

## VE Day 75 Planning meeting

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm in the Council Chamber**

**Present:** Councillors Simon Cassidy, Rachel Brooks, Christina Whitty and David Ambler (Liskeard Town Forum), Brian Oldham (Liskeard Old Cornwall Society), Martin Symonds (RBL Liskeard Lions), Chrissie Henwood (Liskeard RBL) Jackie Taylor (Liskerrett Centre), Bunny Colclough, Denise Larner (Zero to Vintage), Ann Mallard, Lin Black, Nick Craker (Cornwall Councillor), Lin Moore and Maureen Smith (Traders Association), Pip Harris, Ann Gray (Coombe House) and Nina Hills (Wham Bam Drama Club), Mandy Hancock (Administration Assistant, Liskeard Town Council)

Apologies: Mandy Deegan, Jenny Habbeshaw, Chris Smirthwaite (Town Crier), Father Gilmour McDermott (Catholic Church) and Missey Kerr (Army Cadets)

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	<p>The Albion had confirmed taking part in The Nation's Toast.</p> <p><u>Church Bells</u> – the Captain of the Tower had confirmed that the bells will ring for the event.</p> <p>Lin M will encourage the Traders to dress up and have window displays. She was unsure which shops would be open on the Bank Holiday Friday. She said the Traders Association were thinking of events on Saturday. Further details to follow.</p> <p>It was hoped to involve German, Italian and other communities in the event. David will speak to the German contacts he has. Brian commented that he could find no evidence of German prisoners of war in the area.</p> <p>We will ask Tony Ball if he has any research on WW2, as he previously had WW1 information.</p> <p>Brian suggested that the Liskeard Poetry Group might like to write a poem for the event. Bunny thought it might be good to involve schools/children and that maybe it could be written as a thank you. Possibly one of the Cadets could read it? Ann recommended the book Kisses on a Postcard written by Terry Frisby which was written by a child in wartime.</p> <p><u>Bunting</u> - Mandy will look into the cost of union jack bunting/flags and also ascertain if John Hesketh has any available. It was also mentioned that, in the days following the war things would have been made and not bought. Rachel has contacts at Tex who do sewing workshops and upcycling of clothes and fabric. She will make contact to see if they would run some workshops locally. Denise will also check out with her contacts</p> <p><u>Silver Band</u> – It was confirmed that the Silver Band would be asked if they could play at the Street Party and the Concert. They had requested details asap for their diary. Mandy will let them know.</p> <p><u>Roundabouts</u> – The British Legion wish to decorate one of the roundabouts, Simon advised that Cornwall Council would need to be spoken to and Liskeard in Bloom. Rachel said that the Town Council would give assistance.</p> <p><u>Street Party</u> – Would be held in the events area of the Cattle Market Car Park unless it's bad weather, in which case it will be moved to the Public Hall. The Real Junk Food Project has confirmed that they will be available. Simon will speak to the Legion about what menus would have been in the day and have food along those lines, such as homity pie, cakes and sandwiches. Attendees would be invited to bring some food to</p>	<p></p> <p>LM</p> <p>DA</p> <p>MH</p> <p></p> <p>MH</p> <p>RB</p> <p>DL</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>SC</p>
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	<p>share as would have happened in the 1940s, but that the RJFP's attendance would help people who would find this difficult. It was important that people weren't turned away due to lack of food. Where they would do their catering from would be decided when full details were available, Chrissy advised that the British Legion's kitchen was quite small. It was confirmed that it would be a mix of generations and that Coombe House could assist with some funding. Schools would be reminded that any children attending would be the parents' responsibility. Martin wondered about inviting outlying villages. Mandy will contact adjoining Parish Councils to ascertain what they are doing. The amount of tables, venue capacity and the amount of catering available would set the capacity for the event. Having more than one sitting was also mentioned. Olive café have expressed an interest in being involved in the event. Ann suggested that allocating a table to an organisation to provide top up food would share the responsibility and maybe local businesses/clubs may wish to help ie flower club. Martin would speak to Angie Kurn as she could possibly organise a team for that.</p> <p>Nina offered for Wham Bam Drama group to do performances around the tables. They were doing a promenade play about the trenches and could use that. David also suggested asking if the Cadets could do a drill. Martin will pass Mandy the details of the Truro who have historic military vehicles and City Bus who have a 1940s coach. He. The Besacat Circus stilt performer that the Lions had used for St Matthew's Fair had been popular, his cost was approx. £400 and would need sponsorship. Martin said that the Lions may be able to help with that. Denise asked whether a grant would be available from the Forum, whether the British Legion would want to apply? Making planes out of lanterns was also mentioned. Sue Shand had had found a company who made 1940s style lunch boxes, maybe these could be gifts for the children? Having a big screen projection was also discussed, but this would need sponsorship.</p> <p>The Methodist Church and Liskerrett Centre will be asked if they have tables for the event, Mandy will ask the Church Jackie will ask at Liskerrett. The tables to be placed in a "V" shape with table decorations. The TC will also check numbers at the Hall. Maybe the Cadets could help carry/erect tables? When the press release is sent the Mayor can encourage local neighbourhoods to do their own street parties, an item was also going to be printed in the Lyskerrys. Brian recalled villages having parties for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</p> <p><u>Museum</u> - Jenny Jones is recording oral memories for the Museum and Ann has residents at the Care Home that may be willing to be recorded. We need to identify people who served or played a part and record their memories of the Liskeard area on</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MS</p> <p>NH</p> <p>DA</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>RBL</p> <p>MH</p> <p>JT</p> <p>MH</p> <p>RB</p>
