

Minutes of a meeting of the Wellington Town Centre Committee held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington TA21 8AG on Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors C Booth (Chair), M Barr, C Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, K Wheatley.
Co-Opted Member S. Pringle-Kosikowsky

In Attendance: Councillors A Govier, M McGuffie and J Thorne
Alice Kendall – Deputy Clerk
1 member of the press

As the Chair of the previous meeting, Councillor Lithgow opened the meeting, and it was agreed that Councillor Booth should chair the meeting as the elected Chairman was not present.

325 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from co-opted member Zoe Old.

326 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

327 MINUTES

RESOLVED to approve and sign the minutes of the Town Centre Committee meeting held on 19th September 2023.

328 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were in attendance.

Councillor McGuffie reported that the tree planting strategy would be discussed at the Environment and Heritage committee the following day. He explained that one of the options to be explored is installing trees in pots in the town. It was agreed that information on this should be presented to this committee via formal paper for consideration at the next meeting.

329 POP UP SHOP

The Deputy Clerk circulated a report and the current administration documents with proposed amendments for review. She further reported that the local RBL group had requested that they receive two weeks for free rather than be limited to one as per the updated booking policy.

RESOLVED to allow only one free week to the RBL. Councillors agreed it is an important cause but believe the policy should apply to all users of the shop regardless of the organisation.

RESOLVED that the updated key hand over process, associated forms and terms and conditions (handbook) be accepted as presented.

The Deputy Clerk went on to give an update on the plan to refresh the shop. Councillor Wheatley had met with an air conditioning engineer who had provided a quotation to remove the large overhead unit and service the smaller wall mounted unit.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £445 to carry out works on the air conditioning units.

330 NORTH STREET CAR PARK

Councillor K Wheatley raised concerns over the number of pedestrians that walk from Wellington Football Club up through North Street Car Park to the entrance at Fore Street. Town Centre Committee to discuss how the public can be kept safe, by putting a footpath in place and how to reduce the speed of vehicles entering the car park. A location plan and images were circulated with the agenda.

A lengthy discussion raised several issues and ideas including what could be done to increase safety for residents in the new housing development.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Lithgow and Wheatly to request a meeting with officers from the car park department and Somerset Council to discuss possible options and report back to the next meeting.

It was further **agreed** to follow up a possible parking review by the Highways Department as previously discussed.

331 EVENTS 2023/2024/2025

a. CHRISTMAS MARKET & LIGHTS SWITCH ON – 25th November 2023

A report was circulated with the agenda detailing the current expenditure to date and updated budget report.

RESOLVED to approve en bloc quotations and invoices received as detailed on the attached report.

b. REMEMBRANCE 2023

Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023 – to note the quotation from Carly Press in the sum of £257.00 plus VAT for 500 copies of the Order of Service.

Agreed to note the cost of the Order of Service.

c. 2024 - 300th ANNIVERSARY OF DANIEL DEFOE VISITING THE TOWN

In 1724 Daniel Defoe visited Wellington as part of his tour of Great Britain. Councillor Thorne asked that the committee consider how this anniversary could be marked. Suggestions were put forward as follows:

- A blue plaque which will serve as a historical marker to be installed in the town centre to commemorate the link between Wellington and Daniel Defoe.
- To ask if the Film Festival could show “Robinson Crusoe” film at the April 2024 festival.
- Engagement with the Schools – How will they mark 300th anniversary?

After some discussion, it was proposed and duly seconded that this matter should not be taken forward in any way. There were three votes in favour and three votes against. The Chairman made a casting vote against, and the motion was not carried.

It was then proposed and duly seconded that the option of a blue plaque be explored, and that more information be brought back to the next meeting. There were three votes in favour and three votes against. The Chairman made a casting vote in favour, the motion was carried, and it was so **RESOLVED**.

It was further **agreed** that Councillor Wheatley puts the idea of showing Robinson Crusoe to the Film Festival and report back to the next meeting and that Councillor Officers should send a simple communication to Schools to see if they will mark the occasion and if so, how.

d. 2025 – 810th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN BEING GRANTED ITS ROYAL CHARTER

The Town was granted its Royal Charter in 1215. Councillor Thorne asked that the committee to consider how this anniversary should be marked.

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that this anniversary should not be marked. However, Councillors would like to pursue the creation of 'Wellington Day' to coincide with the date of the seal of the Charter. Councillor Pringle-Kosikowsky was asked if he can find this information with his work connection at the Heritage Trust. If an exact date cannot be found, it was suggested to use Magna Carta day as this could co-inside with the existing Street Fair in June.

At this juncture, Councillor Thorne gave his apologies and left the meeting.

332 FUTURE ROAD CLOSURES FOR EVENTS

Full Council referred this back to the Committee for further discussion on how one Temporary Traffic Order Regulation Order can cover several events from 1st April for an 18-month period at a cost of £1,375.00. The Committee considered including both Town Council events and the Wellington Produce Market monthly markets. The market dates for 2024 were circulated prior to meeting.

RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that the Produce Market be included on one application including Town Council events subject to a satisfactory meeting with the organisers of the Produce Market to discuss possible issues of the Market being moved to High Street. Councillors Lithgow and Wheatley were delegated to attend the meeting. It was noted that the application would have to be submitted in January so there was a short time frame to complete this.

333 THE EDGE – DECEMBER/JANUARY 2024 EDITION

RESOLVED to publish a half page Christmas and New Year message in the December/January edition of the Edge at a cost of £50.

334 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 16th January 2024 at United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm.

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NORTH STREET CAR PARK, WELLINGTON

Accepted works to be carried out following the site meeting with Wellington Town Council representatives on Friday 15th December 2023

Fore Street Entrance

- Mark pedestrian route across entrance.
- Move “Car Park Signage” to entrance. (one new sign needed) *
- Install new signage – “No Delivery Vehicles” x 2 *
- Install new signage – “No Through Traffic” x 2 *
- Install new signage - “Beware Pedestrians”. x 2 *

* Taller posts will be required for the signage



Entrance Lane

1. One-way arrows
2. Speed limit roundels (10mph)
3. Install 1x New bolt down speed bump
4. Repaint existing dragons teeth markings on speed bumps

Main Car Park (toilets side)

1. Remove cycle hoops
2. Remark cycle parking area for motorcycle parking.

Main Car Park (Old Court Mews side)

1. Mark pedestrian route from alleyway across Old Court Mews entrance
Install new signage “Beware Pedestrians” x 2 (back-to-back on lamppost)
2. Adjust existing “Town Centre” walking route sign to ensure It is facing the correct way.

Main Car Park (outside Old Court Mews development)

1. Install all cycle parking hoops which have been removed from Main car park (toilets side)
2. Install cross hatching on the corner from entrance lane to ensure drivers allow adequate space for health and safety to avoid accidents with residents children.



LONGFORTH ROAD TOILETS - DEFIBRILLATOR

To consider a new location for the Defibrillator and Bleed Control Kit.

Heartstart have advised the defibrillator should be fitted on the north facing side of the street, to avoid the heat of the sun. A meeting was held in town to identify suitable locations.

- 1) The Library, 16 Fore Street was found to be the most suitable. Discussions were had with Somerset Council, unfortunately they replied not suitable, as the downpipe at the front of the building could not be moved.
- 2) The former Kings Arms, High Street. We spoke with Falcon Housing, who agreed, in principle, for the defibrillator and Bleed Control Kit being fitted to the front of building, subject to any planning consents being obtained by the Town Council. Heartstart felt this location may not be the best, as the railings will make it difficult for cars to pull up and access the equipment.
- 3) 10 Fore Street, Quantock Funeral Services. This is a grade II listed building. Owner's permission and planning permission would need to be obtained.
- 4) Ruxstons, 20-22 High Street is another possibility. Owner's permission and planning consent would need to be obtained.

