

Honouring Our Heroes: A Historic Weekend for Whittlesey

Every day, brave men and women stand guard, protecting our nation's security and interests. Our Armed Forces troops sacrifice time with loved ones, endure harsh conditions, and face unimaginable dangers to ensure our freedom. This [JUNE, Whittlesey has a historic opportunity to show our immense gratitude by attending the inaugural "Whittlesey Armed Forces Weekend 2024," a fundraising event dedicated to supporting our troops and their charities.

Kick-off the festivities on Thursday, June 27th with a special film night at The Falcon Hotel! This heartwarming documentary explores the lives and times of British life at home during World War Two. It's a poignant reminder of the resilience and spirit that helped win the war.

On Friday, the celebrations move to Saint Mary's Church for a spectacular "Proms for Heroes" concert! The Whittlesey Concert Band will be joined by the captivating vocalist Chanel Hughes and a lone piper for a truly unforgettable evening. Prepare to be swept away by a night of roaring tunes and heart-stirring melodies.

The festivities continue throughout the weekend with a dazzling array of activities for the whole family! Immerse yourself in history with captivating re-enactments by talented groups showcasing the rich heritage of the British Army. Witness the awe-inspiring displays of military vehicles from past and present, a testament to the evolving power of our armed forces. But most importantly, enjoy a fun-filled weekend with family and friends, all while showing our immense gratitude to those who serve.

Whittlesey Armed Forces Weekend is more than just a celebration; it's a chance for our community to come together as one. All proceeds from the event will be donated to [charity name], an organization that provides vital resources for our troops and their families, from educational programs to mental health support to emergency assistance.

Saturday and Sunday offer a packed schedule of events in the town square and church grounds!

• **Step back in time:** Explore the market area and witness living history displays, showcasing the evolution of military life.

- **Feel the rumble:** Marvel at the impressive display of classic and military vehicles from different eras.
- **Hear the roar:** Be awestruck by a breathtaking flypast of the iconic Battle of Britain Lancaster bomber on both days!
- **Experience diverse entertainment:** Enjoy performances by marching bands, various military charity stalls, and the Hereward Harmony Male Barbershop Chorus on Saturday inside the church. On Sunday, a variety of live acts will keep you entertained throughout the day.
- **Celebrate soul music:** Cap off Saturday night with a special treat! "The Dreamettes," direct from London's West End, will deliver a night of unforgettable Tamla Motown Soul, alongside two of the UK's top soul DJs paying tribute to the legendary Motown sound.
- Savor a soulful finale: End your Whittlesey Armed Forces Weekend on a high note! The talented Chanel Hughes will perform at the New Crown public house on Sunday evening, marking the perfect closing act before we look forward to your return next year.

Be part of this historic event and show your unwavering support for our Armed Forces! Tickets are now available for purchase at Bobs Records, usual sellers or the box office on 01733 204353.

Let's raise a glass, share stories of service, and make a lasting difference together.

