Lytchett Matravers Parish Council

Subject Title: VE 80 Community Event 2025

Date: 7 May 2025

Report Subject:

Report for information - VE-Day event on Thursday 8 May 2025

Reported by:

Rob Aspray (RA)

Subject:

The 8th May 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day and communities have been invited to celebrate the occasion by holding events and activities similar to those held for the D-Day event in 2024 although this time the emphasis of the event is one of celebration. The order of events is as follows;

14:00	Access to hall for setting up. RA to collect keys and help set up display boards.
15:30	Hall open for viewing wartime memorabilia display put together by Gill Clayton and colleagues from the U3A.
	Refreshments served in the Blanchard Room by Raili Bush &friends.
	Churchill's speeches to be played in the hall, RA to organise.
17:30	Screening of Dad's Army episodes in the Blanchard Room. RA to organise.
18:30	Bar will open. Alf and Peter to organise.
	Wartime music to be played in the main hall. RA to organise.
21:30	Lighting of the beacon accompanied by singing of the hymn 'I vow to thee, my country'. Lyrics to be provided by RA for public participation.
	The army cadets will provide a guard of honour.
22:00	Event close. RA to lock up.

RA has arranged for the mobile fish and chip wagon to be on site from about 4pm. It will operate extended hours beyond its usual 7pm finish.

Financial Impact:

To be confirmed. Costs will include hire of the village hall. Gas for the beacon was £67.99. Most of the other activities should cover their own costs.

Recommendation/Proposal:

Report for information only.