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	<p>VE day. Ann will talk to other care homes if they have residents or knowledge of veterans who should be recognised. Brian mentioned that John Rapson, RAF was at Kilmar House. Martin's Mum also recalls her experiences. The display at the Museum could have photos of artefacts and a ration book in the Jeanne Reese Room. The Town Council would ask Print 2 Media if they would be willing to print the posters. One of the volunteers could arrange this. Brian would look to see if the Museum had an "All Clear" air raid siren. He later confirmed that they didn't.</p> <p>Lin M thought that newer veterans should be recognised too, but Simon advised that this was specifically recognising the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW conflict. David also commented that care needs to be taken as emotive thoughts could be provoked.</p> <p><u>Concert/Dance/Variety Show</u> – An evening event at the Public Hall on Friday was discussed. Suggestions included: Nina's Wham Bam Drama club, the Lions, Louise School of Dance, the Early Energy Centre, the reading of a poem and local choirs having 15 minute slots. Martin also had a contact for a 1930s style dance group from Plymouth who he would make contact with. The event could have prizes for the best dressed. Costumes could be sought from antique markets, charity shops, Sterts and Denise suggested a shop in Wadebridge. Volunteers would be needed to run the event which would not have a set entrance fee, but be by pay as you feel donations. Profit from the event would be donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal. Simon has discussed running a cash bar with The Albion. David suggested the Ladies Circle may be interested and Lin B also suggested asking U3A to get involved.</p> <p><u>Saturday</u></p> <p>Denise advised that their regular local produce market would be at the Liskerrett Centre and Lin M that the Traders Association were planning an event in the town, further details of this will follow.</p> <p><u>RBL Band</u> – this would start at 8pm and be open to the public.</p> <p><u>Sunday</u></p> <p>The history of the drum head service was explained to everyone and will bring back the meaning of the weekend following the entertainment of the previous events. It will a combined churches event and led by Kevin Grant at 10.30 am on The Parade, outside Webbs House. Ann advised that she will bring people in wheelchairs as chairs won't be available. The names will be read from the War Memorial.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>MH</p> <p>BO</p> <p>MS</p> <p>SC</p> <p>LM</p> <p>RBL</p>
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3.	<p><b>National Activities</b></p> <p><u>Friday 8 May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.55pm The Last Post &amp; Reveille. Bugler outside Webbs House</li> <li>• 3pm The Battle's O'er. Piper outside Webbs House</li> <li>• 3pm – Nation's Toast – The British Legion Club and The Albion. Simon has spoken to some of the public houses already.</li> <li>• 6.55pm – Cry for Peace – The Town Crier confirmed his availability. We will ask the Town Crier where he would prefer to perform this. Possibilities – Cattle Market, Public Hall, Wetherspoons balcony? Wet weather back up plan at the Public Hall.</li> <li>• 7pm – Ringing out for Peace – St Martin's church bell ringers – confirmed available</li> </ul> <p><u>Sunday 10 May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church services of celebration and commemoration. Father Gilmore has confirmed fitting his service around the Drum Head Service so people can do both. RBL liaise with him on details? St Martin's will send representatives to the Drum Head Service.</li> <li>• Tribute to the Millions and the Last Post</li> </ul>	<p>SC</p> <p>MH</p>
5.	<p><b>Local Activities agreed so far</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornish Times article</li> <li>• Exhibition – Museum /other</li> </ul> <p><u>Friday 8 May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Street party at the Cattle Market Car Park (alternative venue if wet) 3.05 - 7pm.</li> <li>• Open gardens at Penmilder and Moyclare, Lodge Hill, with war time theme and music – 11am - 4.30pm £6 in aid of NGS</li> <li>• Concert/Variety Show in the Public Hall</li> </ul>	<p>BO</p>

	<u>Saturday 9 May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1940's music night at the Legion Club open to all.</li> <li>• Liskeard Traders events – details to be confirmed.</li> </ul> <u>Sunday 10 May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drumhead Service, now 2pm on The Parade, outside Webbs House</li> <li>• Reading of "A Tribute to the Millions". Playing of Last Post and Reveille</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> </ul>	RBL  LM  RBL  RBL
<b>6.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>  Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Council Chamber.	