

# Workers' Memorial Day 2010



## Chorley Commemoration Ceremony

Friday 30 April 2010 at 6:00pm

*Held at the Unite Workers' Memorial Tree,  
Astley Park, Chorley*

**'Remember the dead,  
fight for the living'**

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY ♦ 28TH APRIL Remember the Dead: Fight for the living

**Union workplaces  
are safer workplaces!**



*Workers Memorial Day, which began in Canada in 1984, has been informally recognised in the UK since 1992 and was officially recognised on 28 January this year. It is a day of remembrance on or around 28 April, for workers killed, injured or made ill by their work. Its slogan is 'remember the dead: fight for the living'.*

*All present gather at the Memorial Tree*

## **Opening and Welcome**

Timothy Wilby (*Priest, member of Unite Faithworkers' Branch*)

In God's name, and on behalf of all people of good will,  
we welcome all who care for the safety of workers throughout the world  
and gather to remember the victims of carelessness or neglect at work.

We commemorate on this day:

those who have lost their lives at work;  
families, partners and children  
who mourn the loss of a loved one;  
those whose lives have been devastated  
through injury and disability, illness or incapacity;  
those who work today to improve the lives  
of workers throughout the world.

We shall hear the words of our invited guests,  
and gather our thoughts in a shared time of silence.

These words unite our thoughts in a common commitment  
to work together to improve lives and to care for those in need:

Speaker      Remember the dead.

**All            Fight for the living.**

## **Invited Speakers**

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**All            Fight for the living.**

Steve Turner (*Secretary of the Chorley Branch of Unite*)

Ben Diaz (*from Thompsons Solicitors*)

Martin McMulkin (*Spokesperson for Unite the Union*)

Lindsay Hoyle (*Member of Parliament for Chorley*)

Steve Salmon (*Unite Health & Safety Representative*)

Susan Murray (*Unite National H&S Officer*)

Linzi Herbertson (*Families Against Corporate Killers*)

Speaker Remember the dead.

**All Fight for the living.**

## **Ceremony of Commemoration**

Let us now remain silent,  
united in our thoughts with all who have suffered and continue to suffer  
when concerns for safety are flouted or ignored.

*Silence*

*A Piper plays as wreaths are laid and torches lit*

Speaker Remember the dead.

**All Fight for the living.**

## **Ending and Thanksgiving**

May all who have died at work rest in peace.  
May God protect all workers and those who employ them  
and keep them always mindful of their responsibility to each other.  
We give our thanks for all who work for the safety and protection  
of others, and those who care for the suffering and bereaved.

Speaker Remember the dead.

**All Fight for the living.**

*The ceremony ends with thanks for all who have gathered.*