Heartstart invoice of £500.00 to remove from toilet block and install the Defibrillator and Bleed Control Kit in new location. All the locations identified below are within the conservation area. The Town Council would need to enquire whether planning permission may be required to proceed.

16 Fore Street – Library – Somerset Council



4 High Street – Former Kings Arms – Falcon Housing



10 Fore Street – Quantock Funeral Service – Grade II Listed Building



Ruxstons, 20-22 High Street



RECOMMENDATION to approve Council Officers spending limit of up to £1000.00 to cover the Heartstart's costs to complete the installation and cover Planning Permission fees if required. Community Safety Budget line, shows an unspent balance of £2,000.

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL – MONUMENT PLANTER

Somerset Council are currently storing the Monument Planter which was made and by Reg Grabham and given to the Town Council around 1992 - it uses 25 different size planters. It was Stored by SWT and planted every year. Around 6 years ago it did not get planted out, as repairs were needed. Darren Hill arranged for the repairs to be done and it was planted and erected on the grass by the United Reform Church. Its also been at Baptist Church South Street. Suggested budget of £400 to include new planters and plants. Does the Town Council want to use it again and where do they want it. Suggested location: Cades roundabout.

Photos for reference below:

Recent photo in store.



OLD PHOTOS:





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TOWN COUNCIL
Serving Wellington & Rockwell Green

D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY STREET FAIR APPLICATION FORM SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2024

Please complete and return this form by Friday 10th May 2024 via email to:
info@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and write clearly.

Name of Organisation	
Contact Name	
Contact Address	
Contact Telephone Number	
Contact E-Mail	
<p>*PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ELECTRIC SUPPLY. ALL STALL HOLDERS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN POWER. "SILENT" (LOW LEVEL NOISE) GENERATORS MAY BE USED.</p> <p>If electricity power is required this may be provided on request and will be subject to a cost.</p>	

PLEASE STIPULATE IN THE BOX WHICH SPACE YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK: STALLHOLDERS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH GAZEBO WITH APPROPRIATE WEIGHTS AND TABLE

Size:	Cost:	Please tick:
3M X 3M	£45.00	
4.5m x 3M	£55.00	
6M X 3M	£70.00	
Food Trucks/Horsebox	£70.00	

Nature of Activities (e.g. Art & Crafts, other Business, community group, charity, etc.):	Description of your products/activity: (e.g. Jewellery, Bric a Brac, information, recruitment, fundraising etc.)
<p>*IMPORTANT: Charities raising money by selling products or taking donations will need to get permission to trade/collect on the streets. For an application form please contact: Somerset Council Tel: 0300 123 2224. Website: www.somerset.gov.uk</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the persons booking the stall on behalf of the charity to ensure that a Street Collection permit has been received and it is essential that charities bring their Permit to the market and display it on their stall.</p>	
Are you member of any other assurance certification scheme: Yes/No	If yes, please provide a copy of the certificate(s)
*WE WILL NOT ACCEPT STALL APPLICATIONS FROM TRADERS WISHING TO SELL ALCOHOL FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION.	

Please ensure you have included the following: please tick or put an X in the box(es) as applicable (adding others if included):

Current Public and Product Liability insurance certificate (minimum £5 million cover)

Environmental Health Score Food Hygiene Training Certificate Organic certification or registration with other certification bodies

Risk Assessment

Declaration – Please circle as appropriate:

- I have included all details requested on this form Yes / No
- I have read the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them. Yes / No
- I enclose a copy of my public liability insurance Yes / No
- I enclose a copy of my food hygiene certificate Yes / No
- I agree to my details being given to partners to update me on promotional opportunities Yes / No

Signature:

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Name:

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Date:

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Contact Details of the person running the stall (if different from applicant):

Name:

Mobile Number:

Email:	
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Terms and Conditions:

1. Please provide a copy of your risk assessment, public liability insurance, trading permit, food hygiene certificate (if applicable), and any assurance scheme certificate you belong to with your booking form.
2. All stallholders are responsible for their own risk assessment. We can provide a simple form for stallholders to complete, this form will list the known hazards of each operation, list who is likely to be harmed; and, list the measures that are necessary to remove or reduce the risks identified.
3. On approval of your application, we will email you an invoice stall fee. This will be non-refundable. If you cancel your booking 4 weeks or more before the Street Fair there will be a full refund minus a 15% administration charge. If you cancel within 14 days of the Street Fair there will be no refund, unless the space is resold. A refund can be given minus a 15% administration charge.
4. Full payment is required to secure a booking. If the Town Council does not receive payment within the payment terms stated on the invoice, the booking will be cancelled. The Town Council will inform the applicant of this before cancelling the booking.
5. The applicant must have appropriate and proper insurance against public liability and third-party risks. The minimum cover should be £5 million and should cover the applicant's stand or display and any additional equipment under their control. Where food is sold there should be specific insurance to cover against food poisoning for the same amount. A copy of the applicant's insurance certificate should be submitted upon application.
6. If the stallholder or any member of their staff has any physical disability, the applicant should let the Town Council know of any particular requirements, so that we can do our best to provide them.
7. The applicant will be responsible for clearing any refuse etc. caused directly by their activities and the site must be cleared by **17:30**. The Town Council reserve the right to pass on the costs of clearing any refuse left behind by the stall to the applicant.
8. Stallholders are responsible for their own goods at the Street Fair and no responsibility is accepted by the Town Council for loss, damage, or financial loss, due to abandonment or cancellation of the event due to factors beyond our control – this includes extreme weather, public order advice, public health advice, terrorism threat level increase etc.
9. Stallholders must ensure they have adequate and suitable preparation to allow for adverse weather conditions.
10. It is essential that charities bring their Street Collection Permit to the Street Fair and display it on their stall.
11. Stallholders are required to keep all adjacent steps and ramps clear for pedestrians.
12. Stallholders are to keep within their allocated area.

13. We ask all stallholders to present their areas as attractively as possible.

14. All Stallholders can enter the street and claim their pitch from **07:00**.

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15. All vehicles are to be removed as quickly as possible from the site and by no later than **09:30**.
16. No vehicles will be permitted back onto the site until **16:15**.
17. Stalls should be dismantled, packed away and removed from site by **17:30**.
18. Please respect our volunteers who give up their time for your benefit.
19. Wellington Town Council reserve the right to alter or revise any conditions without prior notice.
20. The Town Council reserves the right to reallocate stalls or refuse bookings without any reasons.
21. Wellington Town Council reserve the right to require that a stall is removed during the day if its staff believe that the stall holder is not acting in accordance with these terms and conditions or if they believe that the stall holder's behaviour is likely to cause a disturbance.
22. Wellington Town Council's decision in **ALL** matters regarding this event is final.
23. Wellington Town Council will only use the information provided on this form for the intended purpose of administration relating to the Street Fair. The Council's Privacy Notice sets out how Wellington Town Council processes your personal data. It can be viewed online at www.wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk. A paper copy is available upon request.
24. Please contact the Town Council office if you need any further information: Telephone number: 01823 662855
Email: info@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk

ON THE DAY OF THE STREET FAIR

Claim your pitch from **7am**

All vehicles offsite by **9:30am**

Vehicles permitted back onsite at **4:15pm**

Stalls to be completely packed away by **5:30pm**

For stallholders on the **High Street:**

Enter at the traffic lights by The Iron Duke (West) and leave at the traffic lights by Waitrose (East)

For stallholders on **South Street:**

Enter at the traffic lights by The Iron Duke (West) and leave via South past Wellington School (South)

This will create a ONE-WAY system and allow speedy set up and pack up for everyone.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN FROM THE MARSHALLS OF WHERE TO PARK WHEN SETTING UP AND TAKING DOWN YOUR STALL. OTHER STALLHOLDERS' VEHICLES WILL NEED TO GET PAST TO GET TO THEIR ALLOCATED PLOT.

