

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND THE GWR POPPIES TO PADDINGTON EVENT ON FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT HONEYBOURNE STATION



Great Western Railway have invited the Chair of Honeybourne Parish Council to participate in their Poppies to Paddington event. This will take place on Friday 10th November at 7:57am on Platform 2, when the Chair will hand a poppy wreath to the GWR team at the door of the leading First Class carriage.

On arrival at Paddington Station the wreath will be placed at the War Memorial on Platform 1 along with dozens of other wreaths from across the GWR network.

During Covid lockdowns when local memorial ceremonies were not always possible, GWR organised a number of "Poppy Trains" to take wreaths from as many local communities as they could to Paddington Station to mark Armistice Day. This meant that communities from across the Great Western network could be represented in their annual service of remembrance at the War Memorial in the station. The Poppy Trains have been so well supported that they have continued to run them each year.

This year also marks the 70th anniversary of the Korean War called by many as 'the Forgotten War'.