

PROJECT WORKSHOP REPORT



Date: 7th October 2019
Time: 19:00pm
Venue: Magor Church Centre, Magor
Present: Beverly Cawley (Clerk)
Cllrs Cook, Plow, Raggett, Taylor (Magor with Undy Community Council)
Rob Ollerton & Richard Waller (Magor Churchmen's Society)
Harry Place, Keith Arnold & Dave Matthews (Magor Baptist Church)
Peter Wilson (Royal British Legion)
Paul Turner (MUCH & MAGOR)
Andrea Rodley (Girl Guiding)
Carrie Smith (Scouts)

Apologies: Rev Canon Jeremy Harris, Cllr Julie Wilson, Cllr Sally Bailey,
Lloyd Fennell (scouts)

Report Author: Beverly Cawley – Clerk to the Council

Purpose of Meeting

VE Day Celebrations workshop

1. Cllr Cook opened the meeting and all introduced themselves.
2. The Clerk gave a brief outline of what the VE Day 75 Pageantmaster envisaged planned activities for the VE 75 celebration weekend would be:

8th May 2020 (Bank Holiday)

12 noon onwards – Parties and celebrations in pubs, clubs, hotels, town and village halls, on village greens and lots of other locations.

3pm: Pipers playing *Battle's O'er* and the specially composed tune *VE 75 Years*, and *The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War 2*.

7pm: *The Cry for Peace Around the World* and *Ringing out for Peace*.

9th & 10th May 2020

Parties and celebrations in pubs, clubs, hotels, town and village halls, on village greens and lots of other locations.

10th May 2020

10.30am – *Service of celebration and commemoration, the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post*.

3. All discussed possibilities for how the community could celebrate.

Magor Churchmen confirmed that they were planning to hold the May Fayre on Friday 8th May. The Fayre would be set up in the morning with the Fayre planned from 1pm to 4pm.

Rev Canon Harris had advised Clerk that he would arrange for the Bells to be rung at 7pm on the Friday 8th, also suggesting an act of remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday 10th, followed by a church service. He was also supportive of a short quiet reflective time of prayer and silence on the Friday in church. Also an evening church service in Undy on the Sunday.

All discussed possible options of entertainment, community picnic/lunch/street parties etc. Peter Wilson (RBL) advised that the Legion had discussed a beacon, but no decision had been made.

All agreed it would be good to build on the May Fayre on the Friday. A suggested programme being:

- 10am to 1pm setting up the May Fayre.
- 1pm – 4pm May Fayre
- 3pm or 4pm Nations toast to the Heroes of WW2
- 4pm – 7pm street party and entertainment in the Square
- 7pm possible the 'Cry for Peace' followed by the Ringing out for Peace (ringing of bells at Magor Church)
- 7.15pm taking down the May Fayre stalls
- entertainment could continue if members of public secured from any H&S hazards during dismantling of stalls.

Participants agreed to go away and check out the following, coming back with any suggestions thoughts etc to next meeting:

- How could Scouts & Brownies participate in entertainment activities
- How could The MAD Theatre Company participate in entertainment activities
- What about choirs?
- What about musical acts? Who is available, what cost?
- Time of Reflection in Church Friday morning?
- Possible joint service on Sunday morning following act of observance in Square
- Evening church service in Undy on Sunday
- Can we have an official opening?
- Fly the flag in square
- Do we need to arrange a venue for beacon, if so notice will be require to obtain a venue
- Community Council to consider a budget at their October Budget workshop

4. Date of the next Workshop Monday 21st October 2019 7pm – venue to be confirmed.

Workshop closed at 19.55pm