EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PLEASE: Dear Councillor Aspray,

VE DAY 80 BEACON LIGHTING - 9.30PM - 8TH MAY 2025: With only six months of planning left to go now before the whole of the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man celebrate/commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day on the 8th May next year, through the lighting of Beacons, along with the other activities taking place that day (please see VE Day 80 website - www.VEday80.org.uk), we would be most grateful if at your earliest convenience please, you would be kind enough to confirm whether or not you will be joining the others in your County and the UK, by lighting a Beacon in a similar way to what you all successfully undertook for D-Day 80 on 6th June this year, so if your decision is yes, please be kind enough to confirm the following, enabling us to register your involvement, send you your Certificate, along with the outline VE Day 80 Press Release for your use nearer the time next year - **Name of County: Name of City/Town/Parish: Name of Organisation: Name of Contact: Email Address: Public or Private Beacon:**

I VOW TO THEE MY COUNTRY - 9.30PM - 8TH MAY 2025: As you are aware from my previous email, we are encouraging the those taking part, and indeed the whole country, to come together at 9.30pm as the Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace are being lit, and sing the great British, uplifting hymn, 'I Vow To Thee My Country', bringing the people's, families and communities of our great Nation together in the celebration of 80 years of peace, that so many sacrificed so much to secure, so we do hope that you and those attending your event will join you in this aspect of VE Day 80 on 8th May next year too. (Please see attached).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE VE DAY ORANGE AND GINGER CAKE: From the attached, you will see that the World famous WI, who played an important role during WWII, have developed a special VE Day 80 cake for this occasion, and would encourage you to circulate the recipe as widely as possible please. 'I can personally confirm that it is simply delicious'.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION PLEASE: It would be extremely helpful therefore, if you would kindly confirm your position in relation to the lighting of a Beacon and the singing of 'I Vow To Thee My Country' please.

My warmest regards to you as always,