

# What are we remembering on Remembrance Day?

**Today we will be...**

Finding out what happens on Remembrance Day and why.

# Have you ever been to a Remembrance Day service?



What happened?

What was it like?

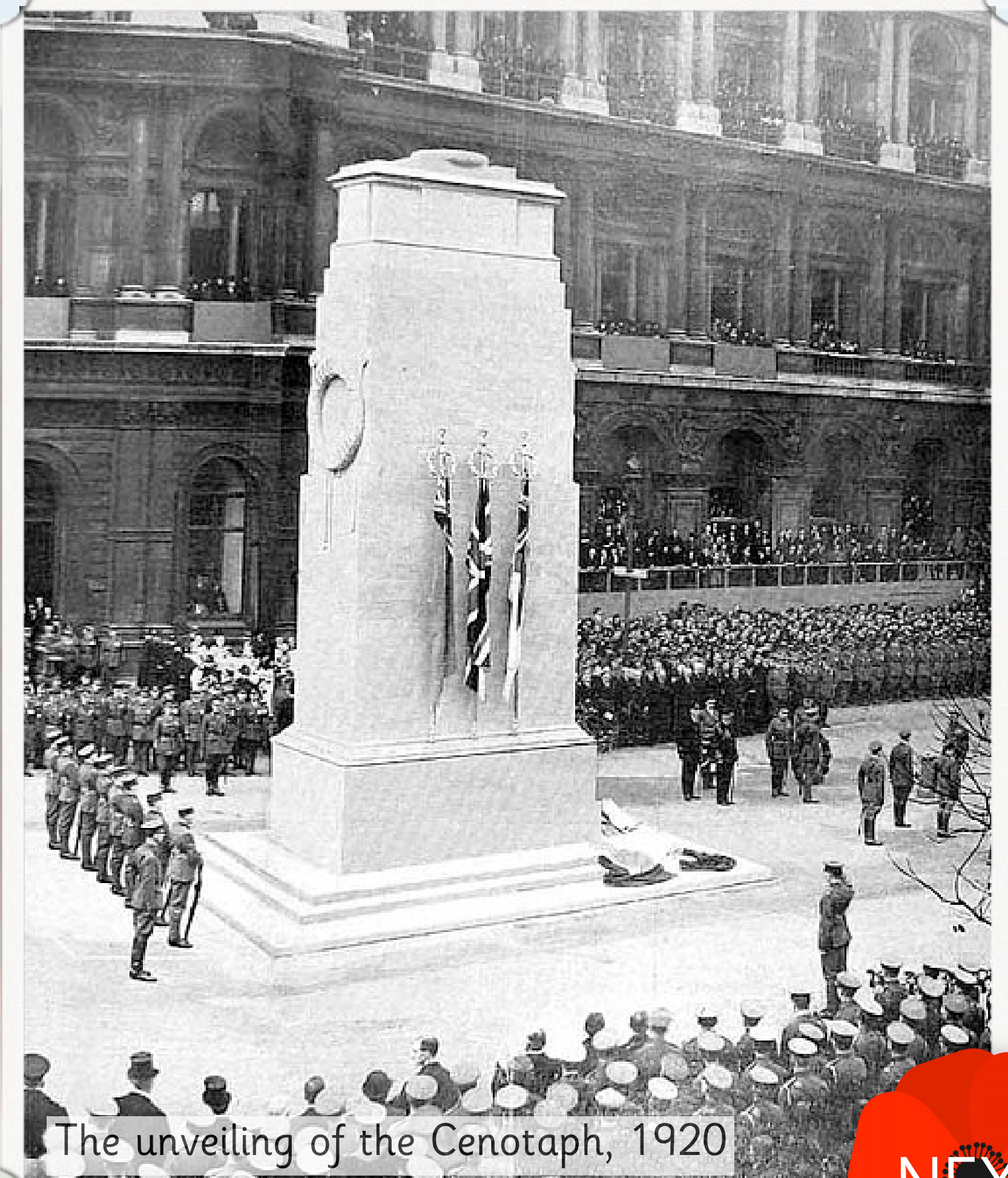
How did you feel?

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As well as having a two-minute silence on 11th November every year, lots of people attend a special service on the second Sunday of November.

In London, the National Service of Remembrance is held in Whitehall at the Cenotaph. The word 'cenotaph' means 'empty tomb' and is a monument to the soldiers who died in the war. The Cenotaph in Whitehall was erected in 1920.



The unveiling of the Cenotaph, 1920

At the National Service of Remembrance is a chance for the whole nation to stop and reflect on World War I, World War II and other wars that our soldiers have fought for us.



The Queen and other important people lay wreaths of poppies around the Cenotaph in memory of those who have lost their lives.



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Service men and women take part in a parade to commemorate those they have lost. They also lay wreaths.

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Veterans who survived the wars also come to the service with their medals both so we can pay tribute to them for the sacrifices they made and so that they can pay tribute to those they served with who didn't come home.



