

Annual Budget - By Combined Account Code

Note: DRAFT Budget report 2020/21

		<u>2018-19</u>		<u>01/04/2019 - 31/03/2020</u>				<u>2020-21</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<u>Budget Income</u>										
1076	Precept	111,916	111,916	117,500	117,500	0	0	122,500	0	0
1090	Bank Interest	80	156	120	191	0	0	0	0	0
1091	Bank Interest (Guildhall)	0	69	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1092	Bank Interest (Market)	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	Capital Receipts	0	30,001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1101	S106 Receipts	0	0	0	85,966	0	0	0	0	0
1201	Allotment Rents	450	707	450	771	0	0	450	0	0
1202	Other Rents	1,000	5,212	5,860	5,141	0	0	1,080	0	0
1206	Clarance House Garden income	100	400	0	192	0	0	0	0	0
1208	Remembrance Memorial Donations	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1210	Tourism Income	400	1,529	500	543	0	0	500	0	0
1211	Insurance inc Pavillion/Other	240	125	125	-160	0	0	125	0	0
1215	Grants	0	6,968	0	2,300	0	0	0	0	0
1222	Neighbourhood Plan	0	2,189	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1223	P3 Income	1	1,256	900	324	0	0	500	0	0
1230	Market rents	4,500	4,375	4,500	3,015	0	0	4,000	0	0
1240	Guildhall income - hirings	1,565	1,105	1,200	405	0	0	700	0	0
1242	Guildhall grants/donations	6,150	6,915	6,150	482	0	0	6,150	0	0
1300	Miscellaneous Income	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1302	Volunteers Hospitality Income	0	302	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income		126,418	173,802	137,406	216,668	0	0	136,005	0	0
<u>Overhead Expenditure</u>										

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4000	Salaries	30,000	25,208	34,534	17,509	0	0	34,534	0	0
4001	PAYE & NIC	7,800	5,011	4,700	3,493	0	0	6,300	0	0
4002	Pension	3,500	5,036	5,154	3,626	0	0	6,000	0	0
4003	Elections Fund	0	0	0	115	0	0	0	0	0
4004	Payroll services	700	428	350	183	0	0	400	0	0
4008	Staff Expenses	150	302	300	42	0	0	300	0	0
4009	Chairman's Allowance	150	214	300	0	0	0	300	0	0
4010	Staff Training	400	265	1,000	15	0	0	500	0	0
4011	HR & Personnel	3,552	2,225	3,000	1,541	0	0	3,000	0	0
4015	Cllr Training	0	230	0	0	0	0	500	0	0
4019	Subscriptions	800	987	1,000	857	0	0	1,000	0	0
4020	Insurance	1,700	1,820	1,700	1,598	0	0	2,000	0	0
4021	Postage	100	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
4022	Telephone/Internet	1,365	897	1,500	436	0	0	1,500	0	0
4023	Stationery	300	506	300	210	0	0	300	0	0
4024	Photocopier	1,300	1,806	1,300	726	0	0	1,300	0	0
4025	Office Rent	3,600	3,500	7,144	0	0	0	3,800	0	0
4035	Audit	1,000	966	1,800	1,453	0	0	1,800	0	0
4036	Professional Fees	2,000	11,525	2,000	4,971	0	0	3,400	0	0
4037	Neighbourhood Plan	10,000	2,620	2,500	0	0	0	2,500	-2,000	0
4039	Remembrance Memorial expenses	0	1,452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4040	Equipment	500	153	3,500	3,755	0	0	1,600	0	0
4041	Establishment Misc	100	4,611	3,000	558	0	0	500	0	0
4042	Land Purchase	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
4200	Allotments	250	165	350	116	0	0	350	0	0
4201	P3 Expendature	1	1,172	1,000	683	0	0	1,000	0	0
4210	Ground Maintenance	14,000	15,206	15,000	12,935	0	0	20,000	-3,000	0
4219	Clarance House School Room	500	48	2,500	6,402	0	0	2,500	-2,500	0
4220	Clarance House Gdns	2,000	912	0	196	0	0	2,000	0	0
4221	Jubilee garden	200	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4222	Beech tree garden	300	224	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4230	Cutlers Green	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4231	Walnut Tree Meadow	300	250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4232	Green Waste Skip	3,700	3,366	3,600	0	0	0	3,800	0	0
4233	Damaries Mead Rent/Insurance	1,000	1,085	0	1,085	0	0	4,233	0	0
4250	Play Area	2,000	116	3,400	810	0	0	3,500	0	0
4260	Equipment Repairs *DO NOT USE*	0	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4261	Play area misc	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4270	Planters/Tubs	932	887	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
4280	Open Spaces Misc/Dog Bins	550	634	500	848	0	0	1,000	0	0
4300	Fence/Walls	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4302	Public conveniences	4,200	4,511	0	3,121	0	0	0	0	0
4303	Street furniture upgrading	1,000	3,073	1,000	2,830	0	0	1,000	0	0
4304	Public conveniences: utilities	1,200	3,479	6,000	1,870	0	0	6,000	0	0
4305	Public conveniences: refurb	2,000	1,932	2,500	0	0	0	3,500	-3,086	0
4306	Handyperson	0	1,182	674	763	0	0	1,840	-1,166	0
4307	Volunteers Hospitality	0	90	0	0	0	0	400	0	0
4308	CCTV running costs	0	0	1,700	2,214	0	0	0	0	0

