

TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: 26th February 2020

REPORT OF: EVENTS, PROJECTS AND TOURISM OFFICER

SUBJECT: VE Day 75 Commemorations and Celebrations

PART I

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Town Council notes the commemorations and celebrations planned in Dawlish for VE Day 75.

1. BACKGROUND

VE Day 75, is being organised to celebrate/commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe. A national programme of events is being planned which includes:

- The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years
- The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2
- The Cry for Peace, around the world
- Churches & cathedrals Ringing out for Peace
- Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc
- Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post.

Full details are available on www.veday75.org

2. KEY INFORMATION

Following discussions with Teignmouth Town Council and a small working group which included: the Dawlish Branch of the Royal British Legion; Churches Together in Dawlish and District; DCF; Dawlish Twinning Association; Dawlish Water Rotary, WI and other interested individuals and councillors, the following programme (to fit in with the national plans) is being organised for the weekend:

DAWLISH TOWN COUNCIL

Friday 8th May

Time	What's happening	Location
2.45pm to 2.55pm	Introduction about VE Day 75	Bandstand
2.55pm	Last Post	Bandstand
3pm	The Nation's Toast	Bandstand
3pm	The Piping of Battle's Over	Bandstand
6.55pm	Cry for Peace by Town Crier	Memorial garden
7pm to 7.30pm	Ringin' out for Peace by Bell Ringers	St Gregory's
7.30pm to 8pm	Reception in St Gregory's Narthex	St Gregory's
7.30pm	When the lights came on again – Play by John O'Donoghue. Play on both Friday and Saturday evenings.	Shaftesbury Theatre

Sunday 10th May

Time	What's happening	Location
10.30am	Joint Church Service of Celebration and Commemoration	St Gregory's
12 noon to 4pm	Street Party on the Lawn with period entertainment	Lawn

3. VJ DAY 75

To commemorate VJ Day 75 later in the year a short service and Last Post event is planned for the Memorial Garden on Saturday 15th August at 12 noon. Details are still being finalised.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Town Council notes the local Commemorations and Celebrations planned for VE Day 75.

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