

# HOW BRITAIN WILL REMEMBER TODAY

## YOUR DEFINITIVE GUIDE TO TODAY'S COMMEMORATIONS

**06.00** Bagpipes will play at more than 2,000 locations across the country and around the world, from New Zealand to Somalia, and spanning every Commonwealth country. Pipers will play Battle's O'er - a haunting tune traditionally played at the end of battles.

**11.00** A Remembrance Service takes place at the Cenotaph, where Royals and politicians will lay wreaths after the two-minute silence. Prince Charles - who performed the duty last year, right - is expected to lay the first Royal tribute. MPs will then lay theirs. German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier will also lay a wreath, the first time Germany has taken part in the event.



**12.30** Bells will ring across the country to replicate the moment in 1918 when long-silent bells rang out. Bradford Cathedral's bells, above, cast in 1922 as a memorial, have been restored and will ring, while in London, Westminster Abbey, St Paul's Cathedral and Big Ben will chime - a rare sound since it was silenced in 2017 for repairs to the clock tower.



**12.30** A People's Procession, with 10,000 members of the public, each chosen by lottery, will file past the Cenotaph, having started at Buckingham Palace (see map). Six bands will play along the route. The event, live on BBC1, has echoes of November 1920, above, when the Cenotaph was unveiled, and a million people flooded past.

**13.45** In Edinburgh, a free concert will take place at the former Craiglockhart Military Hospital, where officers were treated for shell-shock. There will be fiddlers and an orchestra, and recitals of the poems of Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon, who met here. Many other towns and villages will hold memorial concerts.



## WHAT TO WATCH ON TV

**World War One Remembered: The Cenotaph.** Live coverage presented by David Dimbleby, left. **BBC1, 10am**

**Songs Of Praise** featuring Katherine Jenkins. **BBC1, 1.45pm**

**World War One Remembered: Westminster Abbey.** Live with Sophie Raworth, left. **BBC1, 5.10pm**

**Britain's Poppies: The First World War Remembered.** Story of

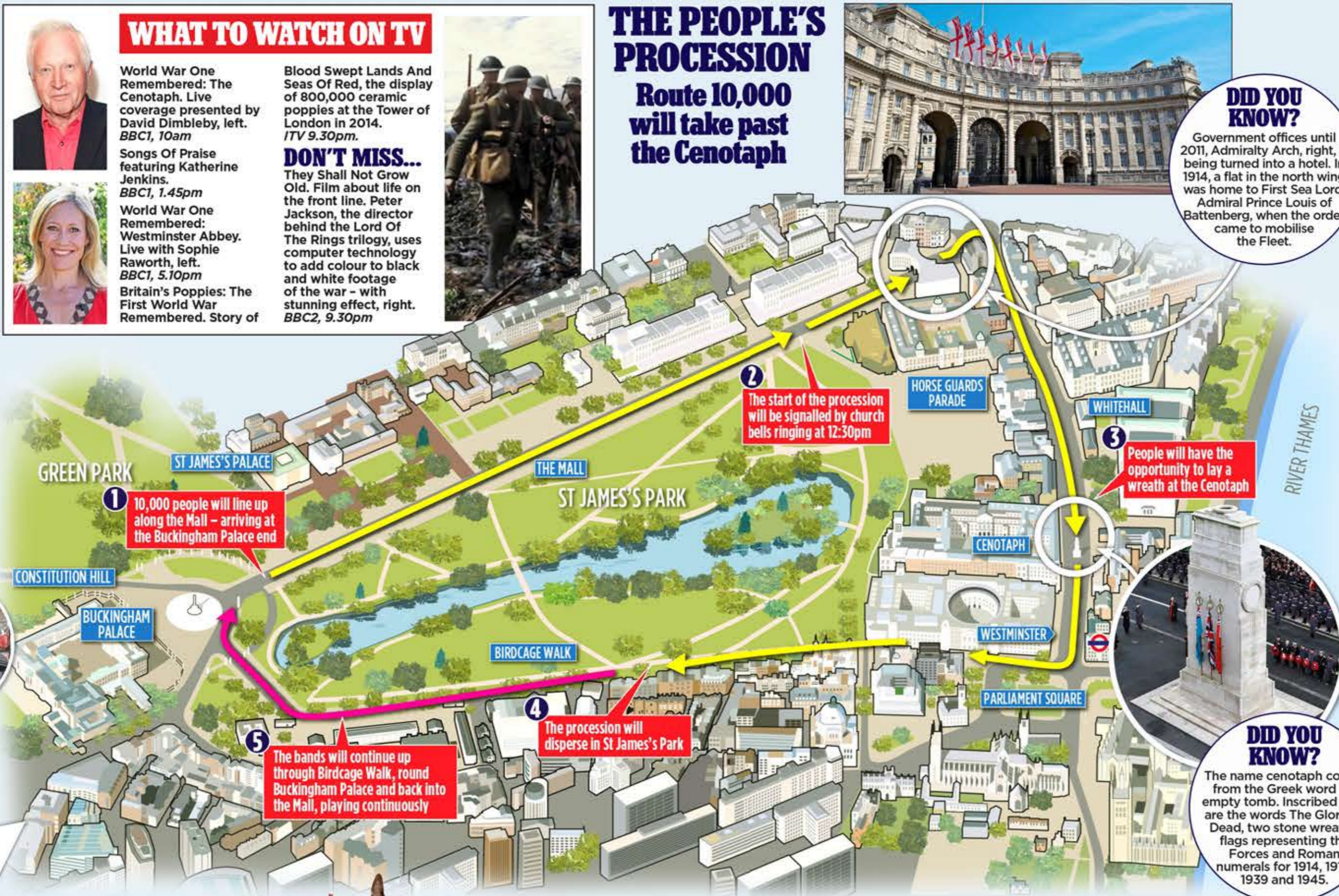
**Blood Swept Lands And Seas Of Red,** the display of 800,000 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London in 2014. **ITV 9.30pm**