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	Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
4310 Car Park Maintenance	1,000	0	13,500	0	0	0	10,000	0	0
4311 Car Park Rates/Utilities	8,000	7,824	0	6,403	0	0	8,000	0	0
4330 Street Lighting Elec	1,000	289	2,500	253	0	0	500	0	0
4331 Street Lighting Maintenance	1,000	1,269	0	1,919	0	0	2,000	0	0
4370 Grants/Donations Other	1,500	1,190	1,500	740	0	0	1,500	0	0
4372 URC Grant	300	300	300	300	0	0	300	0	0
4374 Churchyard Maintenance Grant	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,000	0	0	2,000	0	0
4402 Newsletter	500	578	1,200	444	0	0	1,200	0	0
4403 Website	250	476	500	0	0	0	2,000	0	0
4405 Tourism Sales	250	556	500	260	0	0	500	0	0
4600 Guildhall Utility Costs	1,200	1,659	1,200	-312	0	0	1,200	0	0
4601 Guildhall Maintenance & Upkeep	900	2,376	900	281	0	0	900	-5,000	0
4604 Hospitality	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4609 Historical Event *DO NOT USE*	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4610 Bank Charges	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4700 Youth Forum	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	126,550	127,286	137,406	87,279	0	0	152,757	-16,752	0
Total Budget Income	126,418	173,802	137,406	216,668	0	0	136,005	0	0
Expenditure	126,550	127,286	137,406	87,279	0	0	152,757	-16,752	0
Net Income over Expenditure	-132	46,516	0	129,389	0	0	-16,752	16,752	0
plus Transfer from EMR	0	3,565	0	8,952	0	0	0	0	0
less Transfer to EMR	0	30,411	0	88,140	0	0	0	0	0

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**Thaxted Parish Council Current Year
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	Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(132)</u>	<u>19,670</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50,201</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>(16,752)</u>		

County Councillor's report, January 2020

May I wish you all a Happy New Year!

The period before Christmas saw exceptional rainfall on already saturated ground, and consequently, many roads flooded as the drains were unable to cope with the volume of water runoff. A number of drains became blocked due to silt, and these are being rectified as they are notified to ECC Highways. Not all drains connect to ECC pipes, many join the sewerage network managed by the water companies. We work closely with them to ensure that any problems are resolved as quickly as resources allow.

Fortunately, it has remained relatively mild, but the wet conditions have caused some road surfaces to break down, and I would urge that any defects are reported via the County Council website.

Specific and recurrent flood susceptible areas have been notified to me and I have asked the ECC flood team to investigate these.

Make an investment in yourself this year



With the excitement of Christmas and New Year's Eve now over, we can be left feeling a little bit flat. This combined with the dark nights and cold weather can eventually come to affect our overall mental health and wellbeing as we approach a new month and year, and the pressure to make this the best one yet.

That's why it's so important that we recognise these feelings, accept them as completely normal, but also that we take steps to improve our wellbeing, before those feelings escalate.

