

‘people of all ages remembering the fallen’

The Mayor of Nuneaton & Bedworth Cllr Barry Longden and the Mayoress Mrs Joan Longden joined the residents and staff of Cheverel Place Housing Complex to remember the fallen from the Great War, World War II and those who have lost their lives in more recent times.

The Remembrance Service organised and led by the Pastoral Care Project is now in its sixteenth year. It is very encouraging to be joined by young children from Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Infants School – their Choir led the hymn Be Still for the Presence of the Lord – their voices filled the room, it was very moving indeed. They created a beautiful wreath which they laid on behalf of their school. ‘Seeing the children taking an active part was very encouraging’ this was echoed by standard bearers and the residents alike. At the end of the service the school children were presented with a Certificate for their commitment and participation.

Frances Molloy Project Manager said, "We are so thankful for the help of so many people who support this event year on year; members of Nuneaton Methodist Church Choir, Hinckley Ex-servicemen Standard Bearers, the Bugler Alan Haywood along with the complex staff members, residents and veterans who all contribute so much to the service. The Choir from Nuneaton Methodist Church leading the signing and the Standard Bearers who led the procession into the meeting room prior to the Act of Remembrance create a more formal service – but because the room is small, there is an intimacy which is very peaceful. It is always a solemn moment when the bugler sounds the Last Post to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice." Having the support of these volunteers makes the event much more meaningful through the visual impact.

Pastoral Care Project Volunteers support by reading the Gospel, Prayers and Poems as well as meeting residents and their families afterwards. The Scheme Managers also participate in the Service by including in the Prayers the names of their deceased residents in the last twelve months whose names are written in the Book of Remembrance – a book which was designed by the Pastoral Care Project and Residents many years ago which is lovingly kept on display by the staff and residents.

Many of the residents, family and veterans who are too frail to join in the public Act of Remembrance, appreciated the time to be together to pray and remember in a similar way that others have been doing in their churches and community meetings. These are so worthwhile for those who are bereaved and those who wish to feel part of the community. To organise such an event next year please visit our website for resources www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk Should you wish to add the name of your loved one to our Prayer or Memory Book please write to us at Pastoral Care Project, St George’s House, Gerards Way, Coleshill B46 3FG