



**Royal Guernsey Light Infantry
Masnieres & St Peter Port Twinning**

**Programme of Events
30th November 2019**

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1. Introduction

The Royal Guernsey Light Infantry returned home on 22nd May 1919 from active service in France during the First World War. To mark this hundredth anniversary year the charitable trust, a number of private agencies and government bodies have worked together to produce a series of commemorative and celebratory events. This document provides context as a time line for the final events of that series which includes the twinning of St Peter Port with Masnieres, France. This document is designed to cover all the activities and participants and inform the stakeholders and place detailed activities in context. It is an iterative document with version control.

2. Friday 29th November

Town Church

The current memorial in the town church will be upgraded to commemorate the return and disbanding of the regiment. The Installation will be undertaken by Vaudin Stonemasons before the event and be unveiled on 30th November

The 2019 Guernsey flag has been removed from the flag staff and sent to Masnieres for their 30th November service, this is to be replaced with the new flag and wreath laid at the same time as the Guernsey wreath laying service.

A twinning sign between Masnieres and St Peter Port will be installed near the town round about to be unveiled on Saturday 30th November

13.00 St Peter Port Harbour

The arrival of the French Naval vessel < **Trieux** >

16.00 Blanchland School

Meeting between Masnieres and the Head Teacher, Mr Robert O'Brien and Senior Staff, Maggie Brouard and the Minister, in regards to school and pupil collaboration activities and exchanges between the two communes.

3. Saturday 30th November 2019

RGLI Commemoration

Assembly to implement a small service and wreath laying to match the service which happens at the same time in Masnieres.

09:30 RGLI Memorial, Sunken Gardens

The participants will assemble at the Sunken Gardens in St Peter Port and await the arrival of the Bailiff and his party. There will be a short service and dedication for the wreaths laying by the Reverend David Knight, Armed Forces Veterans & RAF Cadet's Padre. This will be followed by the laying of wreaths by parties, led by The Bailiff.

09:58 Arrival of The Bailiff's party

Arrival of the Bailiff's party, procession into the garden and to the memorial.

10:00 Short Service

A short service led by the Reverend David Knight, Armed Forces Veterans & RAF Cadet's Padre

[see separate order of service]

10:10 Last Post

The last post will be played, and this will be followed by two-minutes of silence and then the call to service

10:15 Order of Laying of Wreaths

There follows the laying of Wreaths at the Memorial;

The Bailiff & The Honorary Consul of France

The Constable of St Peter Port & The Commune of Masnieres

Representative of the French Military & Royal Guernsey Light Infantry Charitable Trust

Bailiwick Royal British Legion & Masnieres French Veterans Association

Minister of States Education, Sport & Culture & The Seigneur of Sark (Sark Royal British Legion)

Deputy Le Pelley, St Sampson's Constable's & Douzaine Others

10:30 Parade

The service ends and the assembly will be fallen out and the parade called to order by the Royal British Legion, this will be formed up in order and step off to the Town Church at 10.30 (*no earlier*) via Smith Street and High Street. This will include music from the Band of 2nd Guernsey Boy's Brigade.

10:40 Town Church Square

The parade will arrive, halt and fall out. Participants will enter the church where music is provided by The Guernsey Concert Brass led by Mr Alan West. Following the seating of participants, members of families and the general public, the Royal

British Legion will bring in standards and assemble for the RGLI Families Service at the first hymn

10.50 RGLI Families Service

The Bailiff will arrive and be met by The Very Reverend Dean of Guernsey, Tim Barker, and there follows a service of dedication, prayers, hymns, lesson and readings

[see separate Order of Service to be provided]

11.10 (approximately) Re-dedication of the Memorial

The Dean will re-dedicate the memorial plaque which commemorates the return and disbandment of the RGLI. The invitation to unveil this will be extended by Lt Col Vaudin to Mrs Susan Hunt, the granddaughter of Private Ernest Quevatre, on behalf of the RGLI families

11.20 Service Ends

Dispersal

11.45 Weighbridge

An informal gathering of participants for the unveiling of the twinning sign near the Weighbridge and St Julian's Pier, St Peter Port.

14.10 Twinning Ceremony

This short event will be hosted by the RGLI Charitable Trust in the opened drawing rooms. Addresses by The Bailiff, Sir Richard Collas, The Mayor of Masnieres, M. Francis Noblecourt, The Constable of St Peter Port, Mr Dennis Le Moignon and a blessing by the Dean of Guernsey.

There will then follow the signing of the twinning document by the Constables of St Peter Port and the Mayor of Masnieres. Distribution of items to the parties present

15.30 Disbursal

Events End