All vehicles must be off the street at the allotted times for health and safety

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Wellington Town Council
Listing of Payments in each Code for All Cost Centres
(Between 01-04-2023 and 08-01-2024)

Cost Centre Christmas**Code Number 116 Switch on Event**

Vchr.	Date	Invoice No	Minute	Bank	Cheq. No.	Description	Supplier	Vat Type	Net	Vat	Total
363	12/10/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Christmas advert	Carly Press	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
386	20/10/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Window Wrap Artwork	Word Gets Around	X	160.00		160.00
402	30/10/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Advert for Christmas Event	Tindle Newspapers	S	250.00	50.00	300.00
411	02/11/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Free Parking	Somerset Council	S	1,046.00	209.20	1,255.20
432	16/11/2023			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Lights for Grotto	Amazon	S	45.39	9.08	54.47
442	20/11/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	PA System	DJ Steve	X	650.00		650.00
445	20/11/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Advertisement	Tindle Newspapers	S	216.72	43.34	260.06
446	21/11/2023			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Marking Spray	Amazon	S	23.28	4.66	27.94
447	21/11/2023			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Sweets	Booker	S	62.62	12.52	75.14
453	22/11/2023			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Santa's Sack	Buy & Save	S	9.39	1.88	11.27
455	22/11/2023	2023 - 2024/14		Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Lamp Post Banners	Bay Media	S	1,225.00	245.00	1,470.00
462	27/11/2023			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Event Day Refreshments	Tim Potter & Son & Daughter Ltd	X	2.25		2.25
463	28/11/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Traffic Management	Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival	S	1,100.00	220.00	1,320.00
480	06/12/2023			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Stage Hire	Karats Ltd T/A Pro Sound & Light	S	900.00	180.00	1,080.00
496	02/01/2024			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Poster Artwork	Word Gets Around	X	60.00		60.00
500	02/01/2024			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Street Entertainment	Fuse Performance	X	1,000.00		1,000.00
501	02/01/2024			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Window Comp. Certificates	Carly Press	S	9.00	1.80	10.80
504	02/01/2024			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Premises Annual Fee	Somerset Council	X	70.00		70.00
506	02/01/2024			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	First Aid	St John Ambulance	S	528.00	105.60	633.60
514	02/01/2024			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Window Comp. Items	Timpson	X	5.00		5.00
515	02/01/2024			Lloyds Treasurers I	Card	Window Comp. Items	Buy & Save	S	6.24	1.25	7.49
526	04/01/2024			Lloyds Current Acc	BACS	Window Wrap & Banners	Somerset Sign & Print Co	S	835.00	167.00	1,002.00
Subtotal for Code: Switch on Event									£8,303.89	£1,271.33	£9,575.22
Subtotal for Cost Centre: Christmas									8,303.89	1,271.33	9,575.22
TOTALS									£8,303.89	£1,271.33	£9,575.22



THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

In association with
The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association & The Normandy Memorial Trust

U.S. troops landing on Omaha Beach.
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*British troops landing on Gold Beach.
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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am honoured to support the 80th anniversary celebrations to commemorate D-Day.

D-Day on 6 June 1944 was the largest Naval, Air and land Operation in history, involving many hundreds of thousands of brave men who had to leave their families at home, not knowing if they would ever return home, a feat we hope will never have to take place again.

The heroism of those who landed on the shores of the Normandy beaches, represented a beacon of light for the world during a particularly dark period of war. It is therefore fitting that local communities throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and those along the shorelines of Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches in Normandy, France, should light Beacons on 6 June 2024, in 'tribute' to the light of peace that they brought out from the misery of darkness during that dreadful campaign, of which many unfortunately did not return.

I am therefore delighted to support this initiative and I urge communities across the country to support this event. I would like to pay particular tribute to Pageantmaster, Bruno Peck for his tremendous efforts in leading these historic celebrations. It also gives me great pleasure in congratulating The Royal Naval Association, The Merchant Navy Association, The Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund and ABF The Soldiers Charity for their remarkable efforts in supporting our service personnel, along with their families.

As we look forward to the future, I believe we should take strength from the shared hardship of our experience during World War II. That future is why so many of our service men gave their lives – and protecting the peace they fought for is the greatest way we can honour those who fell.

February 2023



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great honour that I write to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

On June 6th, 1944, more than 150,000 troops landed on five beaches in Normandy, over 14,000 of which were Canadians who stormed Juno Beach. The brave soldiers broke through German defences on the beaches and opened up a new Western Front in Europe.

Today is a solemn reminder of the sacrifices the Allies made on D-Day and during World War II. The soldiers courageously went into battle – not knowing if they would come home – to protect and fight for freedom, human rights, and democracy. As we commemorate this day, let us also pay tribute to those who lost their lives 80 years ago.

More than one million Canadians served during World War II. It is important we remember their selflessness as it is their sacrifices that allow us to enjoy the peace we have in Canada today.

Lest we forget.

Ottawa
2023



The Royal Navy

Admiral Sir Ben Key KCB CBE ADC - First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff



On 6 June 1944, Operations Neptune and Overlord unfolded. Meticulously planned over the course of years, they set the stage for one of humanity's most audacious military campaigns as the Allies sought to retake Western Europe from the Nazis. In planning and execution, the synchronised movements of hundreds of thousands of personnel and millions of tonnes of steel by sea and air onto the land, paved the way for extraordinary success.

In 2024 we will gather to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The numbers of those who remain grow fewer every year but their deeds remain as inspiring as ever. They sailed offshore, flew overhead and stormed the beaches, facing down incredible odds with unwavering resolve. Their footsteps are forever etched in history's sands and their bravery reflects the highest of human courage and determination.

The Royal Navy is delighted to participate in the lighting of beacons on 6 June 2024 to pay tribute to all those who took part in D-Day, whether as part of the landings or supporting from the United Kingdom. The values that those involved were fighting for are ones that we continue to uphold – peace, freedom and democracy. Through this endeavour, we can connect communities across the country in memory of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Admiral Sir Ben Key KCB CBE ADC
First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff



The British Army

General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen - Chief of the General Staff



On the 6th June 2024, the D-Day 80 events will mark 80 years since one of the most significant military operations in history, we remember with everlasting gratitude those who gave their lives for the freedom of Europe. The British Army is delighted to participate in the lighting of the beacons to pay tribute to them.

The ultimate success of D-Day and the subsequent campaign is testament to the strength of international alliances. It reminds us of friends and partners who stood together against tyranny and oppression to force invaders from sovereign land; of soldiers from many different nations who boarded the landing craft to a fate unknown. Who in soaked khaki and the fearsome noise of battle pushed forward while friends fell alongside them. They gave their best and bravest; we will always remember them.

The D-Day landings were an astonishing achievement. A triumph of soldiers, sailors and airmen working in concert to achieve a victory which was fiercely fought, terribly bloody, and truly remarkable. Over 154,000 troops from eight allied nations boarded 6,000 vessels to cross the English Channel. 24,000 Allied paratroopers and glider infantry drifted down from above, skirting 88mm guns. Field Marshal Montgomery's message to the troops rung true – it was a great and righteous cause and will continue to live in history, as the last 80 years have proved.

Learning the lessons from the past is never more pertinent than now as we face war in Europe once again. The post-war international order which has maintained peace and prosperity in Europe since the second world war is under threat. As we did then, we must ensure our alliances and partnerships are ever closer and stronger.

I am enormously grateful to the Army Benevolent Fund for everything they have done and continue to do in support of our service people and veterans. The Army established the ABF in 1944 as a direct result of the plight of those discharged at the end of World War I, and a determination to do better by those returning from World War II.

80 years later, the Army's national charity continues to provide a lifetime of support to serving soldiers, former soldiers, and their immediate families when they are in need, such that they are afforded the opportunity to avoid hardship and enjoy independence and dignity.

