Pittard Poppy Memorial Trophy Competition 2026

Yeovil and District RBL Remembrance Tide 2026 Entries









Pittard Trophy Posters 2026

REMEMBRANCE 2025: WE WILL REMEMBER THEM - THOSE WHO PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

We remember three men who died 110 years ago this month at the Somme

THOUGHTS will soon be turning to the annual Act of Remembrance when we remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in times of conflict.

This year's Remembrance Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 8, and The Borough of Yeovil will be packed once again with Armed Forces personnel, veterans, local dignitaries and people gathered around the War Memorial as the nation falls quiet at 11am for the annual two-minute silence of reflection.

Collectors will soon be out in force collecting for the annual Poppy Appeal in aid of the Royal British Legion – please give generously.

Three names which are inscribed on the Yeovil War Memorial all lost their lives 110 years ago this month when they were killed in the horrific Battle of the Somme – fought between the armies of the British Army and the French Republic against the German Empire in the First World War.

It took place between July 1 and November 18, 1916. More than three million men fought in the battle and more than one million of those were either wounded or killed – making it one of the deadliest battles in human history.

Here we take a moment to remember Robert Selway Collins, Bertie Pennell and Ernest Tucker – just three of those who were killed during the Battle of the Somme or died as a result of wounds sustained during the bloody campaign.

Bertie Pennell, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Pennell, of Dampier Street, Yeovil, was killed in action on or about October 25, 1916, during the Somme Offensive. He was aged 30 when he was killed and left a widow and four children.

He was working in Wales at the outbreak of the First World War and enlisted in the Worcestershire Regiment as a Private.

Bertie was interred in Knightsbridge Cemetery, Mesnil-Martinsart, Somme, France.



Robert Selway Collins was born in Yeovil in 1889 and lived in Camborne Street. By the time the First World War had started, he was living away and enlisted as a Private in the 18th (2nd Glamorgan) Battlion, the Welsh Regiment at Pontypridd.

He was killed in action on October 26, 1916, during the day-to-day trench warfare of the Somme Offensive. He was aged just 27. Robert was buried in Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe, Pas de Calais, France.

Ernest Tucker was born in Yeovil in 1893 with his parents having lived in Addlewell Lane and then later in Brunswick Street.

He enlisted in 1915 and was initially a Private in the 9th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry before transferring to the 1st/12th Battalion (The Rangers) London Regiment.

It is understood he was wounded during the Somme Offensive on September 25 and died from his wounds on October 10. He was aged just 23.

Ernest was interred in Etaples Military Cemetery in Pas de Calais, France.

We Will Remember Them .... and please give generously to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

PHOTO: The Battle of the Somme - one of the deadliest battles in human history.

Yeovil Town Council

Let's fill

ST JOHN'S CHURCH YARD

with handmade poppies for Remembrance Day

Can you knit or crochet?

We would love to receive any poppy donations, big or small, to help transform the church yard into a beautiful tribute of remembrance and reflection.

Whether you can make one poppy or many, every contribution will be greatly appreciated by the community.

If you can help, please email Emma.Marsh@yeovil.gov.uk

Thank you for your support!

We will remember them

IN the July 2026 edition of the Yeovil Press we published a feature commemorating the annual service which takes place at the Falklands War memorial stone in St John's Churchyard in Yeovil.

The service is held each year on June 14 to mark the day when the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic were liberated by the British Armed Forces to end the Argentine invasion of 1982.

In our report we inadvertently said that the event this year was organised by the Yeovil branch of the Royal British Legion. That was incorrect. The event was organised by the Yeovil Veterans Group of which Simon Woodrow is the founder and organiser.

We apologise for any embarrassment or upset this error may have caused.

Mr Woodrow has also organised the Remembrance Sunday Parade, the Armistice Day Service, along with all the commemorative and memorial events and services on behalf of the veterans, serving personnel and their families over the last 15-20 years in Yeovil and elsewhere.

The president of the Yeovil and district branch of the Royal British Legion, Lt Col Christopher Le Hardy, was invited to the Falklands War Memorial service as a matter of courtesy due to the fact that he works tirelessly for the Armed Forces community in Somerset.

In respect to The Fallen of the Falklands War 1982 .... We Will Remember Them.

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The winner or winners of the Poppy Remembrance Display Competition will be presented with the Pittards Poppy Memorial Trophy along with the runners-up certificates from Monday, November 16.

The judging panel will contact winners and Runners-up to establish a suitable date-time of presentations, (subject to agreement, its hoped that a Press Photo can be arranged at the same time).

As yet there is no formal registration to enter the competition, but please let organisers know of your display via the Yeovil RBLs social media Facebook page entitled Yeovil and District RBL, email to Yeovil.Web@rbl.community or share your photos on the Yeovil Notice Board Facebook page, so all displays can be visited by the judging team.

PHOTO: The Pittards Poppy Memorial Trophy is presented to the winners of the annual best Remembrance display in the Yeovil area.

