

D-Day 80 Working Group Report

March Report 2024

BPC have asked a small team to investigate what could be done to remember the 80th Anniversary of D Day on 6th June 2024.

Government guidelines are very “thin” and mainly focus on Beacon Lighting and “Britishness” by using the British tradition of Fish and Chips.

Following much discussion, the following programme was devised:

- The Beacon would be lit, as per government guidelines at 21:15 – we would investigate using a village veteran to perform this action – *Bufs are presenting a Standard bearers and we potentially have a Royal Marine Reserve who was also the ex-headmaster of Borden School to light the Beacon. We also have a Bugle Player, used at the Jubilee, to perform the Last Post and Reveille*
- There is a Proclamation to be read. *Judge Robert Hardy has agreed to do this.*
- We would ask Father Robert to give a prayer at the site of the beacon. – *Father Jane has the event in church Diary.*
- Thanksgiving service in the early evening. *Father Jane has the event in church Diary.*
- A Fish and Chip Van has been booked to be on site throughout the event from 1930 to 2200 – *Confirmed by British Fish and Chips, and all booked from 1930 through to 2200. Location on the Playstool by Memorial Gardens. Power socket required to run fridges, Dan to provide,. 1930 to 2000 to prepare frying time.*
- Dan to provide background 40’s music and a PA – *Confirmed he is available on the 6th June and booked.*
- The Maypole Minstrels have been asked to perform for 30 minutes with period songs – *Confirmed they will attend.*
- A welcome and why tonight would be given by Clive. – *Clive with Father Jane to arrange for Junior members of the community to read extracts from Solders Experiences.*
- The event would be registered with SWALE through TENS -*Brian Outstanding*
- Banner in the church entrance advertising the event facing the triangle. – *Designed needs printing*
- Advertise in the Broadside – *Brian has submitted the banner for inclusion in the Spring Broadside*
- Beacon Fuel – *Arranged*
- Notify Maypole – *Done*
- Safety tape – *We have tape from Coronation.*
- National Ring out the Bells – *Borden Belltower Captain Informed and agreed.*

Proposed Timeline

Traditional Fish and Chips Van will be on site from 1930 to 2200, 1030 to 2000 is being used to prepare frying.

18:30	National Ring out the Bells
19:00	Church service
19:30	Fish and Chip Van on site until 22:00
20:30	Formal Opening and the Minstrels
21:00	History and why tonight?
21:04	Proclamation

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21:06	Prayers
21:09	Last Post and Reveille
21:15	Beacon Lighting
	Minstrels National Song for D Day
	National Anthem Verse 1 lead by Minstrels
	Thanks
21:20	40's Music
22:00	Close

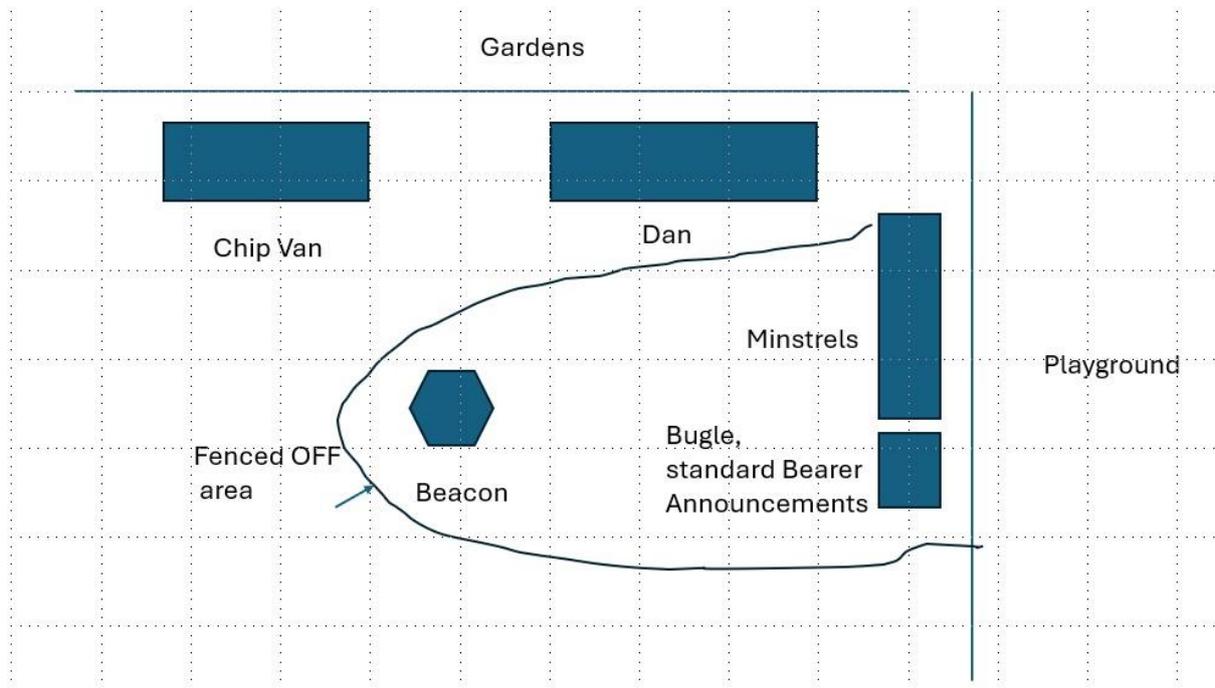
Timings before the Beacon lighting may vary once it understood what the Cadets can offer and are prepared to do.

Budget

It is estimated that the costs would be the Advertising Banner, Minstrels; and Dan **£500 total**. This was approved at the October council meeting. Mike Baldock has offered £350 from his KCC grant funds. Grant from KCC received.

The budget is on target and no overspend envisaged.

Proposed Layout of Site



Next Meeting

2nd May at the Pavilion 10pm

Brian 19/03/2024