

(Letter of clarification to Saltash Town Council)
Friday May 28th 2021

On behalf of the Saltash 1941 Blitz Committee, may I please be given an opportunity of clarifying the Committee's position with regards to the scheduled Act of Remembrance Parade and Church Service, scheduled for August 8th 2021

May I please refer to the Saltash Town Council agenda for June 3rd (Agenda Item 21d) which states

To receive notice of cancellation of the Civic Event to commemorate the 1941 Blitz - Saltash 1941 Blitz Committee.

May I please clarify that the **event** has not been cancelled, only the Civic aspect of the Parade and Service. The commemoration ceremony will still go ahead (Still subject to the Government's road map and guidelines).

The Mayor and Mayoress have kindly accepted their invitations in the knowledge of the event not being Civic. The Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress sent their apologies.

Due to number restrictions the Committee considered that the huge Saltash Town Council Civic list with its very long list of Civics/Dignitaries/VIPs and other suggested invitees within a Civic Event would have been impossible to accommodate due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Therefore, the Committee decided as an Independent body to reschedule the event as a community remembrance ceremony of commemoration with the Fire Service, Scouts and families being given priority to reflect the Fire Service, Scouts movement and Saltash civilian losses.

Furthermore, due to Covid-19 and the restrictions that were forced upon the Committee the ceremony had to be delayed from April until August, which was less than helpful to the Committee's tireless endeavours.

Rest assured, all 15 fallen have already been honoured with various and meaningful small ceremonies; with Committee tributes in accordance with the Government's rules and regulations.

Thank you for allowing me on behalf of the Committee to clarify this matter, Indeed, we look forward to welcoming the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillors Pete and Brenda Samuels to the Parade and Act of Remembrance on Sunday 8th August.

With warm regards,
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General Secretary
Saltash 1941 Blitz Committee