Lots of New Year resolutions typically involve stopping something; things like giving up chocolate, or staying off social media all feel like easy, quick fixes to being healthier, but in reality, we probably become more miserable because we feel like we're denying ourselves something.

So, this year, why not resolve to start something new? By making some small changes and taking the time to invest in ourselves – our physical and mental health - we can not only improve how we feel, but also how we view ourselves and the world around us.

Making smaller, manageable changes, such as incorporating 10 minutes of activity into our daily routine also means they're more sustainable, we feel more in control and we're less likely to give them up after a few weeks.

To find out how you can make an investment in yourself in 2020, check out the [Livewell campaign website](#) which has lots of information, advice and links to local support, including [seven steps to wellbeing](#) which are a great way of starting this year in the right way.

Volunteer in Essex



Volunteering is a great way of learning something new, meeting new people and giving back to your local community. Volunteers can make a real difference to individuals, charities and smaller organisations in Essex who benefit from the different skills and experiences local people can bring to placements.

There are lots of volunteering opportunities across the county, within a range of different areas - from animals and the environment, to children and homelessness. They include one off and longer-term placements that you can fit around your life and existing commitments.

Volunteering is a truly rewarding experience, so why not try something new and see what difference you can make? Find out more and search for local opportunities on the [Volunteer Essex website](#).

Simon Walsh

County Councillor for Thaxted

January 2020

Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers	Closing Balance
301 Spare	0.00		0.00
302 Spare	0.00		0.00
318 EMR Walnut Tree meadow S106	10,443.00		10,443.00
319 EMR Car Park Re-Surfacing	8,000.00		8,000.00
320 EMR Asset Reserve	8,684.60		8,684.60
321 EMR Margaret Gardens	3,408.00		3,408.00
322 EMR S106 Samford Road	0.00	85,965.67	85,965.67
323 EMR Election Fund	3,795.00		3,795.00
324 EMR Street Lighting	2,682.84		2,682.84
325 EMR Fencing & Walls	3,444.23		3,444.23
326 EMR Land Purchase	53,000.00		53,000.00
327 EMR Clarence House	8,737.32	-6,402.00	2,335.32
328 EMR Toilets Maintenance	26,000.00		26,000.00
329 Spare	0.00		0.00
330 Spare	0.00		0.00
331 EMR Open Spaces	11,100.00		11,100.00
332 EMR Guildhall	26,278.28	-5,428.00	20,850.28
333 Spare	0.00		0.00
334 EMR Volunteer Hospitality	202.00	-207.00	-5.00
335 EMR Community Sports facilitie	0.00		0.00
350 EMR Capital Reserve	65,862.00		65,862.00
351 Spare	0.00		0.00
352 EMR Remembrance Memorial	2,533.55		2,533.55
353 EMR Cllr Training	0.00		0.00
354 EMR Highways Projects	2,000.00		2,000.00
355 Spare	0.00		0.00
356 EMR Charity commission Cricket	360.00		360.00
357 EMR UDC Capital Fund	35,000.00	-2,214.40	32,785.60
358 EMR Wild Thaxted	350.00	-161.42	188.58
359 EMR Neighbourhood Plan Deliver	7,380.00		7,380.00
360 EMR handyperson	2,318.00		2,318.00
361 EMR CLT	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<u>281,578.82</u>	<u>73,552.85</u>	<u>355,131.67</u>

