



**Armed Forces Day 2018**  
**A Very Special Day of Commemoration and *Rededication***  
**Sunday 1 July 2018**

*Tewkesbury Royal Air Force Veterans Association and The War Memorial Working Group* invite members of the public to share the addition of two plaques onto the War Memorial. These commemorate members of the Services who lost their lives in both World Wars but who, for various reasons, did not have their names included in this *roll* of honour. After four years' deliberation, the following names will be added:

**World War I:** Pte. A. E. Fletcher, Pte. F. Green, Pte. F. G. Green, Gunner H. Knight, Pte. P. L. Marment, Cpl. V. W. Marment, Pte. A. J. E. Parsons, Pte. L. Rossell, Worker K. Sollis, Pte. F. W. Taylor.

**World War II:** Pte. J. C. Cash, Pte. R. E. Collet, Sgt. A. Hanlon, Sapper W. E. Portlock.

The reasons for the addition of each and a biography can be found on [www.ths.freeuk.com](http://www.ths.freeuk.com).

Younger members of the families would be especially welcome - please inform the Town Hall of your interest. You can request more information on [tewkesburyww1@btinternet.com](mailto:tewkesburyww1@btinternet.com) or *Face book*.



**The Parade Order is as follows: (All timings are approximate)**

10.15 Cadet and Youth Organisations, led by a small corps of drums, will create the symbolic '**Return of the Troops**' by marching from the site of the old Tewkesbury Railway Station [in Station Road behind Morrison's] to Sun Street and at 10.30 along the High Street to the War Memorial, halting briefly outside The Town Hall to allow the Civic Party to join the parade

**Photos of March to War, Tewkesbury, 26 September 1914**

[Recorded by the *Cheltenham Graphic*]



*Enthusiastic Volunteers enlist 2-9-1914 at the Watson Hall*



*Scouts lead the Parade— past animal wagons*



*The Mayor gives his Blessing*



*Volunteers in Best Suits wait patiently*



*Those left Behind*



*Goodbye!*

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***In May 1922 the Memorial was unveiled by Mrs Letitia Didcote, mother of Three Lost Sons***



*Rev W-E F Smith leads the Service with Mrs Didcote and grandson, Harry*



*Mrs Didcote lays a Wreath watched by Ald. Baker*



*The [mainly] well behaved Children spectate*



*The Councillors & Officials arrive*



*The Mayor pledges: "the present corporation and all succeeding corporations would guard it with jealous care and see that nothing untoward happened to it".*



*Mrs. Didcote "pulled a cord releasing the Union Jacks which draped the pedestal and they fell away ...". The Plaques were not added until 1926*

**2018: 11.20 Parade steps off for return march to Sun Street, with a Salute outside the Town Hall and then disperses**