

D-Day 80 Working Group Report

February 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 – *We have investigated the Veteran issue with no luck and have had little success with engaging the British Legion. Clive to investigate Buffs as Standard bearers and to light the Beacon. Brian the Sea Cadets and RAF Cadets to be present. Brian also to see if the Bugle Player used at the Jubilee could also perform for the Last Post and Reveille*
- There is a Proclamation to be read. *Robert Hardy*
- 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 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 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. - *Brian to Design*
- Advertise in the Broadside – *Brian has submitted words to Mike for Winter addition. Included. Submission for Spring addition required.*
- 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 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

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21:15 Beacon Lighting

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 recieved

Next Meeting

18th March at the Pavilion 10pm

Brian 12/02/2024