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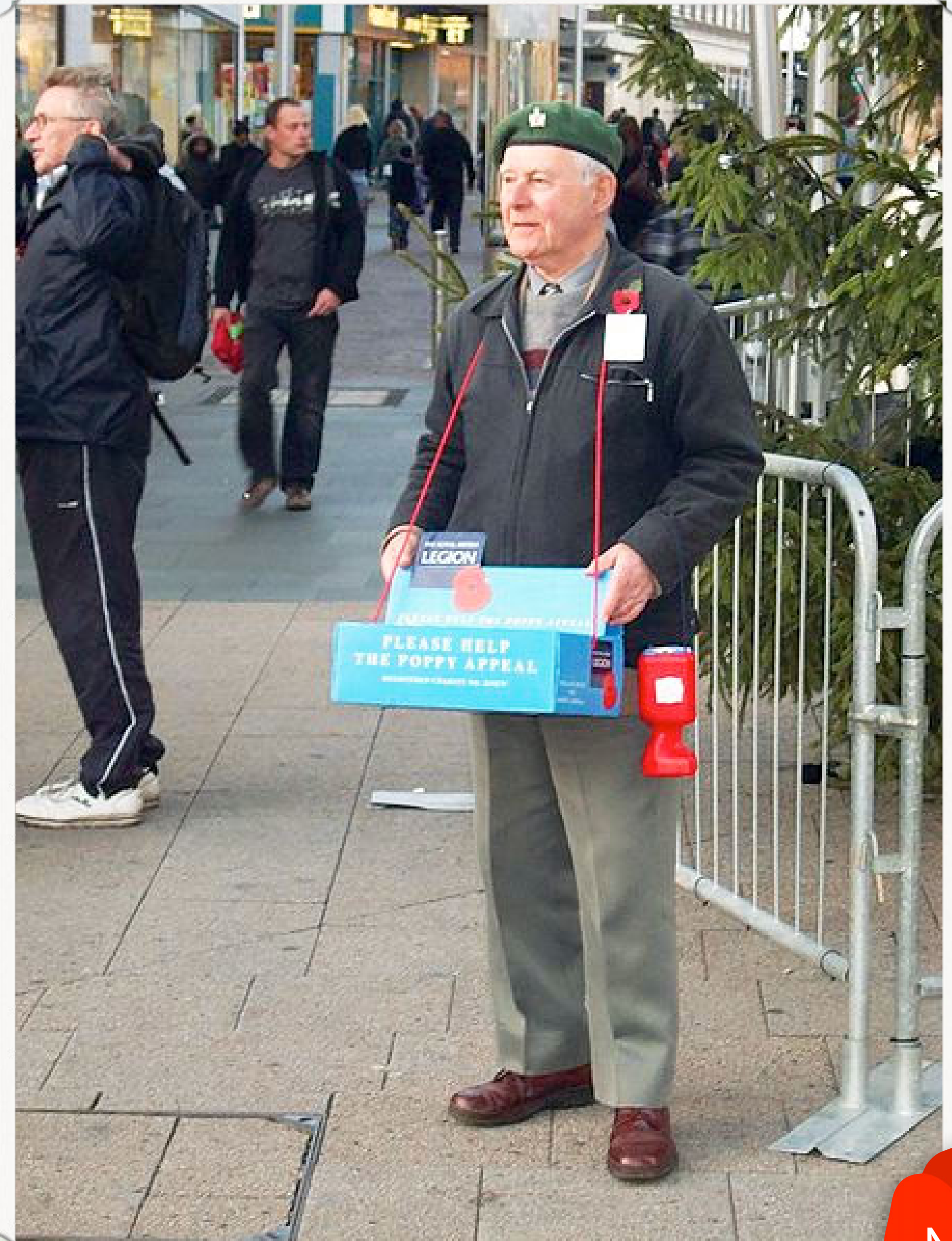
There is always a two-minute silence on Remembrance Sunday too. This happens at exactly 11am. Usually, a bugle player will play a song called 'The Last Post' before the silence starts.

Let's listen to 'The Last Post'. Do you recognise this piece of music? How does it make you feel?

In the gardens of Westminster Abbey, people place crosses in the ground with a poppy on and the name of a loved one who has died in battle. Hundreds of thousands of crosses are laid every year on Remembrance Day. It is known as the Field of Remembrance.



Members of the British Legion, which supports members of the Armed Forces and their families, sell poppies from the end of October until Remembrance Day to raise money for the Armed Forces community. In 2018, which was the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1, they raised over £50 million for the cause.





How do these events compare to the events that happen in our local area on Remembrance Sunday?

Do we wear poppies?

Do we lay wreaths at a war memorial?

Do we have a two-minute silence?

Is there a parade of war veterans and current service men and women?

Does the Queen lay a wreath in memory of those who died?

Does a bugle player play 'The Last Post'?



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