

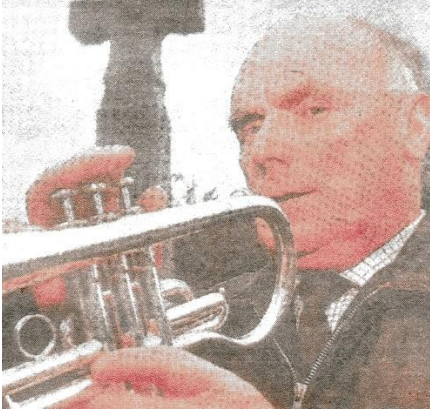
Remembrance Sunday in Gatehouse

On the Sunday nearest to 11th November each year, the Royal British Legion organise a ceremony at the Girthon & Anwoth War Memorial.

This is preceded by an ecumenical service in Gatehouse & Borgue Parish Church (formerly Girthon Parish Church). It is open to be attended by all faiths as well as representatives from the British Legion, scouts and firemen.

Just before 11 a.m. the congregation, led by the standard bearers and usually a piper, make their way from the church to the War Memorial for the '2 minutes silence', the laying of wreaths, and the playing of the last post.

Jimmy Gilmour, a local builder, first played the Last Post on his cornet at the ceremony in 1953 and continued every year for 44 years. He was a member of the Gatehouse 'Til Mak Siccar' Band and latterly the Creetown Silver Band.



1980's



In the 1980s members of the Royal Observer Corps were a significant presence at the head of the parade.

David Cliff McCulloch regularly laid the British Legion wreath.

1995 - 50th Anniversary of VE & VJ Days

On 29th June 1995, Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, unveiled a plaque on the wall in Ann Street to commemorate the 50th anniversaries of V.E. Day and V.J. Day.

Three oak trees were planted by Gatehouse, Twyholm and Ringford British Legions.



2014 to 2018 – 100 years since World War I

Between 2014 and 2018 at each Remembrance Day ceremony, the scouts read out the names of Gatehouse men who had been killed 100 years before in World War I.

The British Legion also hosted an exhibition at the Mill on the Fleet about Gatehouse folk during the First World War and published a book about these people, as a fund raising event.



James Finlay lays wreath on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



Ian McCandlish played the Last Post for several years.



The piper is Jim White from Kirkcudbright

2015



Provost Sue Best lays a wreath on behalf of the Community Council.



Deputy Lord Lieutenant Alexander McCulloch, lays a wreath as the Queen's representative.

