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Heswall Remembers...

As 2018 commemorates the centenary of the end of the First World War, Heswall Royal British Legion is organising an event to mark this milestone. 'Heswall Remembers' is taking place on Saturday 14th July at The Fire Station in Heswall centre from 11am to 3.30pm and will focus on recognising and remembering all the local people who have served and taken part in conflicts from WW1 to the present day. We are delighted that the High Sheriff of Merseyside Mr Peter Woods DL will be in attendance to show his support as well as to formally open the event.

There will be a strong military presence from local Army regiments, Army reservists and the Royal Marines Association, with displays of uniform throughout the years, military vehicles and memorabilia, as well as recruitment information and displays. There will be a chance to meet and show your support for the regulars, reservists, veterans and cadets as well as remembering all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Local schools are also getting involved and they are taking part in an inter-school competition to write a message of remembrance. The winning school will have their message displayed on a wreath that will be taken to Ypres and laid at the Menin Gate as part of the Great Pilgrimage 90 in August 2018. Additionally, all other messages of remembrance from the schools will be displayed on a noticeboard at the event on Saturday 14th July.

Heswall RBL is hoping that this will be an annual event that will grow each year. Please come along and show your support on the day. The Fire Station is located directly opposite Heswall Bus Station.

On Sunday 15th July, there is also a six-mile charity walk on behalf of the Royal Marines Association, starting and finishing at Heswall Legion on Pensby Road. Walkers will set off at 11am (registration opens at 10.15am) and will get back to the legion at approximately 2pm, where there will be refreshments and a BBQ available as well as a cake stall and raffle. This walk is suitable for all ages and abilities and will have rest points along the way. Dogs (on leads) and children are also welcome.

**For more information, please contact Nigel Crosbie,
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English Channel Swim

Steve McHugh tells readers about his fundraising efforts in memory of his late friend Paul Lavelle, aka The Prince...

My friend Martin Pritchard-Howarth and I will both be attempting to swim the English Channel for charities that we hold close to our hearts. The swim will take place on 2 July and is a massive self-funded challenge. The English Channel is one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world with 600 tankers passing through and 200 other vessels passing daily. The swim is approximately 21 miles and it's considered to be the ultimate long-distance challenge. However, the variable conditions that are likely to be encountered could extend this to 30 miles.

I will be attempting to raise £10,000 for several local charities, in honour of my dear friend Paul Lavelle who was tragically killed in 2017.

We had a fundraising event on 6 May at New Brighton Marina where we swam continuously for 12 hours. We helped raise awareness and donations for the charities at this event with all volunteers dressed as Captain Webb who was the first man to swim the English Channel.

Martin and I are both proud members of Tri4Life and Mersey Tri and believe it may be interesting to follow our training over the next few months leading up to the events.

If you can help Steve and Martin reach their targets, please visit their fundraising pages and make a donation.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SteveMcHugh2>

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MartinPritchardHowarth>

