



As we are looking at extending our display for Remembrance Sunday this year it prompted me to look into when the first Remembrance Sunday was held and how it evolved.

After the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on the 28th of June 1919 hastily but flamboyant events were planned for thanksgiving services to be held on Sunday 6th of July, with "National Celebrations of Peace" on the 19th of July 1919. Those organising the events were concerned that there should be celebrations after the horrors of war, and the continued suffering and sense of loss throughout the nation, but the public wanted to celebrate. St. Tudy held thanksgiving services on the 6th of July 1919, they were ushered in by a peal of bells, whilst St. Breward held a free high tea to all parishioners on the 19th of July.

When Lord Curzon from the War Cabinet headed up the "Peace Day" events committee, it took just 18 days to organise which included a temporary Cenotaph. Lord Curzon also wanted ordinary soldiers, sailors and their families to be at the centre of the celebrations. Those veterans who were too disabled to march were not hidden away, but given prime spots at the front of the crowds, while a large part of the seating at Constitution Hill was kept for mothers, widows and children of those who never returned. There were also a line of bonfires and beacons which spread from the Channel to Cromarty Firth. I am sure St. Tudy and other areas locally would have joined in.

Overall the day was a great success, and the Cenotaph was made permanent. Peace Day and the permanent Cenotaph were the first steps over the next two years, with the additions of the two-minute silence, the Last Post and the poppy making the Remembrance Day ceremony we all know today.

We would be very grateful for any poppies of any colour, red, black, purple or white, being made again this year to extend and refresh our display. We particularly would like to make a purple curtain for the animal display, but any colour would be gratefully received. We will have a box in the shop from the beginning of August for the collection of poppies, so that we have more than 18 days to organise our display, so that we can pay respect and honour those from St. Tudy who never returned. *Many thanks once again St. Tudy!* **PAM FREE**