Lloyds

Payments made between 01/12/2019 and 31/12/2019

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total Amnt</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Details</u>
01/12/2019	toner giant	CARD	171.86			4023	101	171.86	ricoh toner office machine
01/12/2019	JRB enterprises	CREDIT	-77.70		-12.95	4220	202	-64.75	reversal of duplicate entry
01/12/2019	mixam	CREDIT	-25.00			4220	202	-25.00	reversal of duplication
01/12/2019	Stallard Kane	DD	225.50		37.58	4011	102	187.92	HR & H&S
01/12/2019	Talk talk	DD	32.34		5.39	4600	601	26.95	guildhall phone
01/12/2019	Scottish Power	DD	293.00		13.95	4600	601	279.05	guildhall electricity
01/12/2019	Npower	DD	110.46		5.26	4304	101	105.20	mgt st toilets
01/12/2019	Uttlesford District Council	DD	540.00			4311	301	540.00	rates
01/12/2019	Uttlesford District Council	DD	260.00			4311	301	260.00	Uttlesford District Council
01/12/2019	central source ltd	DDC	182.30		30.38	4041	101	151.92	bollards jubilee
01/12/2019	central source ltd	DDC	159.66		26.61	4041	101	133.05	bollards jubilee v2
01/12/2019	Amazon	DDC	29.97		5.00	4041	101	24.97	key lock
01/12/2019	JRB - Mike Collins	DDR	77.70		12.95	4405	402	64.75	dog poo bags
01/12/2019	Streetmaster	DDR	1,500.00		250.00	4303	308	1,250.00	jubilee benches
01/12/2019	Tees Law	DDR	350.00			4036	101	350.00	windmill lease
01/12/2019	clive knight & co	DDR	480.00			4210	202	480.00	grounds maintenance
01/12/2019	force 36	DDR	72.00		12.00	4036	101	60.00	on site support for clerk
01/12/2019	My Communications	DDR	71.81		11.97	4022	101	59.84	My Communications
01/12/2019	groundfource	DDR	162.20			4037	101	162.20	grant payback
01/12/2019	Pristine Washroom Services	DDR	288.00		48.00	4302	101	240.00	ladycare
01/12/2019	maison	DDR	240.00			4306	101	240.00	handyman
01/12/2019	global flooring	DDR	6,513.60		1,085.60	4601	601	5,428.00	guildhall carpets
						332		-5,428.00	guildhall carpets
						6000	601	5,428.00	guildhall carpets
01/12/2019	J&M Payroll	DDR	3,180.52		5.83	4000	101	2,218.85	payroll services
						4001	101	458.13	payroll services
						4002	101	466.54	payroll services
						4004	101	31.17	payroll services
01/12/2019	cathy beatie	DDR	207.00			4307	101	207.00	food for volunteer
						334		-207.00	food for volunteer
						6000	101	207.00	food for volunteer
01/12/2019	slcc	DDR	187.00			4019	101	187.00	slcc
01/12/2019	outdoor jack	DDR	471.00			4210	202	471.00	grounds maintenance
01/12/2019	outdoor jack	DDR	472.43			4210	202	472.43	grounds maintenance
01/12/2019	the property jungle	DDR	28.80		4.80	4403	403	24.00	domain hosting
Subtotal Carried Forward:			16,204.45	0.00	1,542.37			14,662.08	

Lloyds

Payments made between 01/12/2019 and 31/12/2019

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total Amnt</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Details</u>
01/12/2019	volunteer uttlesford	DDR	150.00			4370	306	150.00	grant payment
01/12/2019	force 36	DDR	30.36		5.06	4019	101	25.30	office 365
01/12/2019	the thaxted society	DDR	350.00			4370	306	350.00	grant award
01/12/2019	Springwell Nurseries Ltd	DDR	85.00			4210	202	85.00	clarance house
01/12/2019	st johns ambulance	DDR	115.20		19.20	4041	101	96.00	memorial first aid
01/12/2019	Uttlesford District Council	DDR	280.00			4304	101	280.00	Uttlesford District Council
01/12/2019	S Law Brickwork	DDR	180.00			4041	101	180.00	town street
Total Payments:			17,395.01	0.00	1,566.63			15,828.38	

