

At last night's Remembrance Planning meeting several anniversary dates were put forward for commemoration. Aside 10 November (Remembrance Sunday) and 11 November (Armistices Day) the next main focus is likely to be the 75th anniversary of VE - 8th May 2020. It was agreed there would be no additional activity around this year's remembrance Sunday (unlike last year for 100 years with piper, knitted poppies and evening event).

Discussion then lead to an event (as suggestion by the Mayor) to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings and a 'swing' band playing at a free event in Sparrows Nest. A local big band (The Super Swing Big Band) has confirmed they are available for a 50 minute set at the cost of £400. 8 June is also the Queen's 93rd birthday.

Could the following please be given consideration at Full Council tonight and if approved a budget set with authority to spend and organise the event given to Officers. There will not be time after the formation of the new Council.

The event could take the following format

'PEOPLE'S PICNIC IN THE PARK to COMMEMORATE D DAY LANDINGS'
FREE EVENT. ORGANISED BY LOWESTOFT TOWN COUNCIL. ALL WELCOME.

5.30 pm start. People to arrive with chairs, picnics, dress for era if they would like.
Perhaps an hour later formal Welcome from the Mayor
History Group/RBL/RNPS brief talk on local involvement in D Day Landings. A video of the landings projected on back inside wall of band stand (may be too light).
6.30 pm to 7.30 pm band to play.
End with national anthem. Rule Britannia. Ideally with a Vera Lynn impersonator!
8.00 pm event close.

Budget

£500 BAND

£150 extra stage lighting/amplification?

Insurance (should be covered under our policy)/promotion/leaflets.

£50 union jack bunting. Flags.

The cost could possibly be covered by a combination of the Civic/Remembrance and Events budgets.

Thank you.

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