**DON'T MISS...** They Shall Not Grow Old. Film about life on the front line. Peter Jackson, the director behind the Lord Of The Rings trilogy, uses computer technology to add colour to black and white footage of the war - with stunning effect, right. **BBC2, 9.30pm**



## THE PEOPLE'S PROCESSION

**Route 10,000 will take past the Cenotaph**



**1** The start of the procession will be signalled by church bells ringing at 12:30pm

**3** People will have the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph

**1** 10,000 people will line up along the Mall - arriving at the Buckingham Palace end

**4** The procession will disperse in St James's Park

**5** The bands will continue up through Birdcage Walk, round Buckingham Palace and back into the Mall, playing continuously

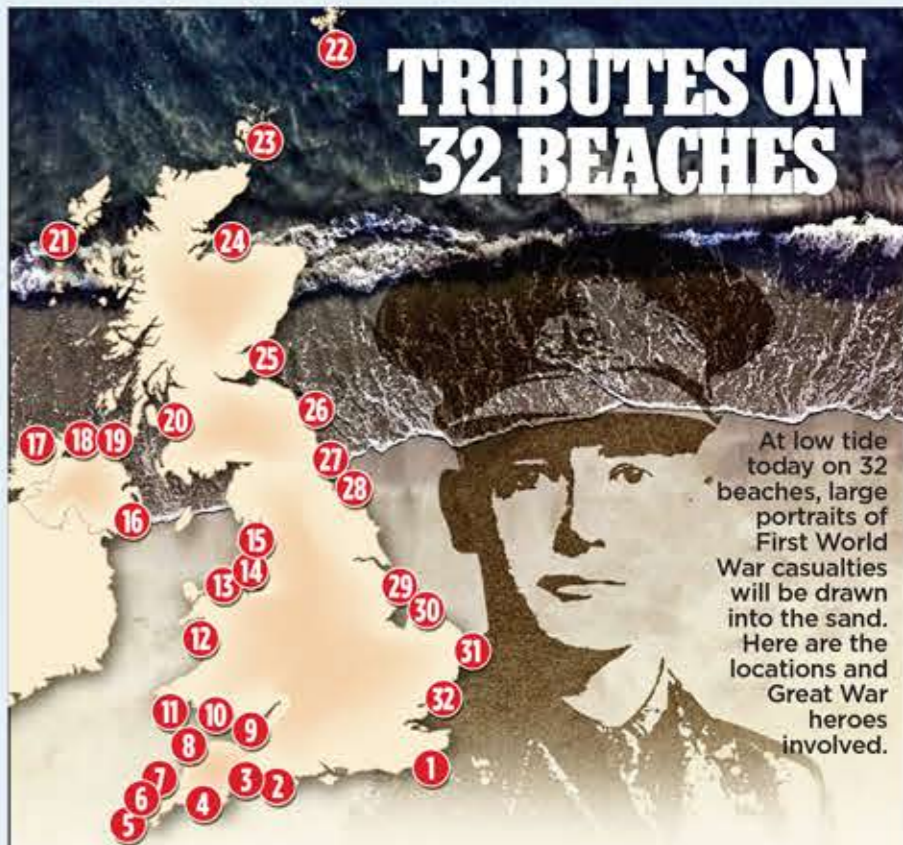


## DID YOU KNOW?

Government offices until 2011, Admiralty Arch, right, is being turned into a hotel. In 1914, a flat in the north wing was home to First Sea Lord, Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, when the order came to mobilise the Fleet.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The name cenotaph comes from the Greek word for empty tomb. Inscribed on it are the words The Glorious Dead, two stone wreaths, flags representing the Forces and Roman numerals for 1914, 1919, 1939 and 1945.



## TRIBUTES ON 32 BEACHES

At low tide today on 32 beaches, large portraits of First World War casualties will be drawn into the sand. Here are the locations and Great War heroes involved.