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2026 Trophy Awards

- **Winner:**
- Queen Gytha Primary School,
- **Joint Runners Up:**
- A2A Princes St, Brookie Bridge, Perfections Highfield Rd, Kingfisher Primary School.
- **Highly Commended:**
- Toybox Nursey, Smartees Day Care, Lucy's Little Childminding, Wyndam Park Community Garden, Café Vie.
- **Special Recognition Awards:**
- Herblay Close, Yeovil Rugby Club, First Bus & South West Coaches Yeovil, Stoke Sub Hamdon Working Mens Club, Robert Frith.
- *Special Mention to Barwick & Stoford Church & Village Green*.




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Countess Gytha, Primary School,
Queen Camel.

2026 School Remembrance Poppy Display.

With the children and the school council establishing the original display, it is hoped that the children will add their own bottle poppy or items to the display on Wednesday 11th when the school will hold its own service of remembrance.

The photographs show the following areas of our school display.

- The main hall window, this is visible to all parents and can be also viewed by passers-by.
- The main school sign is on the road at the school entrance and again visible to all.
- The Painted stones are at the main door of the school thus, allowing all that pass through the doors to view the painted poppies.
- The small white cross displays the names of residents of Queen Camel that served in the first or second world and is their remembrance.
- Additionally; it is nice to see that a member of the public has added their own message to our display.

Whilst at Countess Gytha, every child will be invited to paint a bottle poppy that can be used each year allowing our garden of remembrance to grow as the school grows.



Countess Gytha, Primary School, Queen Camel







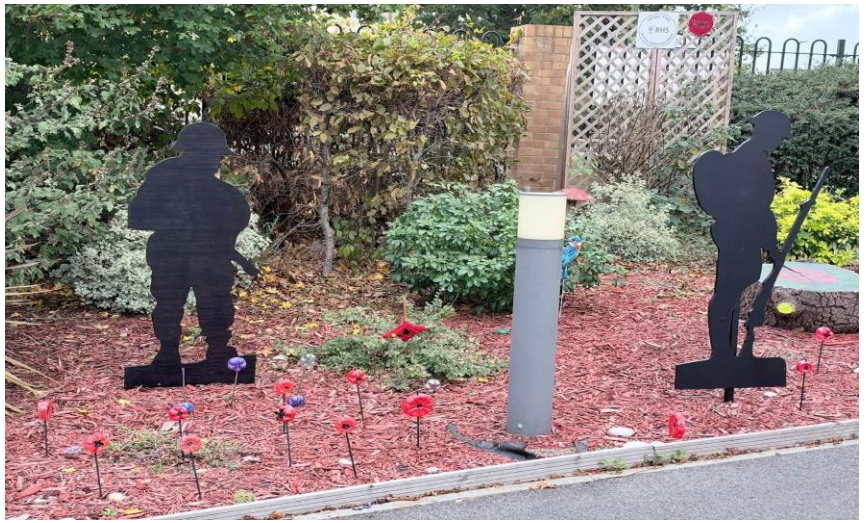


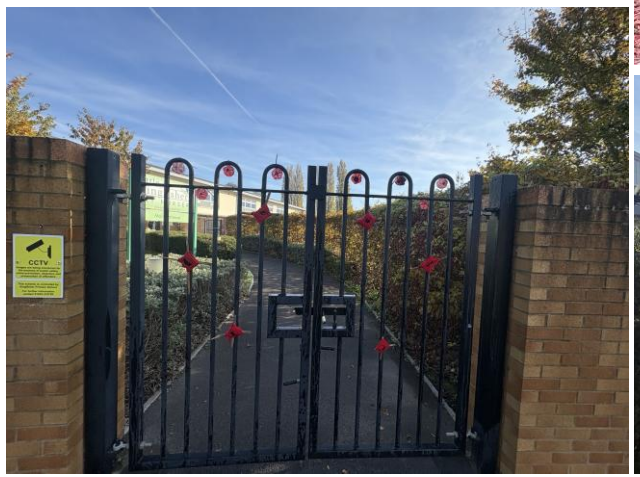
Countess Gytha, Primary School, Queen Camel

