

**NOTES ON MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2019
IN THE CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM**

An invitation had been sent to all Village organisations to attend a meeting to start planning the Village's celebration/commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

Present: Councillor Mrs E Foden – Chair
Councillors Messrs A Collingswood, T Jopling, A Mortimer and S Tate

Mrs P Dodds, Tennis Club
Mrs D Coatsworth, The Hub
Mrs & Mrs S Grant, The Hub
Mrs P Hayton, WI
Mrs L Eyles, Wednesday Social Club and All Saints Church
Mrs B Atkinson, Wednesday Social Club
Mr P Hayton, Wednesday Social Club
Mr R Watts, Leven online Radio
Mr & Mrs R Hepburn, Drama Society and Friends of Village Hall
Mrs G Nichols, Knitting Group

An apology for absence was received on behalf of the Scouts from Mrs P Allen and Ms G Williams.

Councillor Foden explained that the Parish Council proposed that a Village celebration/commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day be held on Saturday, 9 May 2020 between 12.30 – 5.30 pm on the Village Green. The event would have a 1940s theme and be like an old fashioned street party. This would be instead of the normal Village Event. A Private security firm would be engaged as the Police have said they will be unable to assist.

Councillor Tim Jopling said he had spoken to someone who could supply one military vehicle but also suggested that the Military Vehicle Association be contacted. He will do this.

Mrs Hepburn said the following week from this date the Drama Society is celebrating 100 years and will be doing a Revue. There might be some difficulty in providing a lot of 40's clothes but what they hoped to do was to have members of the Society dressed in military uniform(men) and ladies in afternoon tea dresses dancing to 40's music. Ms Georgia Williams will be singing 40's songs during the afternoon. Prestons of Potto have agreed to provide an organ to play on the Village Green. Councillor Readman will pursue this. It is hoped the History Society will have an exhibition in Church House. Mr Hepburn suggested that they might have information on what happened in the Village on VE Day and the people who served in the forces.

Mrs Dodds agreed to contact Simon Hill and the Scouts about tents and marquees.

Mr Hepburn has a model of a Lancaster Bomber which could be displayed.

The Hub will be open and perhaps could be a NAAFI.

Mr Hepburn asked whether posters would be displayed telling people what was happening.

Mr Watts said the Leven Radio could publicise what is happening and would like to do interviews. Councillor Collingwood agreed to take part.

Councillor Tim Jopling and Mr Hepburn will liaise on contacting re-enactment societies.

A PA System will be booked and the road closure applied for.

Mrs Dodds asked if there would be an official opening and Mrs Coatsworth agreed to approach the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Trevor Watson who lives in the village.

It was also suggested that there could be prizes for the best decorated stall and the best dressed person. It was agreed that bunting was needed and Mrs Nichols said the Knitting Group could provide some.

There will be stalls like hook a duck, coconut shy and a tug of war.

A suggestion was made for the Young Farmers to be contacted.

Councillor Jopling will find out if Stokesley are putting anything on for VE Day Celebration.

Councillor Foden will continue to try and get a meeting with the Primary School so the children can be involved.

Another meeting was arranged for Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at 7.00 pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.