

Agenda Item 19 Flag Policy

The current information on the website shows the following schedule for display of flags.

The Parish Council will fly the Union Flag from its flag pole on The Green on the following days in **2023**.

6th January: Birthday of HRH Princess of Wales

8th May: Coronation of HM Charles III (also VE Day)

10th June: HM King's Official Birthday (Trooping the Colour)

21st June: Birthday of HRH Prince of Wales

17th July: Birthday of Queen Consort

15th August: VJ Day (Victory in Japan) - End of World War II

8th September: Accession of HM King Charles III

15th September: Battle of Britain Day

21st October: Trafalgar Day

24th October: United Nations Day

11th November: Armistice Day

Second Sunday in November: Remembrance Sunday

14th November: Birthday of HM King

Other flags:

13th March*: Commonwealth Day - COMMONWEALTH FLAG is flown

23th April: St George's Day - St GEORGE'S CROSS is flown

3rd September: Merchant Navy Day - RED ENSIGN is flown

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Ukrainian flag will be flown on all days when no other flags are scheduled.

The year is displayed and this needs correction to apply to all years.

We have received complaints regarding the flying of the Ukrainian Flag and the description "invasion" of Ukraine. This does however match the dictionary definition "**Military:** The entry of an armed force into a territory or country by force to conquer, occupy, or take control."

There is no legal issue here as the flagpole is positioned on Estate land. No further guidance is available from ESALC on the village green pole, but there are would be no restrictions on council owned land.

Proposals: To consider whether any changes are required to the schedule and terminology.

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