

VE DAY 75 WORKING PARTY

Date: Monday 6th January 2020
Title: Commemorations Update
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BACKGROUND

Following the last meeting of this Working Party the current draft running order of commemorative events is as follows:

Friday 8th May

2.00pm	Music in Market Square	<i>Witney Town Band</i>
2.45pm	Cadet forces form up on Market Square	<i>Witney ATC & ACF</i>
2.55pm	The Last Post (not part of national events)	<i>Bugler/British Legion</i>
3.00pm	The Battles O'er & VE 75 Years	<i>Bagpiper</i>
3.00pm	Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2	<i>Mayor of Witney</i>
	Entertainment/Afternoon Tea begins in the Corn Exchange	
3.30-4.15pm		
4.30-5.15pm	<i>Voice Box Choir/WOAPA/Witney Dramatic Society by invitation</i>	
5.30-6.15pm	<i>Possible Big Sing/Bring and Share in Corn Exchange</i>	
6.55pm	A Cry for Peace Around the World	<i>Witney Town Crier</i>
7.00pm	Ringin' Out for Peace (from the Methodist Church to St Mary's)	<i>St Mary's Church</i>

Saturday 9th May

6.00-10.11pm Subsidised hire to be advertised for the Corn Exchange/Burwell Hall

Sunday 10th May

10.30am

Civic Church Service

St Mary's Church

CURRENT SITUATION

Verbal confirmation has been received from Witney Town Band and St Mary's Church for their part in the events. Invitations for the remaining events will be issued in the first week of January.

Likewise, a Facebook invitation will be issued in January to advertise free community use of the halls and to invite pictures from around Witney on VE Day in 1945 so that they can be displayed during the weekend.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

RISK

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A budget of £500 for the events has been agreed by the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Member are invited to note the report; and consider any further invitations they would like issued for these events.