

## VE Day 75 Planning Meeting - DRAFT

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm in the Council Chamber**

**Present:** Councillors Simon Cassidy, Rachel Brooks and Christina Whitty, Martin Symonds (Liskeard Lions), Chrissie Henwood (Liskeard RBL), Lin Moore (Traders Association), Pip Harris (Veterans Breakfast RN), SUL Missey Kerr and SSI Mat Lang (Army Cadets), Helen Gardner (Hillfort Primary School and Methodist Church) and Mandy Hancock (Liskeard Town Council)

Apologies: Councillor David Ambler, Father Gilmour McDermott (Catholic Church) and Brian Oldham (Museum)

1.	<b>Welcome</b> Simon Cassidy welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2.	<p><b>Progress</b></p> <p><u>Schools</u> – Helen advised that Hillfort School were planning a picture competition and poetry work on peace and reconciliation which can be read at the Variety Show. Tim is going to liaise with the other School too. This will reinforce the school values. If the children come to the events, they can be encouraged to dress up for the day, with a competition at the Variety Show for the best period costume.</p> <p><u>War Graves</u> – The Army Cadets will take the lead on tidying the War Graves at Lanchard and St Martin's Cemeteries and a community commemoration event. Mandy gave a list of their locations. On Friday morning poppy crosses will be placed at the graves by the Cadets with the Mayor in attendance. Mat will play The Last Post. Chrissie will get the poppy crosses and a wreath to be placed at the War Memorial.</p> <p><u>Bugler</u> - Mandy had no response to contacts for a bugler. Mat offered to try to find a bugler for 8<sup>th</sup>, but could definitely play on 10<sup>th</sup>. Wetherspoons will be asked whether their balcony could be used by the bugler and piper on the 8<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Mandy now has a bugler for 10<sup>th</sup>. Original contact is available. Wetherspoons also confirmed can use their balcony.</p> <p><u>Piper</u> – Martin had been unsuccessful in finding a piper. Carmen had given Mandy contacts and Rachel will ask Nic Early if he knows any.</p> <p><u>Church Bells</u> – The Church has confirmed that the bells will ring.</p> <p><u>Veterans</u> - Tony Ball has given WW2 information which Simon will have. He asked who Brian Oldham had been talking about the previous night? A local shop owner, possibly John Rapson,</p>	<p>HG</p> <p>MK / ML</p> <p>CH</p> <p>ML SC</p> <p>RB</p> <p>SC</p>

	Mandy will find out. If it was Mr Rapson, Helen has a file on him at the Church. This information would be useful for the Schools. Mandy will check with Ann Gray on locating veterans. The Cadets will also think if they know any. Martin will contact Alan Parsons, a shipwright apprentice	MH
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	..... (Helen's contact) and Martin's wife will be asked if they can work with Brian Oldham to make large-scale displays which could be printed on foamex board. Helen will pass the details to Mandy to forward to Martin. These can be placed around the town. Print 2 Media will be asked for quotes. Lin suggested using empty shops to put displays in.	SC
	<u>Bunting</u> –Bunting would be put up around the town and the Cattle Market. Simon will investigate obtaining a cherry picker. Mat will have a look to see if there are any old military uniforms that could be used. Pip will ask Terry Whitty if HMS Raleigh have any. It was thought that it would be nice to leave it up for longer than the VE weekend. Mandy will investigate any Union Flags and prices. Chrissie has 2 large flags she will bring next time.	PH
	<b>UPDATE:</b> The next morning Denise Larner advised that Liskeard in Bloom and community groups were making the bunting. Mandy will let the Traders Association and Chamber of Commerce know. Terry had checked at HMS Raleigh and no uniforms are available there.	MH
	<u>Silver Band</u> – The new Band Secretary had advised that they were unavailable for the event.	CH
	<u>Roundabouts</u> – Chrissie will respond directly to Cornwall Council regarding the RBL installation at the roundabout. She doesn't need any volunteers to help with this. Hopefully it will be put up the weekend of 2 <sup>nd</sup> May.	MH
	<u>Who Doing What</u> – For each part of the weekend a list will be drawn up so that everyone knows who the "go to" person is for each section. Everyone agreed to their contact details being shared amongst the group.	MH
	<u>Volunteers</u> – a list will be drawn up of events and how many volunteers are needed.	MH
	<u>Police and Fire Brigade</u> – will be advised of the events, and asked if want to bring a vehicle along.	
	The Army Cadets pointed out that, whilst this is a commemoration rather than a celebration, we are celebrating the people involved, not just the armed forces but the wider community. The Army Cadets welcomed being involved in the Remembrance Sunday this year. Missey offered to speak to the Air Cadets and Pip also	MK