Kingfisher Primary School

















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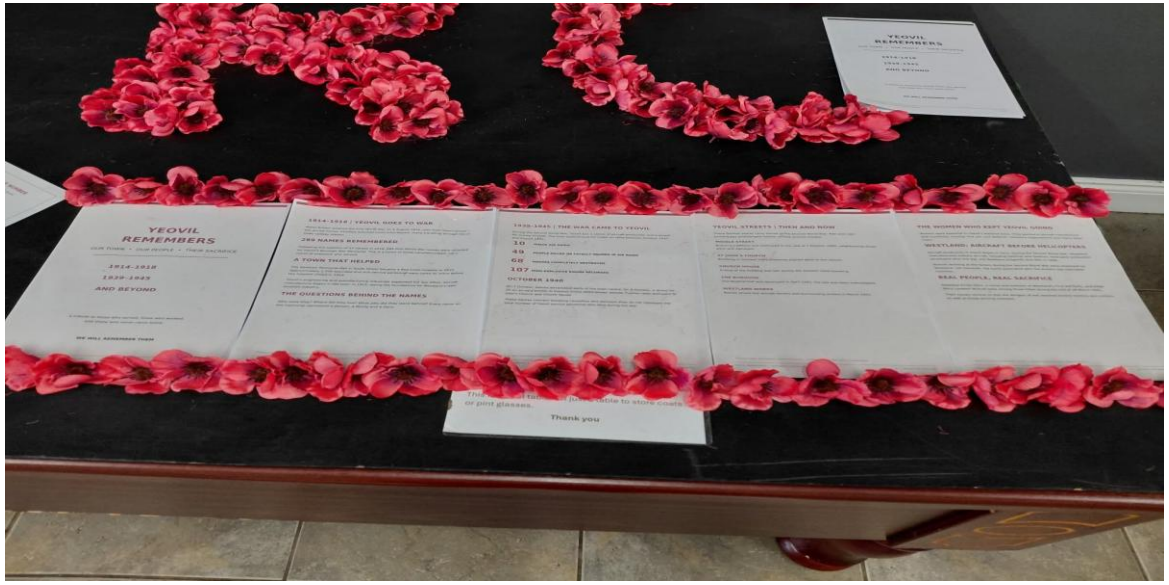




Wyndam Park Community Garden
Primrose Lane Nursery

Café Vie, Princes Street

Yeovil Rugby Club Tribute to the 49 Yeovilians










THEIR SACRIFICE
OUR FREEDOM



Yeovil Rugby Football Club



Yeovil Rugby Football Club Pittard Poppy Display 2026

406 POPPIES.
406 LIVES.
ONE TOWN THAT REMEMBERS. 🌺
❤️ YEOVIL REMEMBERS ❤️

This year, for our Pittard's Trophy Remembrance display, we wanted to do something that tells the story of our own town and the sacrifices made by the people of Yeovil.

🌺 406 poppies have been used throughout our display, representing the 406 names identified in historical records of Yeovil's War Memorial, remembering those lost during the First World War, Second World War and Falklands War.

🌺 49 poppies have been placed together in a special tribute, one for each person who lost their life or was fatally injured during the bombing raids on Yeovil in the Second World War.

Men, women and children. Ordinary people whose lives were changed or taken by war.

Our display also tells the story of Yeovil's wartime history, the streets that were bombed, the women who kept our town going and the important role Westland played in the war effort.

Every poppy has been placed with a purpose.

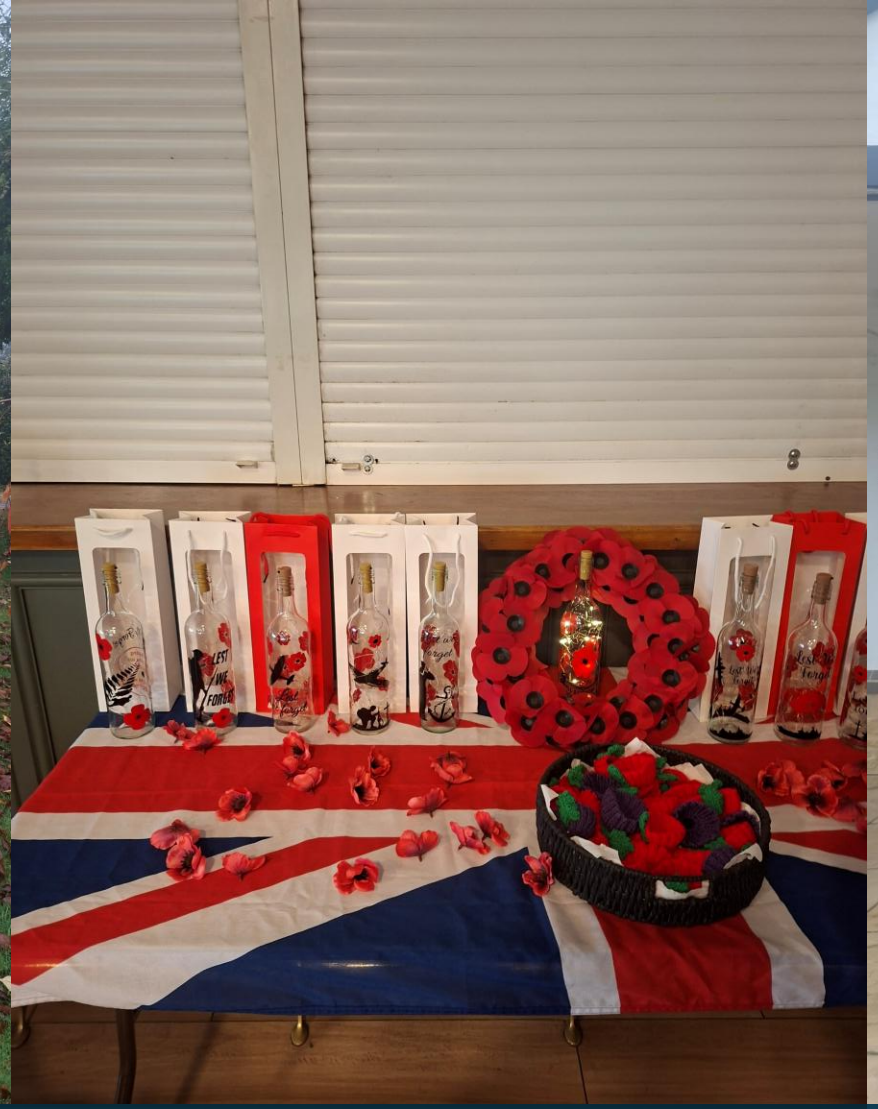
Not just numbers. Not just names. They were someone's family, someone's friend, someone's whole world. ❤️

