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The ceremony closed with a rendition of *Keep the Home Fires Burning* by members of the Bidford Community Choir.

The board was partly funded by the research group with support from both Bidford Parish Council and Bidford Rotary Club,

Hundreds brave the weather in Alcester

SEVERAL hundred people braved the weather to attend an open-air Act of Remembrance and service held on the St Nicholas' Church green in Alcester on Sunday morning.

Members of the town's numerous community groups, local dignitaries and councillors were led in a solemn procession by Alcester Victoria Silver Band from its muster point in Bleachfield Street, up High Street and to Church Street to be received by, amongst others, Lord and Lady Hertford and their son William, Earl of Yarmouth.

Last Post and *Reveille* were flawlessly played by the band's principal cornet player Ian Rochester and afterwards, wreaths were laid in a moving tribute around the war memorial cross by young and old representatives of local organisations, including the town council, Rotary, rugby club, scouts and guides.

Prayers, a hymn and an address conducted by the Rev Katie Cross followed, then the parade reformed to march around to Alcester Town Hall before being dismissed by the president of Alcester British Legion, Mike Gittus.

The event was organised by Alcester Town Council in partnership with Alcester British Legion and St Nicholas' Church. The Mayor of Alcester, Cllr Vaughan Blake, said afterwards: "It was my great privilege and honour to lay the wreath on behalf of Alcester Town Council on Remembrance Sunday.

"On a cold and wet morning, it was wonderful to see so many people turn out to watch and heart-warming to see our community organisations paying their respects - especially the many youth organisations carrying their standards and laying wreaths in remembrance.

"This is the biggest event of the year for the



Alcester Remembrance Sunday commemorations. Photos: Lise Evans

Alcester Royal British Legion, and it could not go ahead without the support of Alcester Town Council and church. The benefit to the community of this collaboration cannot be overstated."



WELL SUPPORTED IN HENLEY DESPITE LACK OF A PARADE

THE annual Service of Remembrance took place in Henley at the Church of St John the Baptist this year without its traditional parade due to issues with insurance and marshals.

It did not, however, stop the occasion being

