

Remembrance

What do these flowers have in common?



The Poppy



In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row

The Marigold



Scattered like shells on Egyptian sands,
They lie with pale brows and brave,
broken hands,
They are strewn like blossoms mown
down by chance
On the blood-brown meadows of
Flanders and France

What is Remembrance?



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We remember people who have served and sacrificed for and alongside the UK, including armed forces, emergency services and all those affected.

This reminds us that whenever there is fighting, there is always a human cost, both for the people fighting and for the people living in countries involved.

Remembrance is the act of stopping to remember the people affected by war and to hope for a peaceful future.



We remember all those who served and sacrificed, and gave us our freedom today



We remember the people who have served since WWI, for the UK and alongside the UK



We remember the emergency services, who often work alongside our armed forces



We remember civilians who have lost their lives in conflict

We remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth.

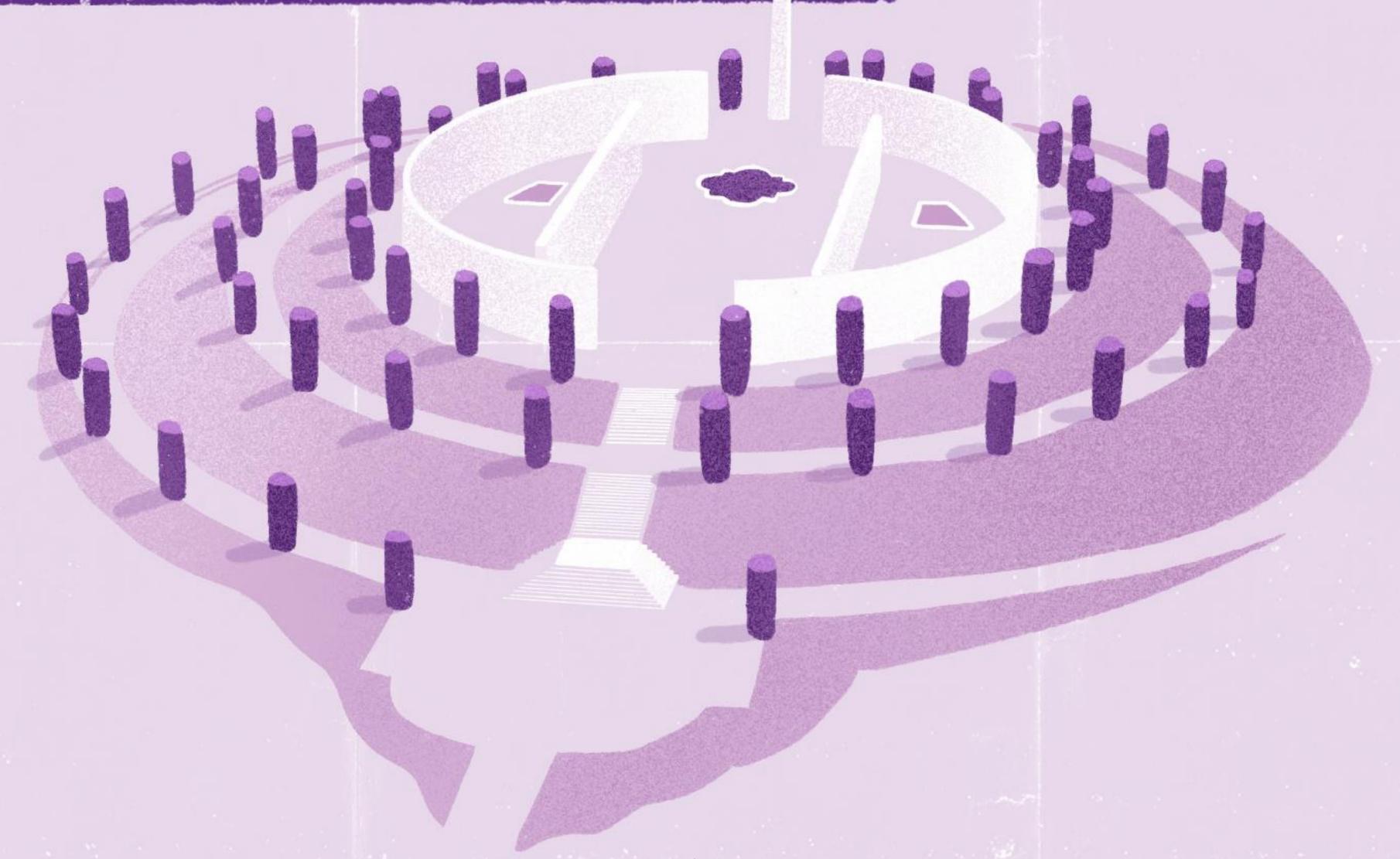
We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services.

We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict or acts of terrorism.

How do we remember?

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National Memorial Arboretum





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Symbols

Special days

- 11th November
- Polish commemoration of Monte Casssino
- Anzac Day in Australia & New Zealand

Flowers

- The poppy in the UK and much of Europe
- Marigolds are worn in India and Pakistan
- The cornflower, known as Bleuet de France, in France

Life and death

- Laying wreaths
- Service for the unknown warrior

Monuments

Stone memorials

- Cenotaphs
- War cemeteries
- Lists of 'the fallen'

Living monuments

 The Remembrance Glade at the National Memorial Arboretum

Art and architecture

- Coventry Cathedral
- Poetry
- Paintings

Sound & movement

- The Cenotaph march-past
- Two-minute silence
- Dancing and music
- Bugle call
- Festival of Remembrance



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

What next?

Over the last year we have seen more than ever how acts of solidarity and time of reflection can unite communities. Symbols have always been used to act as tools of Remembrance. What do these images and symbols mean to you?



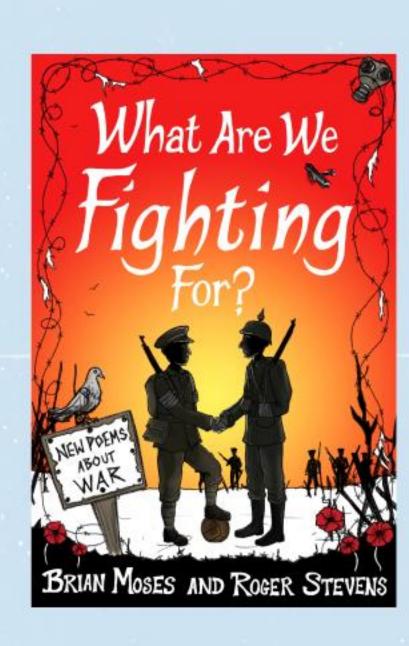




Reflection

- We remember the past and all the people who have served and sacrificed or been affected by war
- We think about today and all the people who are fighting for our way of life
- We look forward to the future and hope it will be peaceful

What are we fighting for?



What are we fighting for?
We have to do or die.
What are we fighting for?
We can't turn a blind eye.
What are we fighting for?
To sleep safely in bed.
What are we fighting for?
To keep away fear and dread.
What are we fighting for?
To keep our children free.
What are we fighting for?

To choose our own destiny.

What are we fighting for?

Because there's nowhere to hide.

What are we fighting for?

Because so many have died.

What are we fighting for?

To challenge oppression.

What are we fighting for?

To combat aggression.

What are we fighting for?

To win us the war.

What are we fighting for?

So there won't be any more.

What are we fighting for?

So that we can make sure.

What are we fighting for?

It's a war to end war.

What are we fighting for?

So we'll never need to say

What are we fighting for?

Again.

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