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## **VE/VJ Day Commemoration Poole 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021** **(75+1 anniversary)**

### **1 Overview of Event**

The VE/VJ Heritage Event in Poole is scheduled to acknowledge the role Poole as a town, and its people played during WW2. The focus of the event is heritage and education with information story boards erected down the High Street (which will remain for the duration of the period from VE day to VJ day and along the Quay on the day.

Poole and its people contributed considerably during the war with the town playing a key role during D-Day, however much of the story of Poole's involvement in the war has been forgotten. The aim is therefore to provide information to a new generation of residents of Poole about the town's story, whilst acknowledging the sacrifice of the people from the town throughout the European and Asian campaigns.

The event will include the following activities :-

1. Information boards erected down the High Street which provide details of the contribution the town and people made during the war links to the event information web site which expands on the themes on the boards and links to Museums and other historical web sites
2. More detailed information boards along the Quay
3. Historic Vehicles to be placed as static displays along the Quay (depending on the number of available Vehicles)
4. Bunting to be erected down the High Street to create a street party feel
5. Local shop owners encouraged to dress their windows in bunting
6. Sea Cadets Banners and Standards flown by Royal British Legion / Society for Poole
7. Acknowledgement of a WW2 veteran
8. Address by the Mayor of Poole and BCP Council
9. A Piper to pipe The Battle's O'ver
10. Soda Pop Band to play from the Fish Shambles
11. Choir of singers singing war time songs sung from the Quay
12. A swing & jazz band to play musing on the Quay
13. Dunkirk flotilla moored alongside the Quay
14. Fun fair
15. Vintage cars parked along the Quay
16. Local Military Units represented along the Quay
17. Collections for the Royal British Legion
18. RBL veterans Bike team parked on the Quay
19. Official photos by a local camera club
20. Publicity by BBC; Wave 105 and the ECHO as well as web sites twitter etc



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The afternoon's events will commence at 13.00 with the unveiling of the first information boards.

Static displays will open on the Quay from 13:00hrs, including a mini funfair, displays from the "Not Forgotten Society", the Royal British Legion and The Society for Poole Ltd etc.

Music on the Quay will be provided at the Fish Shambles from 13:00hrs. The music will alternate between a small stage opposite the Poole Arms and the Fish Shambles and will be provided by singers and bands.

The static historic military vehicles will be in place on the Quay for 13:00hrs.

Speeches, Town Crier to "cry for Peace" and Piper to pipe "The Battle's O'ver" at 15:00hrs

Music and static displays on the Quay 13.00 – 17.00hrs

Event wraps up at 17.00hrs

Quay open to traffic 18:00hrs

