

VE Day 80 – A Shared Moment of Celebration – 8th May 2025

Thursday 8th May is the 80th anniversary of VE Day, marking the end of the Second World War on 8th May 1945.

To help celebrate this significant date, communities are being encouraged to light beacons and to raise a unique VE Day flag on the day.

Alcester is fortunate to have its own beacon on Centenary Field and it is therefore proposed that this is lit on 8th May.

In previous years such as the 80th anniversary of D-Day, such events have been run by the Royal British Legion, but regrettably, RBL branches are no longer covered for events which are considered national or civic occasions.

Alcester RBL therefore formally requests that Alcester Town Council takes the lead in organising the event. The Town Clerk has been consulted and is happy to deal with the formalities involved.

A small grant is being requested by RBL from Church Street Properties to cover the cost of running the event so that it will be cost-neutral from ATC's perspective.

It is anticipated that refreshments will be provided free of charge by local community groups.

Members of the RBL are happy to volunteer for the Town Council on the day to organise the beacon and refreshments.

I hope that Councillors are happy to support this initiative.

Cllr Mark Cargill

21st January 2025