

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 10/10/2024

VE Day 80 – 8 May 2025

**Agenda item 24/080 4. To review the information received and consider and agree the Council's role in commemorating the event.**

## **BACKGROUND**

VE Day 80 will be taking place on Thursday 8 May 2025 and the following correspondence has been received with regards to commemorating the event:

*Further to previous emails sent to you via Susan Osborne, my PA, concerning VE Day 80 - 8th May 2025, encouraging you to participate in this important 80th Anniversary event by lighting a Beacon in a similar way to what you undertook for D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, I have pleasure in confirming the following activities for you to kindly consider, as part of the VE Day 80 Celebrations/Commemorations for next year.*

**(1) I VOW TO THEE MY COUNTRY (SEE VE DAY 80 WEBSITE**

**- [www.VEday80.org.uk](http://www.VEday80.org.uk)):** *We are encouraging all those taking part in VE Day 80, and indeed, the whole country, to come together at 9.30pm as the Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace are being lit, by playing and singing the wonderful, uplifting British Hymn - 'I Vow To Thee My Country', bringing the peoples, families and communities of our great Nation together at this one special moment in time in celebration/commemoration of the 80 years of peace that so many members of our local communities fought for so many years ago. (You may even wish to involve local Brass, School or other Bands, as well as Community, Church and School Choirs etc).*

**(2) VE DAY 80 THEATRE SHOWS (SEE VE DAY 80 WEBSITE):** *You will see that we are also encouraging those Cities, Towns and Villages that have theatres and theatre groups, along with schools and colleges too, to undertake a unique and special Theatre show on 8th May 2025, involving their local community in this aspect of the celebrations/commemorations next year, having a lot of fun in the development and the staging of it.*

**(3) RINGING OUT IN CELEBRATION OF 80 YEARS OF PEACE (SEE VE DAY 80 WEBSITE TO VIEW MESSAGE FROM CENTRAL COUNCIL OF BELL RINGERS):** *Please invite your local Cathedral or Church to take part by ringing their Bells at 6.30pm on 8th May 2025, pointing them to the VE Day 80 website, and request they register their involvement direct to [brunopeek@mac.com](mailto:brunopeek@mac.com), should they wish to participate.*

*We would therefore, be extremely grateful, if at your earliest convenience, you kindly discuss the above with your fellow council members, church, residents association, and*

*other potential participants, and confirm the following please, should you plan to participate.*

*Name of County:*

*Name of City/Town/Parish:*

*Name of Organisation:*

*Name of Contact:*

*Email:*

*Telephone:*

*Lighting a Beacon - YES/NO:*

*Lighting a Lamp Light of Peace - YS/NO:*

*Name of Theatre Group:*

*Public or Private:*

*We do hope therefore, that you will support this important anniversary in the same, amazing way you undertook the 80th anniversary of D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024.*

*My warmest regards as always,*



*Bruno Peek*

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