

D-day report.

I attended a meeting on Wednesday the 24th of January at Groby's Parish office.

The purpose of the meeting was to establish the terms or reference for a combined D-day beacon switch on, as previously discussed in council by Cllr David Hyde from Groby Parish Council.

It appears three villages would take part, Markfield, Groby and Ratby. Each lighting an upright beacon at 9.15pm on Thursday the 6th of June, lasting for approximately 1 hour.

The aim is to outsource the up lights at no cost to the Parish Councils. If successful, all necessary permissions and compliance will be done by each individual Council.

I referred to the fact that the lighting of the beacon is on a Thursday evening, a work night and school night, so much celebration won't be had. But the potential was there for a D-day celebration on Saturday the 8th of June.

I have spoken to Lucy at the community centre regarding both suggestions, her response was as followed...

The community centre will be happy to host the beacon in the park and potentially open the cafe a further hour to offer food, facilities, and refreshments.

For the Saturday, Lucy suggested a community event for Markfield. Details and ideas of a bouncy castle, small local stall holders and involving community groups in the celebrations. This was only a preliminary conversation, and nothing has been agreed formally.

My suggestion to council is to discuss a back up plan should this not evolve, although I am very confident it will flourish.

Kind regards

Cllr Harris