General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO ADC Gen
Chief of the General Staff



The Royal Air Force

Air Chief Marshal Sir Rich Knighton KCB ADC FREng - Chief of the Air Staff



On the 6 June 1944, Allied Forces launched the invasion of German-occupied western Europe, one of the greatest operations of all time – the D-Day Normandy landings. Allied fighter pilots patrolled the perimeters establishing an aerial ‘umbrella’ and bombers cratered local enemy airfields, in addition to the continued bombardment of rail and road centres. While maintaining air superiority, fighter pilots were able to exploit their situation, flying armed reconnaissance in the battle area, firing rockets, dropping bombs, and unleashing their machine guns, contributing massively to the liberation of western Europe. What is often forgotten is that over 3,500 RAF personnel played key roles in the war efforts in western Europe as the significant deeds in the air and RAF personnel supported operations from the ground, including the construction of airfields, servicing aircraft and providing a forward air control function.



Since then, the Royal Air Force has continued to be ever vigilant, identifying and responding to threats that could affect us and our families, but they are also ready to prevent conflict and ready to deliver urgent assistance that is needed here in the UK or around the world. In 2022 alone, more than 7,250 people were deployed in 75 countries and directly supported 41 operations across five continents and the Falkland Islands.

Along with the other Services, on 6 June 2024, the Royal Air Force will be participating in the lighting of the beacons to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Not only will we be remembering the brave men and women who played their part in the Second World War, we will also take a moment of reflection to acknowledge the current and future support and commitment from the RAF community, including serving personnel and their families, veterans, Air Training Corps, and reservists.

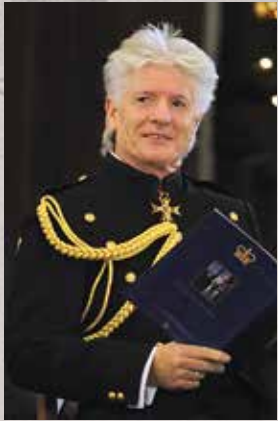
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D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY 6 JUNE 2024 - THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

Introduction

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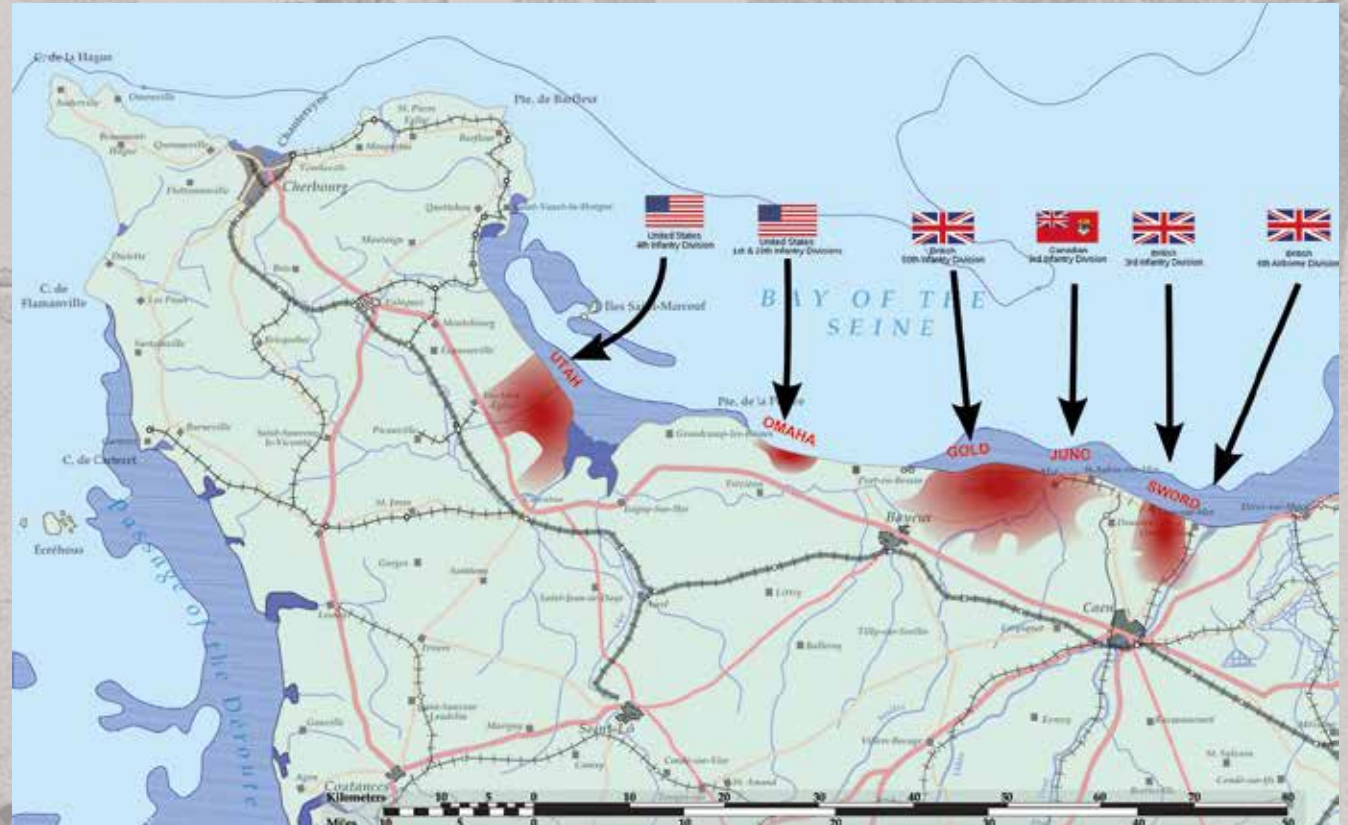


The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. I hope your community will join us.

We are asking villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at **9.15pm** on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war, followed by an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory. Your event could be devoted to raising valuable funds for The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and The Merchant Navy Association. You will find details of how to participate on **pages 53 and 54** of this guide.

It is our country's opportunity to remember over 209,000 Allied casualties of Operation Overlord. This includes nearly 37,000 ground forces and 16,714 air forces killed in the invasion of Normandy's Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches, and the long and bloody campaign that followed. We plan to light beacons on all five beaches to remember those who died or came home wounded.



Plan for landings in Normandy June 1944. Background photo: British troops landing on Sword Beach. © Robert Hunt Library/Mary Evans Picture Library.

The statistics behind the successful operation, which eventually convinced the Nazi high command that their defeat was inevitable, are both shocking and awe inspiring. German defence forces were drawn away from Normandy by distraction tactics as resources were secretly built up on the English coast.

Nine million tonnes of supplies and equipment were shipped across the Atlantic and 1.4 million American servicemen arrived to

join a substantial contingent of Canadian forces. By 1944 over two million troops from 12 countries were in Britain preparing for the invasion. On D-Day, American, British and Canadian troops were augmented by personnel from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Rhodesia and Poland. Soon after midnight on 6th June, more than 180,000 Allied paratroopers were dropped into the invasion area, and Allied air crews flew 14,674 sorties to support the landings.



Operation Neptune, the naval phase of the campaign, saw nearly 7,000 vessels, including battleships, destroyers, minesweepers and assault craft, escorting and landing the ground troops on the beaches and bombarding German coastal defences.



Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis VC.
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There were approximately 156,000 Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day, of whom around 130,000 landed on the beaches, so you might be surprised to learn that despite the extraordinary courage displayed by so many on 6th June 1944, just one Victoria Cross was awarded. It went to **Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis** of the 6th Battalion, The Green Howards, who landed on Gold Beach. During an intense day of fighting, Stan Hollis took two enemy pillboxes and a field gun and crew, capturing 30 Germans single-handedly. The citation for the Yorkshireman's VC, presented by King George VI, says: "It was largely

through his heroism and resource that the Company's objectives were gained and casualties were not heavier, and by his own bravery he saved the lives of many of his men."

