

Levington and Stratton Hall Parish Council

Report – VE day celebration – a proposal

Parish Council Meeting 13th January 2025

Cllr Ann Wignall

The 80th anniversary of VE day is Thursday 8th May 2025. Through the Pageantmaster, ‘a shared moment of celebration’ is being encouraged nationally.

Proposal

9.00am

- Raise VE Day Flag
- Service at St Peter’s Church

During Day

- Use of Village Hall/ St Peter’s Church for displays relating to WWII and VE Day, prepared by Village Recorder Louise Mann
- Village Hall - WI to be asked to put on a display relating Food Rationing, Ration Books and related recipes. WI and others encouraged to make WI VE Celebration Cake for competition, the results then shared on Church Field during village celebrations and get together.
- Gardening Club to be asked to put on a display related to ‘Dig for Victory’.
- Community Hub to be asked to put on a display relating to ‘Make Do and Mend’

6.30pm

- Ringing out of Celebration of Peace
- Village Celebration on Church Field, A Sing Along of War Time popular songs.....Possibly led by Filomena. Otherwise using recordings.
- Fish and Chips/Burgers/Pie & Mash on the Church Field – mobile caterers to be identified.

9.30pm

- Lighting of the Beacon and the Lamp of Peace by Cllr John Parrish (Beacon Warden).
- Singing of the patriotic hymn: I vow to thee my country

Other

Celebration mugs to be available for villagers (£8 each cost). Sold for £10 to adults, children of the Parishes to be gifted one each. Underwritten by PC - £160 max. Expected to result in nil cost.

Costs

Village Hall Hire	75.00
VE Flag	113.50
Lamp of Peace	55.00
PA system hire	100.00
VE Day Booklet	100.00
VE Cake ingredients	50.00
Total	493.50