

## **BEENHAM MARKS THE ARMISTICE IN STYLE**

Beenham Village Events would like to thank this amazing community in Beenham for coming along and supporting the Commemoration tea party in the Victory Hall, and the beacon lighting in the church carpark on Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Victory Hall was an appropriate place to remember the end of WW1. The hall was built within two years of the Armistice, with the money being raised by subscription and by fund-raising. Not many projects are built from scratch as quickly these days!

We are very grateful for the time and care the staff and children of Beenham Primary School and Beenham Pre-School took to create beautiful decorations for the Victory Hall and The Club. The primary children crafted intricate clay poppies and painted bright, colourful artwork. The Pre-school children made delightful dough poppies which looked good enough to eat.

We would also like to thank Beenham WI and others who so kindly donated delicious cakes. We are also grateful to Chris Curry for bringing his wooden silent silhouette of a soldier and his presentation which he displayed at the Village Market, to the Tea Party. It was of great interest to everyone.

So many people contributed in so many other ways and we would particularly like to thank: Ian Johnson who led the setting up the beacon in St Mary's church carpark, and Graham Bowsher for providing wood and also the very important straw bale that provided a brilliant "starter" for a magnificent beacon which lit on cue with the countdown. Amazing!

Our wonderful bellringers who rang the celebratory bells at 7pm just as the beacon was lit, and also sounded two special peels earlier at 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Also, Rosemary Maslen, who sensitively displayed information about those from Beenham who lost their lives in World War One on the windowsills in the church. This was much appreciated by all.

Finally, thank you all for donating so generously to the British Legion and supporting this important event.