

D-Day 80 Working Group Report

October 2023

The Parish Council (BPC) has 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.

Cllr Clive Sims, Cllr Eileen Harrison and I formed a small team to give options to BPC for approval.

I was elected to act as chair for this project.

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 to investigate.
- There is a Proclamation to be read.
- We would ask Father Robert to give a prayer at the site of the beacon.
- Eileen to ask the church to have a remembrance / Thanksgiving service in the early evening.
- Brian to investigate the presence of a Fish and Chip Van on site throughout the event.
- Dan to provide background 40's music and a PA – Confirmed he is available on the 6th June.
- The Maypole Minstrels have been asked to perform for 30 minutes with period songs.
- A welcome and why tonight would be given by Clive.
- The event would be registered with SWALE through TENS
- Banner in the church entrance advertising the event facing the triangle.

Proposed Timeline

20:40	Minstrels
21:00	History and why tonight?
21:05	Proclamation
21:10	Prayers
21:15	Beacon Lighting
21:20	40's Music
22:00	Close

Proposed Budget

No budget has been set by BPC and the majority of the spend will be in the next fiscal year.

It is estimated that the costs would be the Advertising Banner, Minstrels; and Dan **£500 total**.

Action Required

BPC is asked to review and agree to this programme and set a budget for the next fiscal year to cover the above-stated activities.

Cllr Brian Jemmett 12/10/2023