- Sunny Sands, Folkestone, Kent**  
Lt Wilfred Owen  
The poet, right, departed for the front from Folkestone. He died on November 4, 1918, days before the Armistice.
- Weymouth, Dorset**  
Sgt Stanley Robert McDougall  
An Australian who won the Victoria Cross for repelling a German attack in 1918 at Dernancourt on the Somme. He survived the war.
- Lyme Regis, Dorset**  
Rifleman Kulbir Thapa  
The first Gurkha to win a VC. Rifleman Thapa survived the war.
- East Looe, Cornwall**  
Capt Kenneth Walton Grigson  
He expected to become a priest but was killed in July 1918, months before the Armistice.
- Porthcurno, Cornwall**  
Lt Richard Charles Graves-Sawle  
He left for the front six days after marrying and was killed near Ypres in 1914 by a sniper.
- Porthmeor, Cornwall**  
Capt Edward Hain  
Hain was killed at Gallipoli in 1915 when a shell hit his dug-out.
- Perranporth, Cornwall**  
Archie Jewell  
Archie survived the Titanic, only to perish when his hospital ship was torpedoed in 1917.
- Saunton Sands, Devon**  
Capt Ralph George Griffiths Cumine-Robson  
Born in India, educated at Eton, Ralph died in 1914 in France.
- Weston-super-Mare, Somerset**  
Lt Col John Hay Maitland Hardyman  
In 1918, aged 23, he became the youngest Lieutenant Colonel in the Army. But he was killed at Bienvillers, France.
- Swansea**  
Dorothy Mary Watson  
One of six workers killed at the Pembrey munitions factory explosion in 1917. Dorothy, right, was just 18.
- Freshwater West, Pembrokeshire**  
Major Charles Morris  
A Cambridge rower, Morris died in 1917.
- Ynyslas, Ceredigion**  
Richard Davies  
Davies was a Navy reservist who near Ynyslas. He died when his ship hit a German mine in 1917.
- Colwyn Bay, Conwy**  
Pte Ellis Humphrey Evans  
Wales's most famous war poet, known as 'Hedd Wyn', was killed at Passchendaele in 1917.
- Formby, Merseyside**  
Capt John Basil Armitage  
He trained recruits but was sent to the front and hit by a shell at the Somme in 1917.
- Blackpool, Lancashire**  
Lt Cpl John Arkwright  
A former PC, Arkwright died early in the war, in August 1914.
- Murlough, County Down**  
John McCance  
Rifleman McCance was one of many from County Down to perish at Passchendaele in 1917.
- Dunree Beach, Donegal**  
Seaman John Buckley  
One of 354 people lost when the SS Laurentic sank in 1917 carrying £300 million-worth of gold ingots.
- Downhill, Derry/Londonderry**  
Staff Nurse Rachel Ferguson  
Rachel was a volunteer nurse who served in Italy and died of broncho-pneumonia in 1918.
- Portstewart Strand, Derry/Londonderry**  
No portrait but the public will be invited to draw silhouettes of people in the sand.
- Ayr, Ayrshire**  
Lt Walter Tull  
A former footballer with Spurs, Tull was the Army's first black officer to command white troops. He died at Arras in 1918.
- Culla Bay, Benbecula**  
Duncan MacKinnon  
One of six brothers who went to war, Duncan died when his armed trawler sank in 1916.
- St Ninian's Beach, Shetland**  
Silhouettes.
- Scapa Beach, Orkney**  
Lt Robert William Taylor  
