

## **REMEMBRANCE 2018**

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice was marked in the village in a number of ways. The schools were particularly active. Backwell School spent a whole morning on the subject with assemblies, poppy-making, themed artwork and study of the changing role of women in WW1. For the first time for many years a procession to the War Memorial was organised for Remembrance Day itself. Led by the joint churches, over 200 set out from Lawnside on a pleasantly bright morning. Representatives of the RBL, Parish Council, local organisations and schools were followed by a large contingent of Scouts and many other people from the village up to St Andrews Church where a large gathering was already waiting. A most moving ceremony then took place around the Memorial before the congregation moved into the church to conclude the service.

The Royal British Legion was also active, of course, in carrying out the Poppy Appeal in the fortnight before Remembrance. Now the final penny has been counted we can report that the 2018 total for the villages of Backwell and Flax Bourton is a magnificent £11,000. This is 20% more than recent years and a tribute to the efforts of our schools, businesses and loyal collectors without whom this contribution to such a valuable cause would not be possible.