

FIRST WORLD WAR 1914 2014 100TH ANNIVERSARY



4TH AUGUST 2014



The Constable's Committee on behalf of Chief Pleas has organised the following events to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War; these events are centred around the 68 Men of Sark who volunteered to serve King and Country:

11am

Service of Remembrance at St. Peters Church

with the parading of the Union, Sark and Royal British Legion Standards.

Sark School Children will be reading the names of the 68 men who took part and, in some cases, their relationship to the child.

As part of the commemoration, granite setts have been laid and a formal flower bed created around the Men of Sark Memorial Cross.

After the service a plaque commemorating the anniversary will be unveiled at the base of the Men of Sark Memorial Cross, by the Seigneur.

10pm - 11pm

Candlelit Vigil at the Men of Sark Memorial Cross
(organised by the Sark Branch Royal British Legion)



Men of Sark Memorial Cross

12.15pm

Vin D'Honneur at the Island Hall

along with an exhibition of local memorabilia and a Timeline depicting significant events throughout the First World War and Sark's involvement therein.

The exhibition will be on display in the Island Hall Boardroom from the afternoon of 4th August to Saturday 9th August between 10am & 4pm (6pm on Friday).



In addition to the 17 who gave the ultimate sacrifice, another 15 of those 68 men who served, are buried in Sark's cemetery and their gravestones (with permission) have been affixed with an enamel poppy as a permanent reminder. For the week of the commemoration, red sashes will be placed on each of these graves to easily mark their location from the road. 36 crosses will be planted either side of the Memorial Cross in homage to the rest of the men who served and are not buried in Sark.