We remember those who went away and never returned, those who lost their lives here at home, and those who served and sacrificed so much.

Their sacrifice. Our freedom.

🌺 WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. 🌺







Yeovil RFC & AF&VBC

Herblay Close





Lacey’s Hendford

Stoke-Sub-Hamdon Working Mens Club



First Bus & South West Coaches Yeovil











Robert Frith, Princes Street


ROBERT FRITH
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Barwick & Stoford Church & School







Barwick & Stoford Village Green







St John Churchyard - FI Stone, Garden of Remembrance, Poppies & Silhouettes





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Café 50,Brainwave & The Healing Room Princes Street





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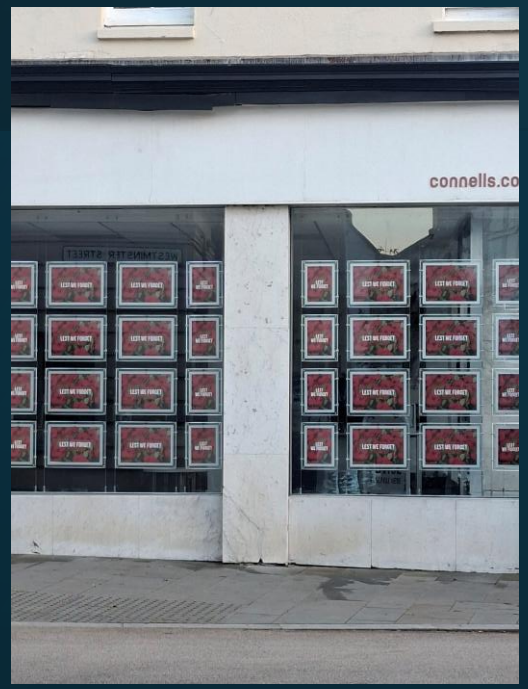


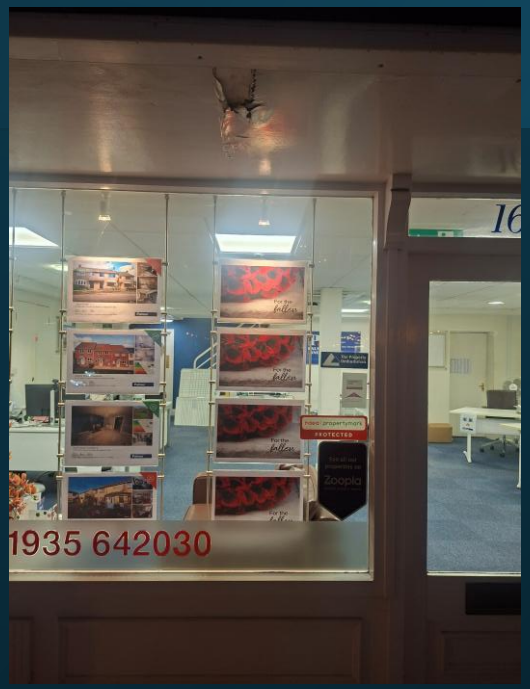


Dollylocks Preston Grove

Frederic's -Hendford, Palmers & Connells Princes Street







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Gordon Road RBL Garden & St Michaels All Angels Church



