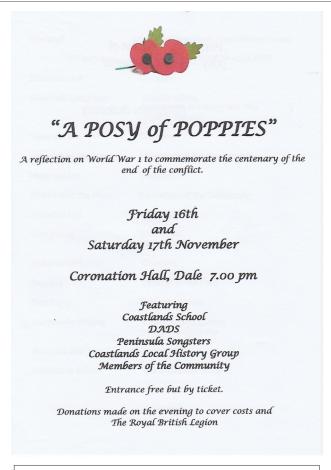
## **MARLOES 2018 WWI REMEMBRANCE**

## Act of Remembrance 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Marloes & St. Brides Community Area

Our Poppy Appeal received 1732 completed poppies knitted and crocheted. The display on and around the Clock Tower used over 1400 of those received, and another 100 or so were used for a small display in front of the Hall. Children present were also given a poppy to wear. Contributions came from the immediate community of Marloes & St. Brides, our neighbouring parishes of St. Ishmaels and Dale, family, friends, and others from Milford Haven, elsewhere in Pembrokeshire and far beyond, all who wished both to remember and help our project. We are grateful for all these contributions. We also thank all those who helped to hang the display from the Tower – a truly marvellous effort. Thank you also to all who helped with refreshments in Marloes Hall. The event at 12 noon on the 11th November was very well supported, and we are very grateful to all those children who were present to read out the names of the eleven who died in WWI. The pictures in the Western Telegraph supplement were supplied by Mrs. Glenys Cullen. Pictures of the Tower with poppies have been circulated all over the world. A true community effort. Thank you.

A donation will be made to the Royal British Legion in due course from monies donated by individuals, the collection in Marloes Hall, from Moriah Chapel and from the Clock Tower Collection Box.

"A Posy of Poppies" was performed in Dale. It was as true community event and was very well received. For the full programme see the link on the website front page.



## **Moriah Baptist Chapel**

On 10th and 11th November the chapel mounted a small photographic exhibition to remember those who served in the two world wars.



## **Beacon of Lights**

"The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime" These words spoken by Sir Edward Grey in 1914 were the inspiration for the lighting of over 1,000 beacons throughout the UK at 7 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November to commemorate the ending of the WW1 and to remember those who fought. The event followed a prescribed procedure which began with the Last Post, played hauntingly by Megan Lewis beside the unlit fire on Beacon Field, and was followed by Peter Smithies reading of "The Tribute to Millions". Emily Beal (who was 7 on the 10<sup>th</sup>) then lit the bonfire and while this cast its commemorative light over the neighbourhood, a "Peal for Peace" was rung with hand bells beside the fire. At the same time the bell was rung by Bobby Morgan in Marloes church.

Many thanks to all those who contributed material for the fire and who helped to build it.

John Walmsley

Remembrance Service – Over 60 people gathered at the War Memorial to honour those who had died in both World Wars on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of the 1st World War. Earlier, within the Church a wreath was relaid to remember members of the 304 Polish Squadron who had lost their lives flying out of RAF Dale. The service was conducted by the Rev. Gaynor Ford. Wreaths were laid on behalf of Marloes & St. Brides Community, Marloes & St. Brides Churches, Coastlands School - laid by pupils, also private wreaths. An individual Poppy Cross was also laid this year for the eleven men who lost their lives in WW1.