Already battle-hardened at the age of 31, Stan should have been one of the most famous soldiers of WW2 but was a naturally modest man and after the war worked in a number of trades before becoming a publican.

His earliest job, however, was working in his father's fish and chip shop in Robin Hood's Bay. Fittingly, fish and chips will play a major part in the



D-Day 80 commemorations. They were never rationed during the war and the words were even used as code by British paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines to identify friendly soldiers nearby – one calling out 'fish' and hopefully getting the reply 'chips'.

Thanks to the generous support and involvement of National Fish and Chip Day and the National Federation of Fish Friers, many thousands of fish and chip shops around the United Kingdom will take part in the day's activities. Schools, pubs, hotels and restaurants etc, are also encouraged to get involved by serving up this great British tradition in tribute to those who gave so much, and to raise valuable funds for the four charities involved.



Cap badge of the Yorkshire Regiment.

The international 80th Anniversary Beacon will be lit at **9.15pm** on His Majesty's Naval Base, Portsmouth, Hampshire, and will represent those that sacrificed so much during the landing on the five Beaches in Normandy, as well as the many thousands that supported them in the air, on land and at sea. However, there will be many organisations in our local communities such as pubs, hotels, restaurants, hospitals, fish and chip shops and other locations throughout the United Kingdom,



Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, that would like to take part but are unable to have a Beacon, the flame from which represents the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war. We therefore encourage them to light the Lamp Light of Peace at that time, ensuring they feel part of this important anniversary. See **page 40** for details.

As the Beacons and Lamps are lit, we would ask all those taking part to stop what they are doing and undertake **The International Tribute**, using the wording found on **page 41**. This could be undertaken by your Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, Town and Parish Clerk, Town Crier, Pub Landlord or even a young person from one of your local youth organisations etc, paying their tribute to those who gave so much to enable us to enjoy the many years of peace and freedom we have enjoyed since the Second World War. Pubs up and down the country will be marking this moment too, involving their customers.

D-Day was a monumental campaign to rid Europe of Nazi horror, and the 80th anniversary of this remarkable operation deserves the recognition and gratitude of our country. Please join us on 6th June 2024 to commemorate the sacrifices made by so many in our name.



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Women who played key roles during D-Day

Women played key roles in D-Day, the Allied assault on Nazi-held France that is the largest amphibious invasion in history.

People tend to think women were just secretarial couriers and messengers. No, there were female special forces agents on the ground and working to keep the Allies from being blown back into the water.



Sister Mollie Evershed.

Among those who lost their lives during D-Day and the Battle of Normandy are two women, both nurses, 27-year-old **Sister Mollie Evershed** and **Sister Dorothy Anyta Field**, 32.

Sister Evershed was on a Hospital Carrier ship, the Amsterdam, treating casualties from Juno Beach when the ship hit a mine.

As it sank, she and another nurse went below decks and carried 75 men to safety, helping them into a waiting lifeboat. But she and her fellow nurse went down with the ship.

She was posthumously mentioned in dispatches and awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct.



Sister Dorothy Anyta Field.

In addition to the men who took part in that invasion, many women – including Women Airforce Service Pilots – also risked their lives on June 6, 1944. Women also played pivotal roles in war efforts throughout history, assuming the roles of nurses, spies, code breakers, journalists and so much more.



Lise de Baissac.

37-year-old **Lise de Baissac**, the daughter of a wealthy family in British-ruled Mauritius, was in France when Hitler's troops moved into Paris in 1940. She fled to the south and then to London. When the SOE started recruiting multilingual women as agents, she joined the fight.

After parachuting into Central France, de Baissac set up an Allied safe house for agents in the town of Poitiers in western France, selecting an apartment near Gestapo headquarters - a hiding-in-plain-sight strategy she felt would arouse less suspicion.

She bicycled around occupied territory as a liaison among different underground networks, often riding 60-70 kilometres a day and carrying contraband. On one occasion, a Nazi stopped her and her clandestine radio operator, patting them down. The officer searched them for guns, which they didn't have, so he let them go. She'd later report that a radio crystal fell out of her skirt as she was leaving but that she leaned over, grabbed the crystal off the ground, and pedalled on.

In August of 1943, when her network in Poitiers was blown, the SOE airlifted her back to England by Lysander aircraft. She trained new female SOE recruits in Scotland. In April of 1944, after recovering from a broken leg, she jumped back into occupied France. She made her way to Normandy, joining her brother, fellow SOE agent Claude de Baissac, in leading a network of Resistance fighters in Normandy. They carried out attacks to weaken Nazi communication and transportation circuits, strategically cutting phone lines and blowing up roads, railways, and bridges to hinder the movement of German reinforcements Hitler was ordering to the beaches.

On June 5, 1944, de Baissac was in Paris recruiting when she learned D-Day was imminent. She biked for three days, speeding through Nazi formations, sleeping in ditches, and reaching her brother and their Resistance circuit headquarters in Normandy.

As the bloody Normandy campaign raged and the Allies struggled to penetrate the Axis front, the de Baissacs continued leading espionage and sabotage operations. They gathered intelligence on enemy positions and transmitted messages back to England, helping lay the groundwork for Operation Cobra, the Allied breakout in which U.S. Army forces came out of the peninsula and pierced Hitler's front line seven weeks after D-Day.

After the war, she worked for the BBC.



Martha Gellhorn.

Martha Gellhorn was not ready to bow out.

On the night of June 5, 1944, before the ships departed for Normandy, Gellhorn made her way to the waterfront on the pretext of interviewing the nurses aboard a hospital ship. Once on board, she hid herself in the bathroom. Gellhorn knew that if she got caught, she would lose her accreditation

and might even get deported back to America. Still, to witness the great invasion was worth the risk. Gellhorn remained in her hideout for several hours and only emerged when the ship was well on her way to France. Later that night, after the troops had landed and the massacre on the beach was finally over, Gellhorn sneaked ashore with a couple of doctors and medics as a stretcher bearer to collect the wounded. In the chaos of the war, nobody gave a damn that Gellhorn was a woman.



The D-Day 80 Proclamation

8am - 6th June 2024

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Today we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France - an incredible achievement in military planning and logistics uniting brave service personnel from air, sea and land forces at the beginning of Operation Overlord.

By the day's end, over one hundred and fifty thousand Allied troops had successfully stormed the now famous Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah and Omaha beaches to achieve a foothold in France.

In the weeks that followed, the Allies fought bitterly against a determined foe from the unforgiving countryside of Normandy to the liberation of Paris two months later.

We should all remember and never forget the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved and use this Commemoration to pay our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.

God Save the King

Christian Ashdown
Ex Household Cavalry



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Poem for Schools D-Day Heroes

To be undertaken by Schools at 11am - 6th June 2024

It is D-Day, the Sixth of June Nineteen-Forty-Four.
Operation Overlord commenced, leaving the world in awe.
The planning started in Nineteen-Forty-three.
Bringing Allies together, to make our World free.
Deception was used, codenamed Operation Bodyguard.
Making rubber tanks and wooden planes as a façade.
An American unit was formed for General Omar Bradley.
Then a web of lies was spread, by his Ghost Army.
Much more was done, to keep the Germans in the dark.
Before the Allies on foreign shores, could disembark.
Everything was Most Secret and kept Hush Hush.
As Allies gathered resources, for their big push.
The Allied Supreme Commander was General Dwight Eisenhower.
With General (Monty) Montgomery as Temporary Ground Commander.
Eleven Thousand Aircraft and Gliders with Paratroopers and Soldiers.
Were dropped behind enemy lines to secure the area.
More than Five-thousand ships, the biggest Armada ever seen.
Sailed from British shores and our fields of green.
Monty's battle plan was written, on one sheet of paper.
Set for June the Fifth, the Day of their departure.
But bad weather, caused a Twenty-four-hour delay.
Then conditions changed, and they got underway.
British, American, Canadian and many other countries, were together thrown.
Going to fight a War, something many had never known.
Over One Hundred and Fifty-Thousand men of every creed.
Will perform acts of courage, that must succeed.
There were Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and the Merchant Navy.
Many Civilians who volunteered to fight against Nazi tyranny.
Over the English Channel and to Normandy, France will go.
To land on beaches called Sword, Gold, Utah, Omaha and Juno.
Were they afraid? Yes! they most certainly were.
But the world must be saved, that was their spur.
The German defences were called, the Atlantic Wall.
Hitler told Field-Marshal Rommel, he must, the Allies stall.
The Allies landed Twenty-Four-Thousand troops on D-Day.
Commencing at Six-Thirty, then things went into disarray.
Wind and rough seas helped landing craft, miss their mark.

