



Violette Szabó – Croix de Guerre and Bronze Star
Portrait painted by
Doug Cresswell

Celebrating the life of Violette Szabó GC

I am sure that Violette would wish to welcome our new King – Charles III and hope he may have a long and happy reign, as I feel we all do!

Sunday 9th July 2023

May God Bless our gathering.

Christmas at Violette's Museum 2022!!

This picture was taken by Councillor Harry Bramer, a great supporter of Violette and now one of her Trustees.



Order of Service

Directed by The Revd Mark Johnson

Parade Marshall – Mr Steve Cole

The Parade to leave The Park, Wormelow at 1.30pm

Led by **Simon Addison**, The Highland Piper.

One minute's silence —

for past friends now with Violette, R.I.P.,
and also friends and admirers now too frail to make the journey,
our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Welcome

Rosemary E. Rigby MBE

holder of the *Points of Light Award*

Virginia McKenna OBE

Although unable again to be with us this year, Virginia has most kindly sent a message to everyone present and has also recorded for your pleasure, Violette's famous poem *The Life That I Have*. Most grateful thanks to her for all the years of constant support for Violette!

Hymn – Jerusalem

1. And did those feet in ancient time
walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
on England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
among those dark satanic mills?
2. Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land.

Ruby Ann and her great friend **Racheal** to sing – how just wonderful.
Ruby is constant in her great desire to honour Violette
in every way for ever! Thank You!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

for Violette and those with birthdays among us!



Our guest speaker **Professor Peter Lantos** of London will kindly speak about his special book *The Boy who Didn't Want to Die* and his very sad memories of entering Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp with his parents when he was 5 years old.
How extremely kind of him, and he will take questions.

Mr Malcolm Rolfe to speak of a very special day in Paris when his wonderful cousin Lollian was greatly honoured!

Roger Leivers will say a few words about his new book *Godmanchester at War*, most interesting!

Ruby Ann and **Racheal** to sing again!

Patrick Wrixon, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, will kindly say a few words.
Today we have a delightful little booklet entitled *A Guide to In Memoriam – Violette Szabó*
by **Efrosyni Hobbs** of London.

Please support the raffle most generously – lots of prizes!

Ablly organised by my great friend Bridget.

The twins Rosemary and Elenor will draw the raffle, assisted
by Mum Lorna my God daughter and brother Oliver.

Also present again Mrs Angela Johnson and her special grandson Zach,
with her Tombola Stall. Do hope you may all be lucky winners!!

Competition: Guess the weight of a super Birthday Cake.

Courtesy of Jackie Lowe.

**Please make sure you call at the Raffle Table
before going home, to see if you are a lucky winner!**

Major Fred Greenhow MBE has written a booklet
in colour about Violette and her time in France
in aid of Museum funds! So generous!!

Ruby Ann and **Racheal** will sing again for us.

Also on sale, a film by Rosemary E. Rigby MBE – a personal
tribute to Violette Szabo G.C. celebrating the 100th year of her birth
and the 21st birthday of her Museum and the
Rosemary E. Rigby Millennium Green on 26th June 2021.

Sean Rehling Curator to bring greetings from
The Imperial War Museum, Duxford

Please note – The film made here last year
by **Will Dallimore and Friends**, Movie Makers
of Tewkesbury, will be on sale here today.

Councillor Jacqui Carwardine,
The Mayor of Hereford,
will speak on behalf of Violette's guests.

An Address

by The Revd Mark Johnson

People – The Lord's Prayer

Last Post

played by John Strong

Exhortations – Mr Roy Lowe

President of Malvern and District REA.

Silence

Reveille

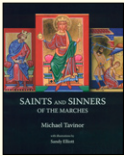
The Blessing

The National Anthem

Followed by our Picnics,
Friendship and Happiness!



On Sale Here Today



A new book *Saints and Sinners of the Marches* by Michael Tavinor, Dean of Hereford Cathedral.



A new book *Scholars of Mayhem* by Daniel Guiet and Timothy Smith.



A beautiful card of *Wood Cottage, Wormelow, Herefordshire*.



A DVD of *The Ravensbrück Reconciliation Address* inspired by Stephen Whitmore.



John Martin's new book *The Mirror Caught The Sun*. *Signed copies!*



Violette's delightful *Armistice Clock* and *Special Limited Edition Bookmarks* courtesy of Mr Chas Long.

The Violette Szabó GC unique *Cloth Badge* and Violette's new *pin on brooch* carrying her image, also *Knitted Poppies*.

Lovely bookmarks carrying Violette's picture by Doug Cresswell and her special image on canvas.

Violets at Valencay, France cards courtesy of Jan and Stephen Whitmore.

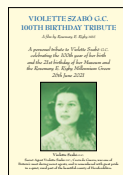
A great book by Peter Davies – *World War 2 and Me*



Violette Szabó T-Shirts generously donated by Jackie Watt. Also a **postcard** showing heart-shaped wreaths laid at Wormelow's War Memorial.



Rêves d'Amour CD. Easy to listen to!



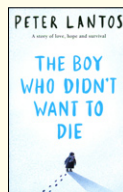
A DVD of a **personal tribute** by Rosemary E. Rigby MBE to Violette Szabó G.C. celebrating the 100th year of her birth and the 21st birthday of her Museum and the Rosemary E. Rigby Millennium Green on 26th June 2021.



A DVD of the 2022 Annual Gathering including the **100th Birthday Celebration** (postponed from 2021) and the **Opening of her new Reading Room**.



A new **Christmas Card**, from an original design by Linda Dore.



A new book *The Boy who Didn't Want to Die* by Professor Peter Lantos, memories of entering Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp aged 5.

Please visit the **Sale Table**, just under the **Museum window**, and next to it a display of photos of the interior of Violette's Reading Room, being cared for by Jan Hann, whose lovely photos they are.

Mrs Georgina Jeyes of Northampton will kindly receive your annual subscriptions and donations for Violette.

Also sign the **Visitors Book** in the tent next to the Museum.

Please Note: Violette's important day next year, D.V. will be on **Sunday 7th July 2024**, at 2pm – 80 years since she was arrested.
Please do all come and bring friends!

The following year will be on **Sunday 13th July 2025** – 80 years since she was executed.

To all Violette's most special and wonderful friends, most sincere thanks for all the great help with the marquees/garden and trying to make everything nice for your happiness!!

To Mr Phillip Powell all Violette's special thanks for the lovely plants and generosity.

Violette's lovely **Birthday Cake** is again being donated by David and Angela Hazle, and made by Carol Dridge. It will be cut and brought to you on trays!

To the Royal Air Cadets and Ben Booy for help with parking, just super of you all!!

Many thanks to Mr Norman Smart of Swindon for all his lovely photos.

Thank you for coming – Violette would be so delighted.

A happy and safe journey home.

Rosemary E. Rigby MBE

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PS: Dilip Sarkar, a long time supporter of Violette back to when the Museum was just a dream! to mention his new book *Gathering Storm* re the Battle of Britain.