

FLORESSAS NOV 11th 2013

We are gathered here today to commemorate all these men who died during the First World War.
Let us remember that it is thanks to them that we live nowadays in peace !

We want today, to honour our British friends who have integrated so well our village and have fixed on this November the 11th, the traditional red poppy on their clothes as the symbol of those who died in this War.

A blue Cornflower in France, a red Poppy in England.

Why a poppy ?

The use of the poppy as the Remembrance flower, the "Poppy Appeal" was inspired by the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields" written by John McCrae : during the tremendous bombardments of the First World War the churned-up earth allows millions of poppies to grow. The battlefields were covered with these red spots reminding the lost lives of those who died...

The symbol remains and that is why, today we offer a wreath only composed of red flowers.



As we are all gathered here today, we also want to thank Noël Roux and the Festival Committee, which organized the votive festival this year, it was very successful and we will keep it in our mind !

Many thanks too, to Francis Da Ponte who made easier the access to the new memorial in creating this beautiful stone path.

Until now you have received the Newsletter (Bulletin d'information) twice a year, but this autumn we cannot edit it because of the prescriptions of the Electoral Code.

We shall now call all the names of these men who died for France, then we will invite you to drink a friendly aperitif, as a precious moment of sharing and conviviality.