

CVCA Events Meeting held in the Foxcotte Room, St Thomas' Church at 745pm on 23 Jan 24

Present *Clive Ward *Jacqueline Smith *Ian Smale *Terry Milne *Elsa Redpath *Patsy Josling *Nigel Josling Carol Tedridge Norman Woods Ben Bradley Dave Bradley	Apologies *Alan Evans Jean Lomas Mike Lower Sonia Lower Nicky Dovey Mark Dovey Sue Watson Andrew Watson Caroline Mills Shona Bradley
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\* Committee Members

<https://www.d-day80beacons.co.uk/>

1. Members of the Charlton Village Community Association met on Tue 23 Jan at 745pm in the Foxcotte Room of St Thomas' Church to discuss the 2 major Charlton events in 2024; D Day 80 Commemoration on 6 June 24 and the Charlton Village Community Day (CVCD) on 6 July 24.
2. Clive Ward thanked those attending. He explained that both events would be covered in outline tonight.
3. D Day 80. Clive Ward would produce an updated Action table that would be available on the Parish Council Website. Key Updates:
  - A TVBC Event Form 1 was submitted before Christmas.
  - Grants would be applied for from Charlton Parish Council, TVBC and HCC.
  - The event would be ticketed with the cost of tickets TBC but kept affordable.
  - The involvement of Andover Radio would be key. There is a Plan B if Andover radio are not able to support.
  - SSAFA – the Armed Forces Charity would sponsor the event and provide a SSAFA Stall.
  - The Chair of SSAFA Hampshire has agreed to officiate at the Commemoration.
  - Veterans in Charlton (and more widely) will be contacted and depending on what response is received we will decide on the part they are asked to play.
  - There may be an opportunity for the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to be part of the commemoration. This was being investigated with the Guide Commissioner.
  - As a minimum, there would be a burger van, pizza provider and a coffee wagon
  - The Royal Oak would be asked to provide a bar (preferred option) but if unable we would offer a spot to a mobile vendor.
  - The Army Flying Museum would provide a Stall manned by Andrew Bulpitt (Trustee of AFM) and Chair of the Saxon Fields Community Association.
  - Enquiries are being made with a WW2 Re-enactment Group – availability and cost will a deciding factor.
  - Dave Bradley would investigate the provision of some military Explosive Ordnance Disposal equipment (robots and other search equipment including bomb suits). If achievable he would set up a course for members of the public to use under instruction.
  - Music by India Lily (TBC) and Test Valley Brass (TBC)

- Beacon lit at 915pm in conjunction with National beacons
  - A military aircraft flypast has been requested.
4. CVCD. It was decided to build on the successful format of previous years. The key for now is identifying long lead items and booking them. We may need early grant money if deposits are required. Jackie would produce an Action Table for CVCD and place it on the Parish Council Website.
  5. New items were also discussed:  
Petting farm – they come self-contained and may be worth considering depending on availability and cost – Jackie to investigate.  
Pony Rides – always very popular.
  6. As ever events such as these take time to organise and we do need volunteers who are willing to help now, in the run up and on the day. A list of volunteers required will be separately identified and again available on the Parish Council Website.
  7. **Date of subsequent meetings.** Could be a mix of Face to Face and virtual by Zoom:

27 Feb, 26 Mar, 23 Apr, 28 May and 26 Jun (for CVCD panic).

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