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Hearing Wax Middle Street

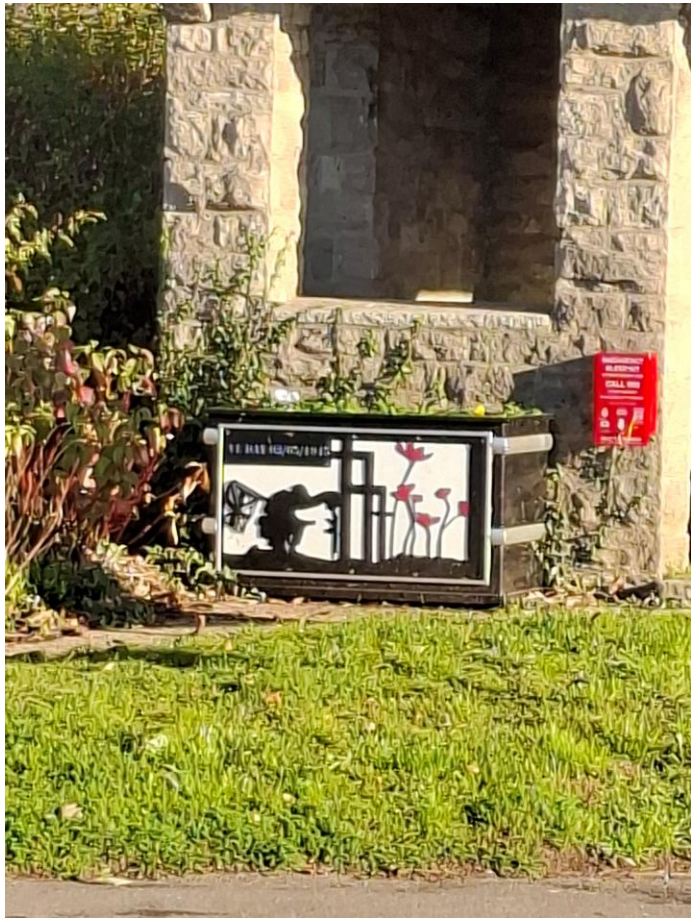




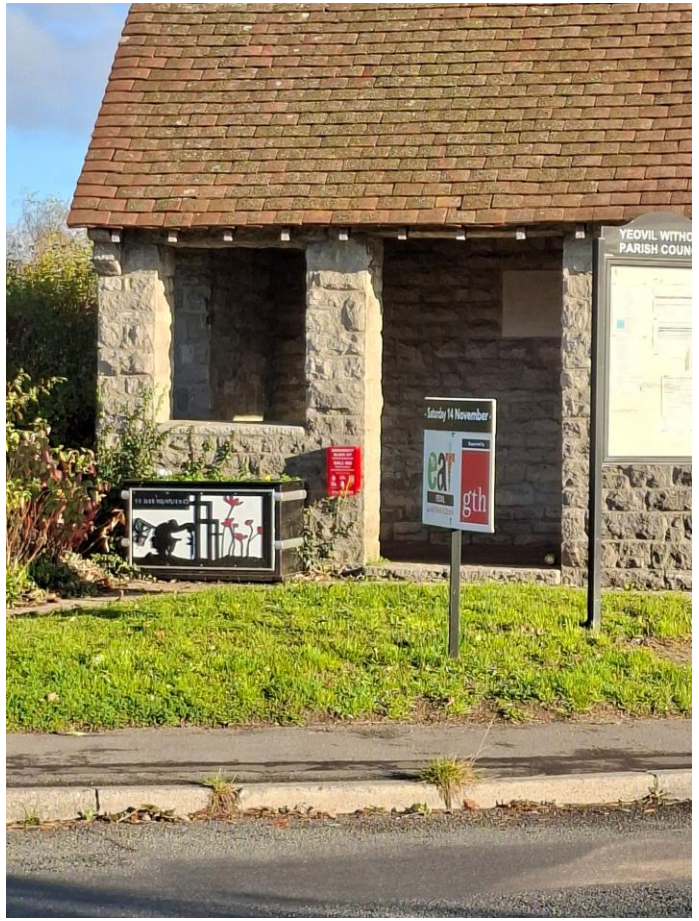


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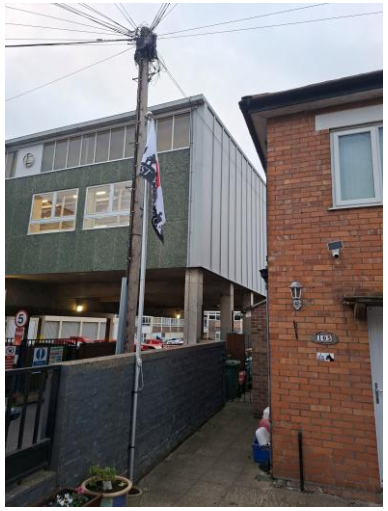
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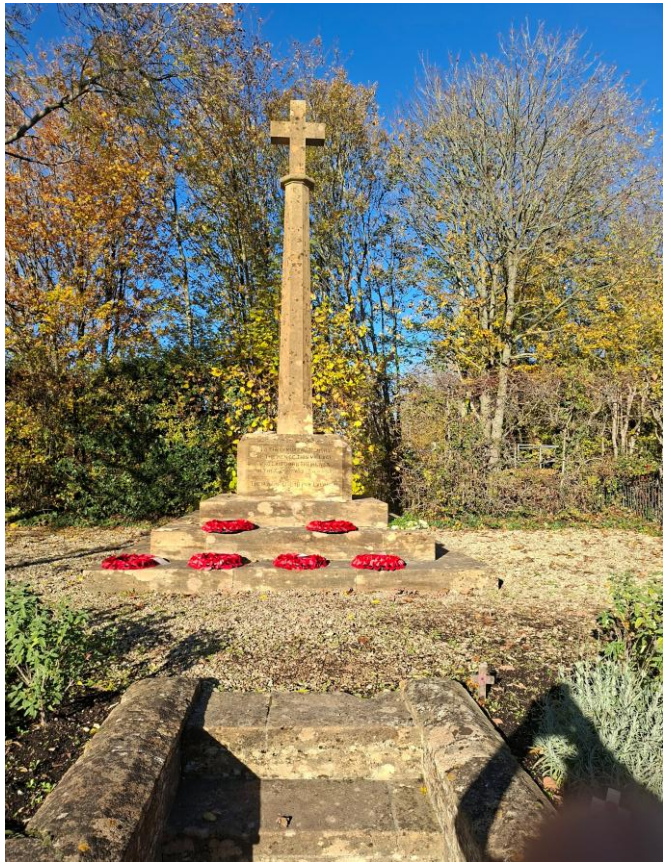