Putting the plan in jeopardy from the start.
Fierce resistance was put up, by Germans guarding the beaches.
The time had come to fight, no further need for speeches.
Beaches were Mined, Barbed wire laid, metal tripods and many hazards.
Were set to kill, maim and make things awkward.
Over Ten-Thousand casualties, the Allies had that first day.
With over Four-Thousand dead, a heavy price to pay.
D-Day made Heroes, in that hell unknown.
Helping turn the Tide of War, as the Enemy were overthrown.

Roy Palmer - Chelsea Pensioner and Herald
Royal Hospital Chelsea.



Poem for Schools D-Day Heroes

Bramble Hall

Children's Pre-School and Nursery

School first established in 1864



During the Blitz there were 7,736 children killed by enemy actions. A further 7,672 were recorded as being seriously injured, with many of them being orphaned and others losing brothers and sisters.

Over 1.5 million evacuees, or 'unattended children' as they were called at the time, were transported from towns and cities to the countryside.

D-Day or Operation Neptune was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare and could not have been achieved unless victory had been achieved in the Battle of the Atlantic in May 1943.

The children listened to the poem written by Roy Palmer Herald and Chelsea Pensioner, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and would like to encourage every school of all ages in the country to take part in this unique 'tribute' to the many thousands of children killed by enemy action and over 1.5 million evacuees, or 'unattended children', at 11am on 6th June 2024.

They all made their own union flags, and the poem could be read out by the form teacher, or a pupil.

The children will also be served fish and chips with mushy peas for lunch that day, as they want to support the fishermen who fished the seas avoiding the mines and the German submarines, along with the men and women who farmed the fields to keep the nation fed, not knowing if their loved ones would return.

The poem can be found on page 18 of this guide.



John Sail MNM MNI MloS

Managing Director
Bramble Hall Day Nursery,
Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, England.



D-Day 80's Tribute to Scottish Piper William (Bill) Millin



Step into the extraordinary tale of heroism that unfolded amidst the thunderous chaos of D-Day. Among the valiant British troops who descended upon Sword Beach, there emerged a figure whose unwavering spirit embodied the very essence of awe-inspiring courage. Bill Millin, a mere 21 years of age, stood alone amidst the tempest, adorned in the ancient garb of a Scottish piper, chosen by none other than Lord Lovat himself to wield the power of music in the face of devastation.

It was an audacious act, for the war's stringent regulations forbade pipers from venturing onto the front lines. Yet, as the echoes of combat reverberated through the air, Millin fearlessly defied convention. When he reminded Lord Lovat of this transgression, the gallant lord, in his resolute Scottish manner, responded, "Ah, but that's the English War Office. You and I are both Scottish, and that doesn't apply."

At the break of dawn, around 07:25, the great invasion began. Among the early waves, Lord Lovat's craft crashed upon the shore, accompanied by the haunting melody of Millin's bagpipes. With unyielding determination, our piper led the brigade ashore in Queen Red Sector, his music echoing across the hallowed grounds. Through a hailstorm of bullets and the heart-wrenching descent of fallen comrades, he strode, his tunes weaving a tapestry of courage and defiance. "Road to the Isles" and "Highland Laddie" danced on the wind, inspiring those who fought alongside him to press forward with unwavering resolve.

Now, we invite you to witness a recreation of that historic scene as our 21 year old piper Alex Smith retraces the footsteps of 21 year old piper Millin, embarking on a journey that spans 10 kilometres from Sword Beach to Pegasus Bridge, passing through the poignant landscapes of Colleville-



Piper Alex Smith, 103 Regt RA Pipes & Drums Association.



Sword Beach, Normandy

Personal Piper to Simon Fraser, 15th Lord Lovat
Commander
British 1st Special Service Brigade
D-Day 6th June 1944



Main photo:
Bill Millin plays his
pipes for fellow
soldiers in 1944.

Montgomery and Saint Aubin d'Arquenay - the initial objective of the valiant 4 Commandos.

Once the bridge has been crossed, "Blue Bonnets" shall fill the air, a testament to the indomitable spirit that resided within the heart of a lone piper.

Moreover, as night descends, the resonant sound of bagpipes shall grace the capital cities of the United Kingdom - London, Edinburgh, Belfast, and Cardiff - at 9:10 pm, just before the beacons ignite, symbolising the unity and indelible bond forged on that fateful day. Across the nations involved in the D-Day landings, the capital cities shall resound with the soul-stirring melodies of bagpipes at 9.10 pm.

We will also have a presence in the capital cities of the allied nations that took part in this operation. From Washington DC to the distant shores of New Zealand's Auckland, from Ottawa to Paris, and from Canberra to Brussels, Athens and Amsterdam, Oslo, Warsaw and Prague, at 9.10 pm local time the timeless power of the pipes shall intertwine with the eternal memory of the brave souls who fought for freedom.



Landing on Sword Beach; Bill Millin is in the foreground at the right; Lord Lovat is wading through the water to the right of the column.



Tribute to Scottish Piper William (Bill) Millin continued



Robert Procter,
103 Regiment Royal
Artillery Pipes and Drums.



NORMANDY, FRANCE

Robert Procter, 103 Regiment Royal Artillery
Pipes and Drums
Location: the British Normandy Memorial

Alex Smith, 103 Regiment Royal Artillery
Pipes and Drums
Location: Sword Beach & Pegasus Bridge

UNITED KINGDOM



England

Mike Shanahan, Royal Hospital Chelsea
Location: Tower of London



Scotland

Isla Jane-Stout
Location: Edinburgh Castle



Northern Ireland

Campbell College Pipes & Drums
Location: Belfast



Wales

Chris Lindsay
Location: Welsh National War Memorial,
Cardiff

REST OF THE WORLD



Australia

Stephen Ladd, Canberra City Pipes & Drums
Location: Australian War Memorial, Canberra



Belgium

David Wilkes
Location: Anglo-Belgium War Memorial,
Brussels



Canada

RCMP Pipes, Drums and Dancers: National
Capital Region
Location: The National War Memorial,
Ottawa



Czech Republic

1st Czech Pipes & Drums
Location: Prague Castle, Prague



Denmark

The Heather Pipes & Drums Copenhagen
Location: Danish National Memorial of
Remembrance, Kastellet, Copenhagen



France

Paris and District Pipe Band
Location: The Memorial de la France
combattante, Paris



Netherlands

The Arthur Troop Pipes and Drums
Location: Nationaal Monument op de Dam,
Amsterdam



New Zealand

Sally Craik
Location: Pukeahu National War Memorial
Park, Wellington



Norway

Nikolai, Oslo Caledonian Pipe Band
Location: Akershus Fortress, Oslo



Poland

Czestochowa Pipes and Drums
Location: plac Krasinski, Warsaw



United States of America

Graeme Dodworth, MacMillan Dunn Pipes
and Drums
Location: World War II Memorial,
Independence Ave, Washington D.C.



