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30th April 2019

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Town Clerk
Town Council Offices
Drake Road
Tavistock
Devon
PL19 0AU

Dear Sir,

Re: Ceremony of Beating Retreat 20th June 2020

May I ask that you might be prepared to grant the use of the Town Hall at no charge to host a very prestigious occasion ?

The event would commence at 1830 hrs on Sat 20 Jun 2020 in Bedford Sq, and would be a Ceremonial Beating of Retreat, performed by H.M.S. Drake Royal Naval Volunteer Band from Plymouth. The duration of this would be some thirty to forty minutes.

It is intended to publicise the event well in advance in order that the public can attend and enjoy this magnificent pageantry so rarely seen today.

As an acknowledgement to protocol it is requested that the Town Mayor would take the salute at the closure of formal proceedings , before the Band march off. Immediately afterwards there would be an official reception for Civic Dignitaries and invited guests in the Town Hall, if permitted.

This would be hosted by Wessex Reserve Forces & Cadet Association, who are a Ministry of Defence backed organisation, in partnership with Tavistock R.B.L. The purpose of this event is specifically orientated towards employer engagement and participation. This is a way of thanking business and industry who have Reservists in their workplace, whom they permit to serve in the National interest for Defence of the Realm.

The Tavistock Branch of the Royal British Legion will be writing separately to you in regard to this planned event. I am also given to understand there may be some family

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The Town Clerk
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8 May 2019

Dear Sir

The Tavistock Branch of the Royal British Legion has been approached by Mr John Phillips who has raised the idea of holding a 'Beating The Retreat' Ceremony with the Volunteer Band from HMS DRAKE on the evening of 20 June 2020. This approach was discussed by the Branch Committee on 4 May 2019 and it was unanimously agreed that this was a most worthwhile venture that we should support.

To that end, the Branch has also approached SSAFA Devon and requested that their PR Officer contact the Council with a view to supporting and assisting as well as the RBL. SSAFA Devon have also agreed that this venture should be supported.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Branch for any assistance required.

Yours Sincerely




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Shoulder to shoulder with all who serve

