REPORT TO EVENTS COMMITTEE

VE DAY

Report Reference	**Events-24-33**
Meeting Date	**30th January 2025**
Agenda Item	**88**
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To note,

On Thursday 8th May 2025 the government are encouraging the lighting Beacons and lamp lights of Peace at 9.30pm, the raising of a unique VE Day flag at 9am and where possible holding parties of celebration throughout the day in streets, gardens, churches, town halls, pubs, clubs, hotels and all manner of locations throughout the UK.

Celebrations are to stop at 9.30pm with a tribute to the fallen to be read out followed by the lighting of the beacon. The crowd will then sing 'I Vow to my Country'.

To consider,

1) **Budget**
   There is a £500 budget for the Event.

2) **Timings**
   VE-Day falls on Thursday the 8th of May 2025. The guidance suggests that "The International Tribute" should take place at 9:30 pm.

3) **Flag**
   Consider purchasing a VE day flag for the Event. A 90-inch flag costs £64.26.

4) **Band**
   Usually at events to do with WWII a bugle/trumpet player or a brass band is invited.

   To consider the band's involvement in the Event.

5) **Dignitaries**
   To consider inviting local dignitaries to the Event.

6) **Lighting the Beacon**
   To consider which Councillor shall light the Beacon (training if necessary.)
   To consider how to light the Beacon.

7) **Event**
   To consider the details of the Event. A local contractor has provided a quote and agreed to provide the same entertainment as last year's D-Day Event.

8) **Event Poster**
   To include the date of the event, location, times and itinerary.