A Fisherman's Tale

by The National Federation of Fisherman's Organisations

11 months of hard fighting and sacrifice still lay ahead before the fall of Berlin in May 1945, but D-Day, on 6th June 1944, marked the beginning of the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny. Fishermen played multiple roles in holding off the aggressors and in the final defeat of fascism in Europe. Skilled seamen in their own right, many fishers fought directly in the Royal Navy and other services in multiple theatres of war. Famously, trawlers and their crews were requisitioned and adapted to minesweeping and coastal patrol functions, defending our coasts until the fight could be taken to the enemy. Many fishing vessels from the continent escaped as the Nazis advanced, to continue fishing from ports like Fleetwood in the Irish Sea, helping to break the U-boat blockade

and its attempt to starve Britain into submission. The Shetland Bus, run on fishing vessels, was an essential escape route, then a key element in the Resistance in Norway.

Famously, fishing vessels were prominent amongst the flotilla of small boats which helped embark the embattled army from the beaches of Dunkirk, allowing Britain's survival as a fighting force and ability to return on D-Day to begin the liberation.

We, in the fishing industry, would like to add our voice to those who mark this pivotal day in world history and salute all who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms and urge all those taking part in the 80th anniversary commemorations on 6th June 2024, to serve up and eat Fish and Chips with Mushy Peas on board ship that evening, along with lighting a ship's lantern at 9.15pm. This will coincide with the lighting of the beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and on the five beaches in Normandy, France, in celebration of the 'light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war'. We will use this historic occasion to pay tribute to the brave fisherman that fished the dangerous seas during the difficult time of war, having to leave loved ones at home, to keep the nation fed. (We also ask those taking part to sound their ship's horn at 9.15pm).

Paul Gilson
President of the
National Federation of
Fishermen's Organisations



British trawlers minesweeping
in the North Sea. © John Jones.



Lydia Eva steams ahead in tribute to the fishing industry



The Lydia Eva & Mincarlo Charitable Trust is extremely delighted, honoured and proud to be involved in the D-Day 80 Commemorations on 6 June 2024, by inviting guests on board that evening for a Fish & Chip supper, along with lighting a Lamp Light of Peace at 9.15pm to coincide with the thousands of Beacons being lit at that time throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Oversea Territories on the five following Beaches in Normandy, France - Sword, Utah, Omaha, Gold and Juno, representing the 'light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war'. (The ship's horn will also be sounded at 9.15pm).

Please see page 40 to order your Lamp.

The Lydia Eva, the world's last surviving steam-powered herring drifter, was built in 1930, fished along the East Coast of the North Sea for nine years and was bought by The Royal Air Force in 1939, using her to maintain and service buoys around the West coast.

In 1942 she was requisitioned by the Ministry of War Transport and became engaged in salvage work. In 1966 she was transferred to the Marine Services Division of The Royal Navy where she was fitted with a new boiler.

It is only fitting therefore, that she should play this unique maritime role in D-Day 80, enabling her crew and those guests on board to pay their 'tribute' to those brave

seaman who fished the dangerous seas and assisted in the D-Day landings, constantly having to dodge the mines and the German Submarines eighty years ago on 6th June 2024.

With the above in mind, we would like to encourage the whole of the UK fishing fleet and maritime world to join us in this special, simple, but meaningful way in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June 2024.

Paul Mitchell
Chairman,
The Lydia & Mincarlo
Charitable Trust





NATIONAL FISH & CHIP DAY

The biggest food awareness day of the year, National Fish and Chip Day, will be back in 2024 for its 9th year and we are delighted to be moving the day from its traditional Friday slot to Thursday 6th June 2024, in support of the D-Day 80th celebrations.

National Fish and Chip Day has always brought the nation together to celebrate this iconic dish, and because of the strong links fish and chips had with WW2, we knew we wanted to be a part of this commemoration. Fish and chips are often considered the British national dish and this humble meal was a vital ingredient of the war effort in both the First and Second World Wars. The British Government safeguarded the supply of fish and potatoes during both world wars to ensure the dish remained a boost to morale and these foods were among the few not to be subject to rationing during both world wars.

One of the highlights of National Fish and Chip Day has always been the London roadshow, held at Trinity House, a charity dedicated to safeguarding shipping and seafarers, providing education, support and welfare to the seafaring community. During WW2, Trinity House worked extensively with the Admiralty to decide which lights on the many lighthouses and lightvessels should be merely dimmed, and not extinguished, to aid navigation for Britain's merchant and fighting ships. Trinity House Pilots worked through the nights to get ships into safe ports, and Trinity House Tenders worked

to help clear minefields, evacuate the occupied Channel Islands and take part in the events of D-Day. So, this spiritual home of the London Roadshow will be even more significant next year.

National Fish and Chip Day recognises and thanks everyone involved in bringing fish and chips to the centre of every community; from the fishers who go out in all weathers to catch the delicious fish, and the farmers who grow and harvest the perfect potatoes and peas, to the fish and chip shops and restaurants who take those fresh ingredients and create our family favourite.

What better way to do this in 2024 than by helping to sell 150,000 portions of fish and chips on Thursday 6th June to mark the number of Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day. To join this celebration on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day marks our appreciation for the incredible sacrifice made by so many to secure the freedom that we all continue to enjoy today.

National Fish and Chip Day is championed and run by trade organisation, **The National Edible Oil Distributors' Association**, who founded the Day in 2015 and since its inception, more than half the population have seen, heard or read about National Fish & Chip Day.

Visit www.nationalfishandchipday.org.uk to find out more.



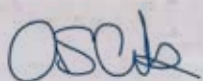
National Federation of Fish Friers

For over 160 years fish and chips have been a firm favourite of the British public providing nourishment for the nation. This was never more important than during the war years where the ingredients were left unrationed to help feed those involved in the war effort and keep the country and our factories working.

The National Federation of Fish Friers is proud to be involved in the commemorations to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024, and we would encourage all fish and chip outlets to get involved to show our appreciation for what those brave souls did to protect our freedom and our thanks for the continued protection provided by our armed forces.

There were approximately 156,000 Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day, so we are hoping to sell 156,000 portions of fish and chips (and mushy peas) across the country that day representing a portion for each one involved in the landings. For each portion sold, we ask that £1.00 be equally divided between the four charities involved - The Royal Navy and Merchant Navy Associations, Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

This will just form part of what promises to be an amazing event and a fantastic opportunity to show the important role our industry has played and why we hold a special place in the heart of the nation.



Andrew Crook

President of the National Federation of Fish Friers



There can be no greater coincidence that during WW2 Winston Churchill coined the term 'Good Companions' for the traditional British dish of fish and chips and the connection with the only recipient of the Victoria Cross on D-Day, CSM Stanley Hollis VC, who had started his working life in his father's fish and chip shop in Robin Hood's Bay.



Let us all Dig Deep for Victory

It was with great delight that Chippy Chat have been asked to be part of the D-DAY 80 Anniversary on June 6, 2024. We will join forces with our friends and colleagues at the National Federation of Fish Friers and NEODA to encourage as many people as possible to eat fish and chips on the day and for our shops to donate a percentage per portion to raise as much money as possible for the four charities.