Petty cash

Payments made between 01/05/2019 and 01/12/2019

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30/06/2019	alison howells	51.1	27.00			4270	205	27.00	reembursement for plants for
30/06/2019	Dena Ludford	52.2	3.40			4021	101	3.40	postage
30/06/2019	Dena Ludford	53.1	6.95			4008	101	6.95	mileage to saffron walden
30/06/2019	Dena Ludford	54.1	26.01			4008	101	26.01	various mileage
30/06/2019	Dena Ludford	55.1	2.50		0.42	4023	101	2.08	white envelopes
30/06/2019	Dena Ludford	56.1	1.49			4008	101	1.49	Dena Ludford
01/11/2019	gifted	57.1	3.00		0.50	4008	101	2.50	cards
01/11/2019	Post Office Ltd	57.2	0.70			4021	101	0.70	stamps
01/11/2019	b&m	57.3	3.99		0.66	4041	101	3.33	batteries
01/11/2019	Guildhall Stores	57.4	2.05			4008	101	2.05	milk & biscuits for meeting
01/11/2019	gifted	58.1	3.25		0.54	4008	101	2.71	cards
01/11/2019	Dena Ludford	58.2	8.44			4008	101	8.44	mileage and parking
01/11/2019	Guildhall Stores	58.3	1.50			4008	101	1.50	milk for meeting
01/11/2019	Post Office Ltd	59.1	10.50			4021	101	10.50	first class stamps
01/11/2019	Post Office Ltd	59.2	10.50			4021	101	10.50	stamps first class large
01/11/2019	alan gant	60.1	27.90			4008	101	27.90	mileage
01/11/2019	gifted	60.2	5.00		0.83	4008	101	4.17	cards
01/11/2019	Post Office Ltd	60.3	2.26			4021	101	2.26	recorded delivery
01/11/2019	kaber welding	60.4	72.00		12.00	4041	101	60.00	bespoke bracket for Bruce M.
01/11/2019	Dena Ludford	60.5	16.65			4008	101	16.65	mileage Pellys
01/11/2019	Guildhall Stores	61.1	35.99		6.00	4307	101	29.99	volunteers party drinks
01/11/2019	Dena Ludford	61.2	1.62			4008	101	1.62	mileage
01/11/2019	Lloyds	duplicate	182.19			210		182.19	duplicate entry
Total Payments:			454.89	0.00	20.95			433.94	

Lloyds

Receipts received between 01/12/2019 and 31/12/2019

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
kebab	Banked: 01/12/2019	400.00						
kebab	tekagac kebab	400.00			1202	202	400.00	kebab van
rent	Banked: 01/12/2019	80.00						
rent	mr thatcher	80.00			1202	202	80.00	rent bolford street
booking	Banked: 01/12/2019	100.00						
booking	guildhall booking	100.00			1240	601	100.00	guildhall booking -
23122019	Banked: 01/12/2019	99.99						
23122019	bruce monroe	99.99			1300	100	99.99	mirror and bracket
cic	Banked: 01/12/2019	44.40						
cic	Cash - CIC	44.40			1210	401	44.40	Cash - CIC
ecc	Banked: 01/12/2019	758.33						
ecc	Essex County Council	758.33			1223	202	758.33	p3 income
vat	Banked: 01/12/2019	3,730.26						
vat	HMRC	3,730.26			105		3,730.26	vat return
market	Banked: 01/12/2019	235.00						
market	Market Rent	235.00			1230	501	235.00	Market Rent
jubilee	Banked: 01/12/2019	1,458.34						
jubilee	hutton constructio	1,458.34			1202	202	1,458.34	jubilee gdns final
petty cash	Banked: 01/12/2019	-182.19						
petty cash	reversal	-182.19			4008	101	-182.19	reversal
Total Receipts:		6,724.13	0.00	0.00			6,724.13	

Direct Savings Lloyds

Receipts received between 01/12/2019 and 31/12/2019

Nominal Ledger Analysis

<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
interest	Banked: 01/12/2019	32.72						
interest	bank interest	32.72			1090	100	32.72	bank interest
Total Receipts:		32.72	0.00	0.00			32.72	



Dear Town and Parish Clerk,

TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS - VE DAY 75

I have pleasure in outlining plans for **VE Day 75**, being organised to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day as mentioned in my last communication to you last year.

The 8th May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. I am sure you will agree that we cannot let this day pass without reflecting on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark period. Our celebration, **VE Day 75**, will cover the weekend of 8th - 10th May 2020, and will be an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it.

This includes the Armed Forces personnel from many countries who gave their lives, and those who returned home injured in body and mind; the hard-working women and men who kept the factories, mines, shipyards and farms operating throughout the years of turmoil; the ARP wardens, police officers, doctors, nurses, firemen, local defence volunteers and many others who put their lives on hold to safeguard the home front.

The official, exclusive charity for **VE Day 75** is SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, which also supports the Merchant Navy.

