

# World War 1 Peace Day 2019

2019 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of **The Treaty of Versailles**, which officially brought World War 1 to an end.

The Treaty was signed on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1919 exactly 5 years after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, which had been a forerunner to the outbreak of war in 1914. The signing of the Treaty led to the Prime Minister, Lloyd George, announcing that 19<sup>th</sup> July 1919 should be a Bank Holiday and "Peace Day". It was a day of local celebration and included street parties, plenty of bunting and party games. It also included a more formal celebration involving the Sherwood Rangers on the Market Square in Retford. There are several photos on the Bassetlaw Museum website.

In order to mark this occasion The Retford Branch of the Royal British Legion, in conjunction with Bassetlaw Museum, held a Peace Day Celebration, 100 years on, in the garden at the rear of the Museum in Grove Street on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019.