Born nearby, he earned the Military Cross but died at Passchendaele in 1917.
- Roseisle Beach, Moray**  
Capt Charles Hamilton Sorley  
A Scottish war poet who was killed at Loos in 1915.
- West Sands, Fife**  
Dr Elsie Maud Inglis  
Suffragist and surgeon who set up female-staffed relief hospitals. Died in 1917 from cancer.
- Seahouses, Northumberland**  
Pte William Jones  
Another footballer - Jones played for Clapton (later Leyton) Orient. He died at the Somme.
- Roker, Sunderland**  
Lt Hugh Carr  
A County Durham lad who was fatally wounded at Ypres in 1916.
- Redcar, North Yorkshire**  
Pte Theophilus Jones  
The first military casualty on British soil from enemy fire, he died in the bombing of Hartlepool in 1914.
- Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire**  
Lt Basil Perrin Hicks  
He was killed on the first day of Battle of Loos in 1915.
- Brancaster, Norfolk**  
Driver Stephen Hewitt  
Born in Norfolk, he served in Salonika - and died in 1916 after being attacked by wolves.
- Gorleston, Norfolk**  
Silhouettes.
- Clacton-on-Sea, Essex**  
Silhouettes.

**15.00** In Richmond, South West London, a Rugby for Heroes team takes on a French Legends side. Team captain Thinus Delpert, below, models the Heroes' team shirt. Richmond FC and London Scottish FC lost more than 160 players in the war.



**15.00** At Dunston Hall near Norwich, The London Ballet Company will perform Poppy, right, portraying the havoc wreaked by war on ordinary people. In East Sussex, there will be a day of events to mark the extraordinary sacrifice of the village of Wadhurst, which lost 125 of its men.



**17.00** At the Tower of London, 10,000 torches will be lit in the moat, creating a sea of flames. The circle of light is designed by one of the men behind the 2014 display of 888,246 ceramic poppies. The display has burned from 5pm to 9pm all week.



**18.00** An invitation-only service at Westminster Abbey will be attended by the Queen, Prime Minister, other Royals, MPs, and representatives of nations from both sides in the war. It will be live on BBC1.

**18.55** As the evening draws in, more than 1,200 buglers at locations across the country will play The Last Post. They have been organised by Bruno Peek, the renowned pageant master behind national celebrations such as the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. Mr Peek has been planning the nationwide commemorations for four years.



**19.00** An estimated 1,300 beacons will be lit from Unst, the most northerly inhabited island in Scotland, to Cornwall in the south, and from St David's, the most westerly city in Wales, to Lowestoft, the most easterly town in England. Some, such as the one in Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, pictured, will be bonfires, others will be torches on wooden poles.

**19.05** As the torches blaze, bells again will ring out in 1,300 churches across the country. Bruno Peek says the torch display symbolises 'the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war'.