The planned activities over the weekend are as follows:

- The Playing of Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years
- The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2
- The Cry for Peace, around the World
- Churches & cathedrals Ringing out for Peace
- Street parties and parties in pubs, clubs, Hotels, on town and village greens and in halls etc
- Services of commemoration and celebration in churches, including the reading of the Tribute to the Millions and the playing of the Last Post

Registration for all participants will be solely through www.veday75.org. As well as adding your details you will also be able to download important documents, including a commemorative certificate, and view messages of support from individuals and organisations.

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

3pm – Battle's O'er & VE 75 Years

3pm is the time Winston Churchill officially announced the end of WW2 from the Cabinet Office at 10 Downing Street, London.

Pipers from around the world will open **VE Day 75** by playing Battle's O'er and VE 75 Years at 3pm local time in the country they are in, paying tribute to the millions who gave so much to earn our freedom today. Battle's O'er is the traditional tune played by pipers at the end of a battle, and VE 75 Years has been specially written for this occasion by Pipe Major Roger Bayes of the City of Norwich Pipe Band.

Battle's O'er will be played by pipers from the top of the four highest Peaks in the UK - Ben Nevis, Scotland; Scafell Pike, England; Mount Snowdon, Wales, and Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland – and also at the five furthest points in the UK. This has never been undertaken before.

We are encouraging pipers working that day to pause at 3pm to play the tune in their workplace. It will provide pipers throughout the world the opportunity to participate without having to take time off work. We are already aware that a nurse will be playing the pipes on her hospital ward, and that others will be playing at a railway company, in a field and outside a bakery. Those pipers taking part can register their involvement at the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

3pm – The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2

To coincide with the playing of Battle's O'er thousands of pubs throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man will encourage customers to raise a glass at 3pm and take part in The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2. All pubs taking part can register their involvement on the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

6.55pm – A Cry for Peace Around the World

Town Criers around the world will be undertaking A Cry for Peace Around the World, kindly written for this occasion by Crier Peter Taunton. The 'Cry', which can be downloaded from the website, will be performed at 7pm local time in locations around the world, starting in New Zealand. Those Town Criers and others undertaking this 'Cry' can register their involvement on the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

7pm – Ringing out for Peace

Bells in churches and cathedrals will ring out at 7pm in a collective celebration of VE Day 75. The sound of church bells is deeply rooted in British culture. They provide the grand soundtrack to our historic moments, calling us to wake, to pray, to work, to arms, to feast, to celebrate and, in times of crisis, to come together. This aspect of VE Day 75 could not be more appropriate, ringing out around the world to celebrate the peace we share today. Those churches taking part can register their involvement on the VE day website – www.veday75.org.

7pm onwards – Parties and Celebration

Parties and celebrations will take place in pubs, clubs and hotels, on town and village greens and in our streets, bringing the communities of the nation together in common friendship. Those town and cities twinned with others around the world will be encouraged invite them to join in this joyous occasion. We know that many of those taking part will be organising firework displays over the weekend too. Those taking part in this celebratory element of the event can register their involvement on the VE day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2020

Parties and celebrations continue.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2020

10.30am – Church Services of Celebration and Commemoration

Services will take place in cathedrals and churches throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to celebrate the peace we share today and remember those who lost their lives or returned home dreadfully wounded. The services will also recognise the sacrifices of those who kept the nation fed and the factories, mines and hospitals working during the most challenging of times. Churches wishing to take part should register their involvement on the VE Day 75 website – www.veday75.org.

Tribute to the Millions & the Last Post

Those planning services will be encouraged to ask a representative from their local community to read out the Tribute to the Millions, which can be downloaded at www.veday75.org, and involve a local bugler or trumpeter to play the Last Post and Reveille. Their participation can also be registered on the VE DAY 75 website – www.veday75.org.

We do hope that you will take part in **VE Day 75** especially as many of those that served at home and abroad came from the Towns and Parishes of England, so your involvement will be a perfect 'tribute' to the sacrifices made by so many of them.

Please be kind enough to register your involvement in one or more of the events by going to the VE Day 75 Website - www.veday.org as soon as possible to enable us to keep in touch with you and update you on progress.

My warmest regards,



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