagenham College, Steve the DJ, and all the businesses and members who gave their time, raffle and auction items and for turning up to support and show respect to our service personnel.

Elm Park is a great community and we all work together for the benefit of all.