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St Maragret's Abbey Manor, Middle & High Street



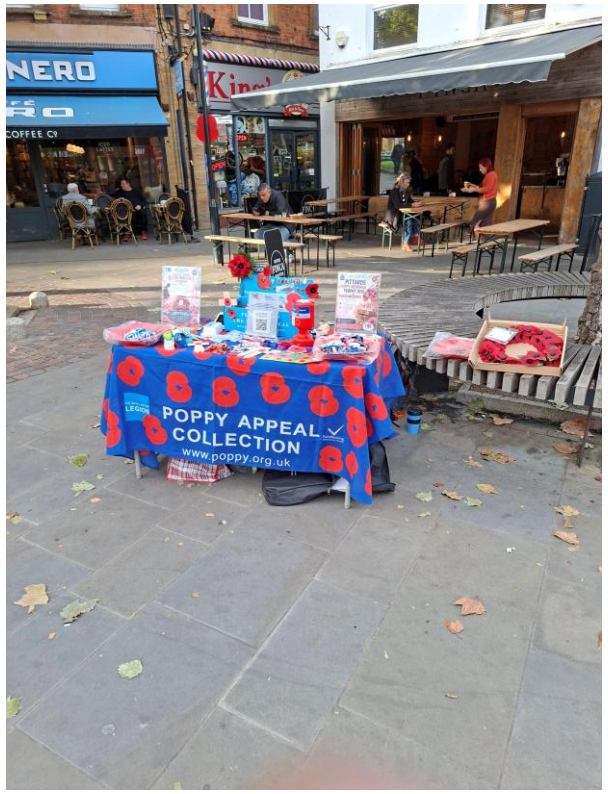


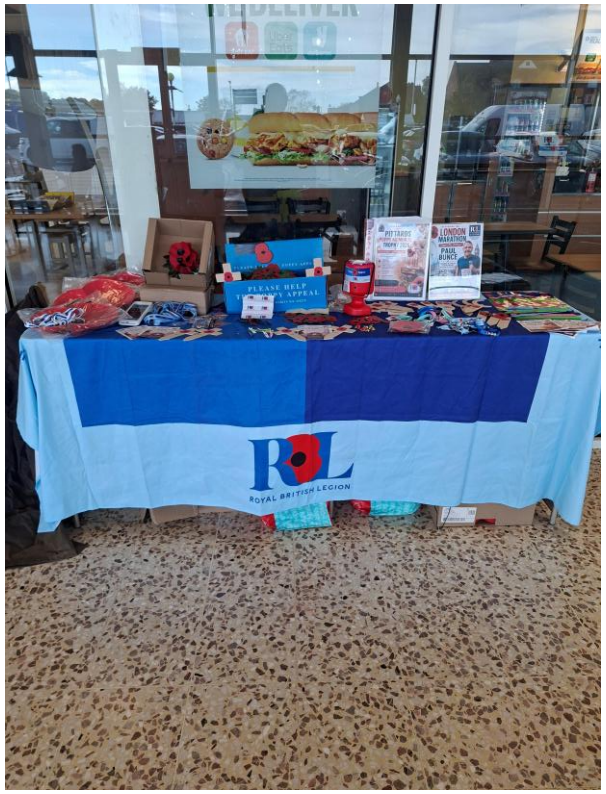


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