

VE DAY COMMEMORATION GROUP

MINUTES OF THE VE DAY COMMEMORATION GROUP MEETING HELD ON 16TH JANUARY 2020 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST MARYS ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD COMMENCING AT 7:05PM.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllr Bloor (Chair); Cllr Dunn; Cllr Jackson; Cllr Roberts; Cllr Scattergood; Cllr Walters and Cllr Wells.

COMMUNITY GROUPS PRESENT: L Harris and L Bellis (Great Haywood Memorial Hall); C Birt (Friends of Katherine House Hospice); C Hunt (St Stephens); C Rivers (RNLI); T Nixon (WI); J Sarjant (Colwich Parish in Bloom) and J McDonald (Christmas Lights Committee).

IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Lennon (Parish Clerk)

Cllr Bloor welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the group to consider how the parish might commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day on the weekend of 8th/9th/10th May 2020.

St Stephen's are proposing a Civic Service commemorating the day. In discussion it was agreed that this be Evensong on Sunday 10th May commencing at 4pm.

The Great Haywood Memorial Hall are proposing to have the 50th Anniversary plaque rededicated. In discussion it was agreed that this should take place after Evensong with refreshments to follow.

It was agreed that the primary schools be approached to become engaged in the commemoration events.

The Colwich Parish in Bloom group will be having a red, white and blue theme for both planting and crocheting.

In discussion it was suggested that Friday 8th May be split into two events. During the day it should be a "picnic in the park" with entertainment (possibly from the local schools) and a "sports day". In the evening, it becomes a more adult centred event with catering and a licensed bar and a band.

Saturday 9th May to include an appropriate film at the Memorial Hall.

It was suggested that entry to the events be by "ration card" with a souvenir booklet available for purchase. The Haywood Society offered to assist in developing the booklet.

The next meeting shall be held on Wednesday 5th February at 7pm.