

80th Anniversary of D Day June 6th, 2024

Although Saltash did not play a huge part in D-day it is fitting that as a town we should remember this day as the largest Naval, Air and landing operation in History.

Many people stationed in Saltash went across the river to Saltash Passage to join the 36,000 troops coming down, what is now Normandy Hill.

There are various opportunities that Saltash can get involved with our neighbors in Plymouth.

Registration is before 30th May.

*There is a proclamation that can be read by a Town Crier at 8am on 6th June 2024. Councillor Jon Foster has offered to undertake the role of Town Crier for this commemoration on a voluntary basis.

Approx. cost of Town Cryer outfit £500



*Unfortunately, the landing craft we were hoping to get to take the civic party over the river to Saltash passage to replicate the Saltash troops who were stationed here going over the Ferry to meet at what's now called Normandy Way is not available. We still have had no response yet from PCC as to their plans. We will approach the sailing club to see if a member would volunteer to take us over (depending on tide times and weather) Hopefully to meet up with the Plymouth contingent, if not, at least to lay flowers at the memorial. **£50**

*To display the poppy mats that were made in Saltash, investigations are ongoing as to where they are stored, and if we can use them ?

*Knit and natter / craft organizations have been contacted and asked to decorate Fore St benches, post boxes etc. the week of the 27th of May -

*To display the large RBL poppies in Fore ST, The RBL are happy to install on our behalf.

*Sending the schools the information re D-day, and how they can take part by reading / listening to the Poem suggested, also making flags etc.

*For the schools to have fish and chips for their lunch, to support the fishermen who fished the seas avoiding mines and Farmers growing potatoes keeping the nation fed.

*National Fish and Chip Day (reason as above) notifying Cod Fathers and Kenny Keut and ask if they will display some D-day information.

Evening

*Beacon to be lit at 9.15 pm on the Saltash pier. -**Service Delivery Team**

*Piper to be invited-. **£150**

*Town Band to be invited to play on Waterside green-**£450**

*Mayors Chaplain to say prayers.

*D-Day 80 Flag of peace to be flown on the Guildhall -**£85**

*Residents to be encouraged to use Mobile torches, battery candles, lamps, to be raised at 9.15 pm as a gesture of a "Light of Peace". Shop Keepers in Saltash may wish to display a light of peace in their windows.

*We wish to create a book of memories of any Saltash resident who have any stories handed down from the family or photographs. We hope to display this in the library. **£50**

*Invites are going to Gordan Hannah, Chief exec of China fleet, and Rear Admiral John Weale

*Ashtorre will be asked if they will stay open and possibly play 40 s music from the balcony that evening.

* The now disbanded world war committee have been informed of the above

*There will be no need for road closures, but the Police of course will be informed.

*An article will be written in Aprils Observer to inform residents of timings and events, cost to be determined.

Total cost £1,285

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the following:

1.Approval of the schedule of events proposed.

2.Recommending to the Policy and Finance committee to be held Tuesday 14th May 2024 the associated costs of £1,285 be allocated to budget code 6202 PF Civic Occasion.

3.Approval for the appointment of Councillor Jon Foster as a volunteer Town Crier for the D-Day 80 commemorations.

End of Report
Councillor Julia Peggs