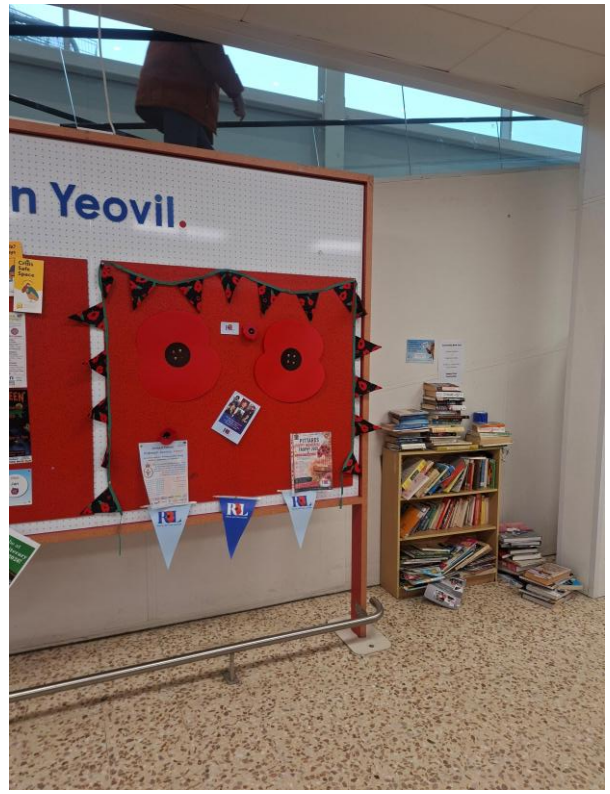












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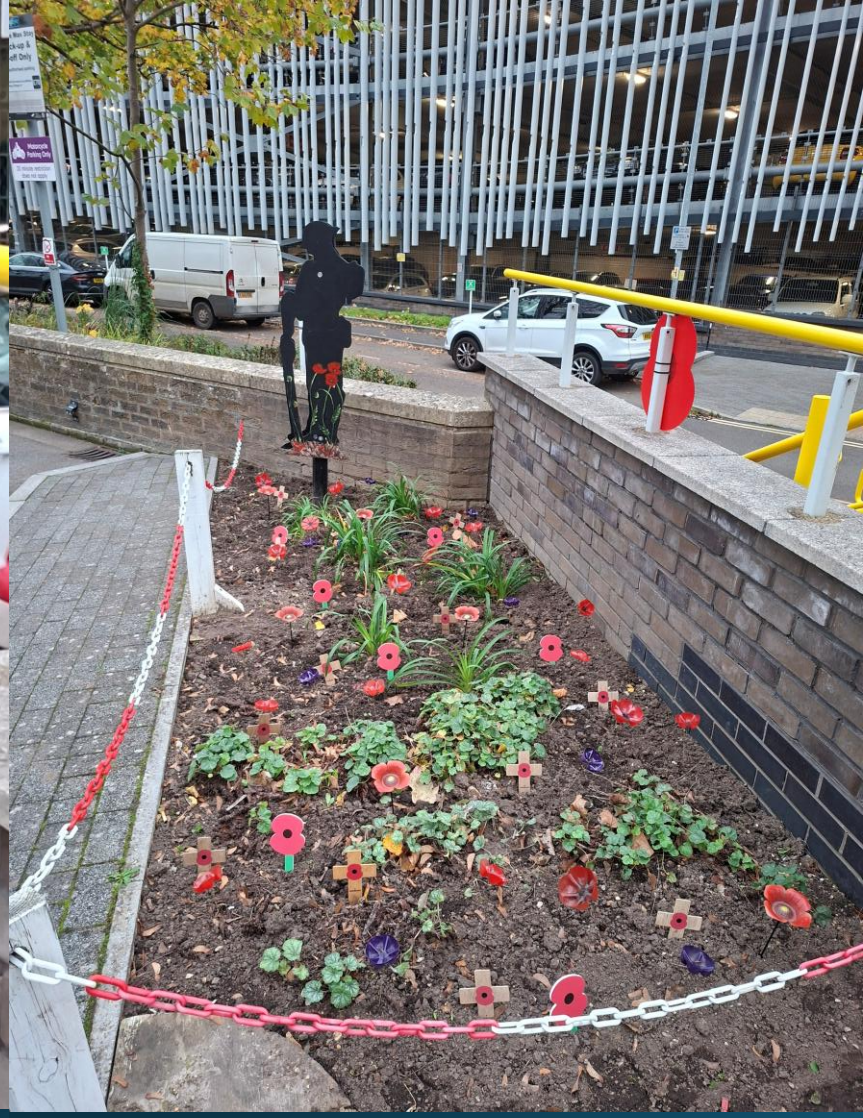






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Yeovil Hospital Garden of Remembrance







