

D-Day 80 Working Group Report

January 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 – *Clive is investigating getting the British Legion involved, and play the Last Post, slow in responding. Eileen investigating an alternative as a reserve.*
- There is a Proclamation to be read. *Eileen investigating a possible reader.*
- We would ask Father Robert to give a prayer at the site of the beacon. – *Farther Robert/ Jane in church Diary*
- Thanksgiving service in the early evening. *Farther Robert / Jane in church Diary*
- A Fish and Chip Van has been booked to be on site throughout the event from 1930 to 2200 – *Booked.*
- 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.
- The event would be registered with SWALE through TENS -*Brian Outstanding*
- Banner in the church entrance advertising the event facing the triangle. - *Brian to ask Bev to Design and Eileen to get approval to put in the church entrance*
- Advertise in the Broadside – *Brian has submitted words to Mike for Winter addition. Included.*
- Beacon Fuel – *Clive to talk to Clive Belson , agreed to provide fuel*
- Notify Maypole – *BJ to do*
- Safety tape – *Clive to check and provide if required*
- National Ring out the Bells – *Borden Belltower Captain to be contacted re National edit*

Proposed Timeline

Traditional Fish and Chips Van will be on site from 1930 to 2200 location still to be resolved as they would like a power supply for their fridge and freezer. Use Playstool supply and locate the van by Memorial Garden

18:30	National Ring out the Bells
19:30	Fish and Chip Van on site until 22:00
20:40	Minstrels
21:00	History and why tonight?
21:05	Proclamation
21:10	Prayers
21:15	Beacon Lighting
21:20	40’s Music

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22:00 Close

Timings before the Beacon lighting may vary once it understood what the British legion 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. Application is to be submitted and approved.

Next Meeting

12th February at the Pavilion 10pm

Brian 13/01/2024