	<p>wished to be involved.</p> <p>Martin had a feature from The Times 12<sup>th</sup> February edition where English Heritage were offering lindy hop dance lessons. Lin took it for Steph to research.</p> <p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>Mandy will ask if St John Ambulance are available to cover the Street Party and Variety Show.</p> <p><u>Street Party – 3 – 5pm</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wet Weather - The Methodist Church will be the wet weather back up venue. Their capacity is 80 in Main Hall, 20 in Upper Hall, 20 in Lower Hall. The forecast will be watched in the run up to the event.</li> <li>• Dry Weather - Helen has parents from the Toddler Group willing to help carry their tables/chairs across to the Market if dry. Tables are also available from the Liskerrett Centre, these will need to be returned straight after the event. The Army Cadets need to check but can probably help with the carrying and giving out the food.</li> <li>• The Flower Club will provide flowers, Mandy will ask at Treasure Chest if tablecloths are available to borrow.</li> <li>• Food – The Real Junk Food Project will bring food to purchase from 3pm which could include homity pie, chicken pieces and soup. They will provide the best they can with what's available at the time. An open invitation will ask for people to bring a plate of food to share, as they would have at the time. Schools will also be reminded that children will need to be accompanied by a designated adult. Helen advised preparing a menu to assist anyone with allergy concerns, RJFP have such details on their boards for their food. Whether a power supply can be used from The Albion's Cow Shed, the Soap Shop or Zero to Vintage will be investigated.</li> <li>• Marquee – The Scouts had used Menheniot Scouts' marquee for St Matthew's Fair. Martin will ask if it might be available. Scott Walters is the contact at Menheniot. Helen will also give Mandy the details. The Cadets will check if they have two 12ft x 12ft ones, or just the one.</li> <li>• Entertainment – Nic will ask if any of the evening performers want to form part of some daytime entertainment.</li> </ul> <p>Martin advised that the dance group from Plymouth nor Besacat Circus were available.</p> <p><u>Military Vehicles</u> – No vehicles are available via the contacts previously given. Chrissie confirmed that Johnny Miners has a couple of vehicles he will bring to display. Missey will check if the TA have any that could be displayed. It would be good to have vehicles around the town.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>MH</p> <p>HG</p> <p>MH</p> <p>RB</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH / SC</p> <p>MS</p> <p>HG</p> <p>MK / ML</p> <p>NE</p> <p>MK</p>
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3.	<b>Programme of Activities</b>	

	<p><b><u>Friday 8 May</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.55pm The Last Post &amp; Reveille. Bugler at Wetherspoons balcony</li> <li>• 3pm The Battle's O'er. Piper at Wetherspoons balcony</li> <li>• 3pm – Nation's Toast – The British Legion Club and The Albion, White Horse, Red Lion.</li> <li>• Street party at the Cattle Market Car Park (alternative venue if wet Methodist Church Hall) 3.05 - 5pm.</li> <li>• 6.55pm – Cry for Peace – The Town Crier on The Parade, outside Webbs House</li> <li>• 7pm – Ringing out for Peace – St Martin's church bell ringers</li> <li>• 7.15pm for 7.30pm Variety Show in the Public Hall</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Saturday 9 May</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1940's music night at the Legion Club open to all from 8pm</li> <li>• Liskeard Traders' events – details to be confirmed</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Sunday 10 May</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drumhead Service, now 2pm (tbc) on The Parade, outside Webbs House</li> <li>• Reading of "A Tribute to the Millions". Playing of Last Post and Reveille</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Other Local Items of Interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornish Times article</li> <li>• Thursday – Country Market, in main Public Hall (due to Election in EHR), wartime theme</li> <li>• Exhibition – Museum /other</li> <li>• Friday - Open garden at Penmilder, Lodge Hill, with war time theme and music – 11am - 4.30pm £6 in aid of NGS</li> <li>• Open garden at Penmilder, Lodge Hill, with war time theme and music – 11am - 4.30pm £5 in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care</li> <li>• Saturday – Produce Market at The Liskerrett Centre</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Council Chamber.</p>	