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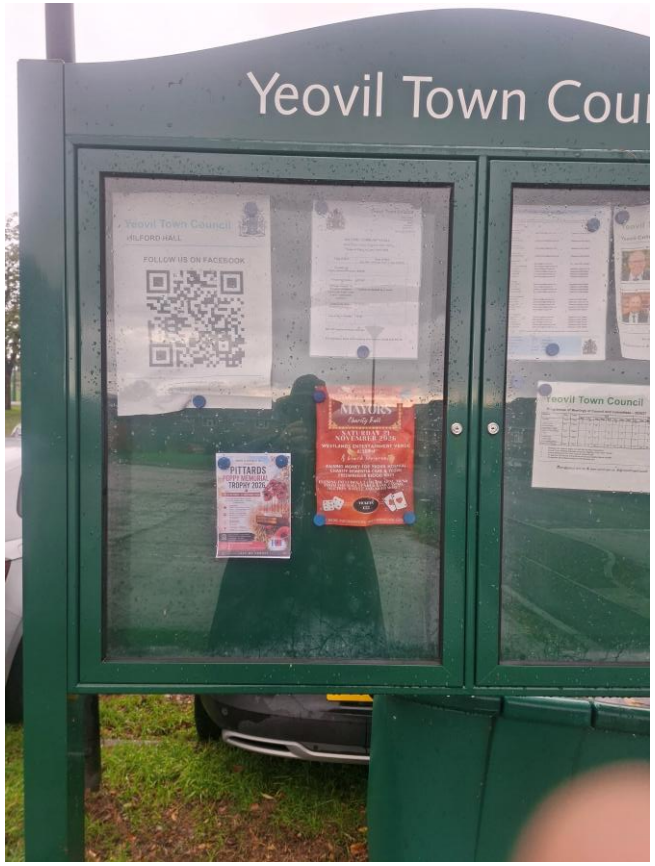
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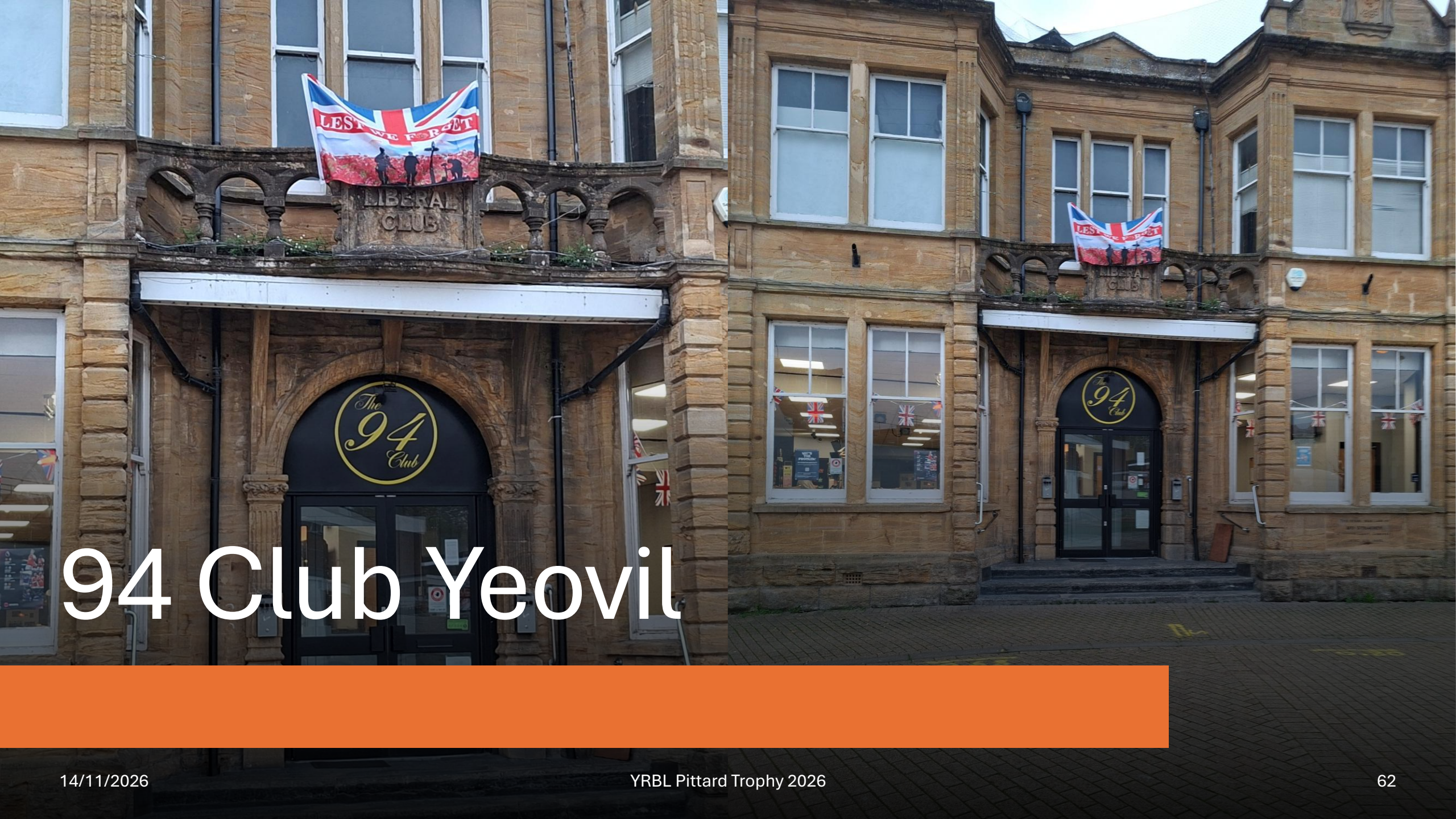
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Yeovil Town Council & Milford Park Noticeboards



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