



Saxilby D-Day 80 Commemoration Meeting

4.30pm 7 May 2024

“Paying tribute to those who sacrificed so much in helping to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.”

Present: Sue Baker (Monthly Coffee Morning); Chris Hewis (Saxilby and District History Group); Cllr Hillman (chair of the council); Lydia Hopton (Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council); Elaine Meanwell (Saxilby Recreation Ground); Katie Roberts; Lyn Rudderham (SIGNS); Cllr Saunders; Revd Jane Foster-Smith (Priest-in-Charge, Saxilby & Stow Groups of Churches); and Sue Whitley (Saxilby Recreation Ground)

1. Welcome and Introductions (5 mins)

Cllr Hillman opened the meeting

2. Apologies

David Turner (St Botolph's Church)

3. Organisations to share any current plans

Council

LH and EH provide an update on key decisions from full council to:

1. Purchase a D-Day 80 Flag [ordered]
2. Purchase a commemoration tree in principle if a location can be identified
3. Purchase a peace lamp (£55) for the commemorations [ordered]
4. Agreed expenditure within the budget to purchase food and refreshments for the commemorations [advised group members to share receipts to reclaim expenditure]

Church (JFS)

- An update has been provided in the Foss Focus of planned activities
- History Group display to be at coffee morning and in the church
- There will be a Commemoration service for D-Day 80 and representation from scouts/guides requested (*LH to email*)
- The small church hall will be available before 5pm, with the big hall being vacant after 4.30pm to set up
- LH to contact school/guides/scouts regarding serving drinks/snacks
- LH contact school re CH and JFS offering to share a talk
- Invite two local choirs to the church service – peace theme One Accord and Foss Ladies. JFS to contact choirs

SIGNS (LR)

- LR (SIGNS) is leading on arrangements for refreshments and snacks at the church hall
- LR has printed off traditional war recipes to which SIGNS have offered to bake
- LR to speak to WI to see if they'd like to be involved in baking/serving
- LR has vintage crockery to use and union jack bunting
- Having music playing was discussed JFS to organise 1940s play list and player/speaker

Coffee morning (SB)

- On offer will be lemon cake, ginger and almond, sausage rolls, scones, tea and coffee...
- Will be raising money for the Royal British Legion
- Bygone lady will bring items relating to the war
- Tombola and raffle donations gratefully accepted

COMMS

- LH/EH Invite Radio Lincolnshire/Lincs FM/LCR
- LH/EH Press release to share timetable of events
- Photos of event to add in Foss Focus and village archive - CH to invite photographer Nick McDonald to commemoration events

History Group (CH)

Change of plan from creating a booklet as have less archive material to write about for D-Day. He will write an article on Ronald Britt instead, a who was involved and share online and in the Foss Focus.

The 2nd and 4th battalions of Lincolnshire regiment were involved in the landings, but it is difficult to find out information about those who are alive. CH is looking at doing an appeal out to anyone who has a relation in the village who took part in the D-day landings (“Did you have a relation who took part in the D-Day landing from Saxilby or Ingleby?”)

He has access to the war diaries of 2nd and 4th battalion, but needs to have names in order to then do further research.

Saxilby Recreation Ground

Happy to support events e.g. volunteering. Events not focused at the recreation ground, so not directly involved.

5. Next steps/actions

Task	Owner
Seek site for commemoration tree	LH (council)
Invite Radio Lincolnshire/Lincs FM/LCR Press release to share timetable of events	LH/EH
Contact the school with regards to their involvement	LH - <i>In progress contacted 07/05/24</i>
Share article from History Group page onto council page	LH
Contact the scouts/guides with regards to their involvement (church hall/service – could be part of a badge)	LH
Library – create display with relevant books and poppies for June	LH ask library <i>In progress contacted 08/05/24</i> KR to drop off poppies before start of June
Create a Tommy's Tribute Trail - activity trail to the church	KR (CH to support)
Church hall – drop off poppies and scatter on the tables	KR and LR
Share receipts for refreshments and food with LH for council to reimburse	LR and SB
Organise church hall refreshments and snacks	LR
Set-up Church Hall and refreshments, including organising volunteers (SIGNS WI etc)	LR
Foss Focus – photos and article of events that took place	CH
Create display for D-Day and erect at coffee morning/church	CH
Write an article on Ronald Britt and add in Foss Focus and online	CH
Photos of event to add in Foss Focus and village archive CH to invite photographer Nick McDonald	CH
Share a talk in school	CH/JFS <i>In progress contacted 07/05/24</i>
Prepare commemoration service for D-Day 80	JFS
Prepare 1940s play list and set up speaker	JFS
Tombola and raffle donations	All group members are requested to bring a raffle prize to the next meeting

6. Next meeting:

Tuesday 21 May 4.30pm

The meeting closed around 17.35pm.