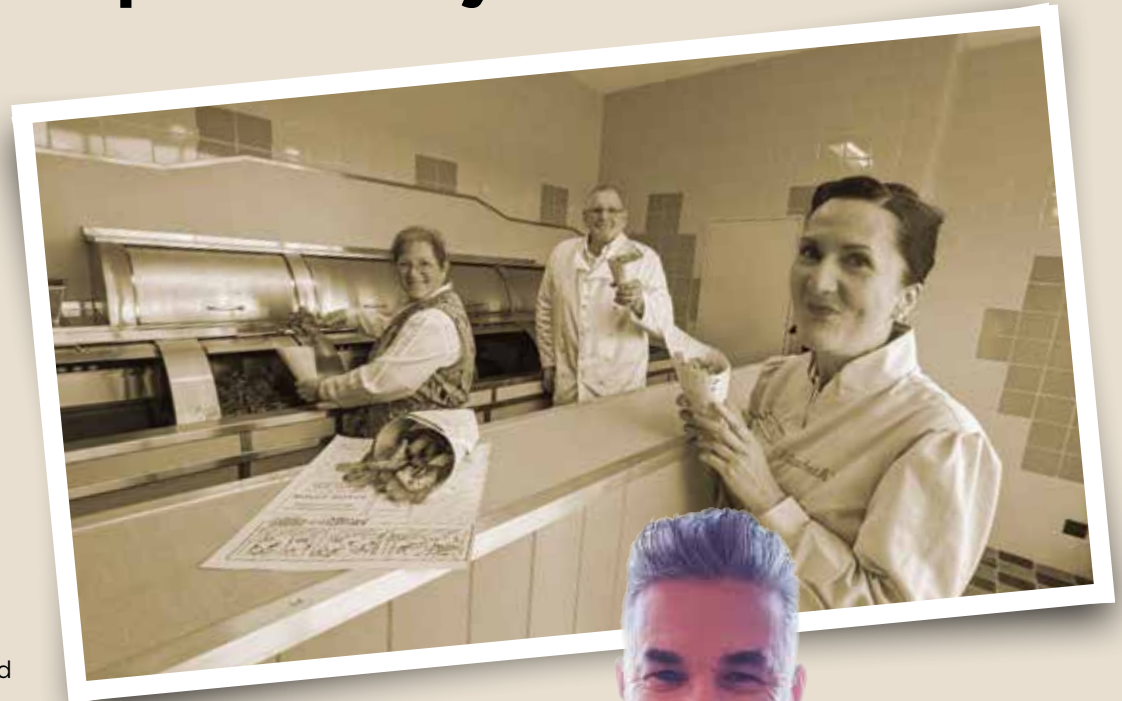
My name is Austen Dack and I am the Publishing Editor of Chippy Chat. Our fish and chip platform is read by over 50,000 people a month both online, in print and across numerous social network sites. I'm proud to work with Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster back in 2000 when he championed the mighty fine beacon campaign. He has lost little of his enthusiasm in the ensuing 20 years and very few would turn down a phone call of help once again from such a legend.

The owners of Chippy Chat are Isle of Ely Produce. They grow and sell over 2000 tonnes of chipping potatoes every year for fish and chip shops and food service. That's 80m portions of chips. Chippy Chat is used by IOE to nurture and grow partnerships across the industry. We are very passionate about the journey of a potato, all the way from seed to the frier. So much so we have sponsored an award at the NFFF National Fish & Chip Awards for the chip shop who has the best all round knowledge of potato varieties, storage, prepping and of course frying. We are joined in this sponsorship by chip variety Babylon from Agrico.

We deal with over 300 merchants and farmers. We will be asking them all to help us raise awareness of this important day and in turn encourage the UK's 10,000 fish and chip shops to take part. As we speak the 2024 crop is now being planted. A big percentage of the chipping potatoes needed to feed the UK are grown in the East of England. We are based in Ely, Cambridgeshire where some of the best varieties are grown in the region's dark peaty soils.

AJ Dack

Austen Dack Publishing Editor Chippy Chat



Country Women Countrywide 'dig up' the Nation's favourite



What a privilege it was when Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster of D-Day 80 invited Country Women Countrywide to design a menu to accompany the national lighting of beacons event for D-Day 80. It was an added honour that we were also asked to relate our suggestion to the memory of the only serviceman to receive the esteemed Victoria Cross for his heroic actions on 6 June 1944 – D-Day. Our brief required us to create a simple readily accessible menu to include quintessentially British food.

It was clear that some research into the background of this brave, yet modest, soldier would be necessary and we could never have guessed where the information gained would lead us. It would indeed take us to a simple, yet hugely significant, solution.

'Our soldier' Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Stanley Hollis VC had served in The Green Howards throughout WW2. Looking at his background prior to joining the army it was revealed that Stanley had assisted his father in the family's fish and chip shop in Robin Hood's Bay, in Yorkshire. Would this be our first clue? Where to next?

We all took on board this connection and following contact with the President of the Federation of Fish Friers discovered another interesting fact. 'FISH' and 'CHIPS' had played a significant role in ensuring the safety of our troops whilst on foreign soil. When a soldier was aware of others in the vicinity but unaware of whether they were friend or foe he called out 'FISH'. If the response was 'CHIPS' he could be pretty certain that this unseen person was a 'friend'. If no response was received then it would be highly likely that there was a 'foe' nearby and extreme caution was essential.

So, should we be taking the connection with fish and chips more seriously? There was clearly resonance with our soldier, Stanley.

The next fact to emerge was that during both the World Wars fish and chips was considered so key to maintaining the morale of the nation that, unlike meat, cheese, eggs and other sources of protein, fish was never rationed. During WW2, the Government of the day, led of course by Winston Churchill, was committed to safeguarding the accessibility of fish and chips because the nation needed it to maintain spirits. It was Winston Churchill himself that coined the phrase 'The Good Companions' to refer to fish and chips, further highlighting its importance to the nation's morale.

However, whilst the main ingredient – the fish – was not rationed, it was expensive which rendered it out of reach financially for many and it would not have been economically possible to live on fish and chips. Whilst we can accept that the waters around our island would not be the safest place to be during WW2 it was also the case that many fishing boats particularly trawlers were requisitioned, along with their crew, for war service not least during the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940. This left a smaller fishing fleet often run by the wives of the now serving fishermen; those wives would have in the past been engaged in making and repairing nets and gutting the fish once landed. Now they were fishermen as well. This reduced



Sir Winston Churchill was sure that fish and chips helped keep national morale high and called them our 'good companions'.

fishing activity and the inevitably limited safe waters in which to fish reduced the catch and had the knock on effect of increasing the price. Even if a family could afford fish and chips it was likely that a single portion would be shared between parents and a number of children. It was even more likely that a portion or two of much cheaper mushy peas would be purchased to stretch the meal further.

And so, our journey has led us to identify, not a menu, but a single dish to link 'our soldier' to the beacon lightings across the land - and clearly that dish must be 'fish and chips' – potentially with the added and equally traditional mushy peas which helped to bulk up a meal for a very hungry population during the times of rationing.

Given that the beginnings of our organisation date back to 1948, under the name of Farm Women's Club, it is fitting that Country Women Countrywide was invited to become involved in this historic event. Some of our older members will have first-hand memories of growing up in the war years, possibly 'digging up spuds' or harvesting peas. For others it would have been their mothers, aunts and grandmothers who were working the land at a time when many of the menfolk were away at war – and possibly did not return.

And now there is a challenge for all of us. Fish and chips has been decided upon in honour of CSM Stanley Hollis VC and brave and decorated though he was, he was just one soldier. There were approximately 156,000 Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day, of whom around 130,000 landed on the beaches, so wouldn't it be a fitting tribute if we could honour their bravery by consuming a total of at least 156,000 portions of fish and chips (and mushy peas) on 6th June 2024.

Christine Bish
on behalf of Country Women Countrywide



Keeping the Forces fed and fit to fight

Re-created by Country Women Countrywide
With help from The Peterborough Farm Machinery Preservation Society

Main: Lifting potatoes 1940s style.

Right: With representatives of Notts and Derbys 1939 – 45 Living History Group.



The country was at war; the fit and able men were defending the homelands and they, and the nation, needed to be fed.

Farmers' wives, sisters, aunts and other countrywomen were old-hands at working on the land but more 'womanpower' was needed. The shortfall was filled by young women from the cities who left their urban lives and set off for an adventure in the country. They learned their skills from the existing and experienced female workforce. Many later adopted

a rural life, married and brought up their own families in a farming tradition. These young women were known as The Women's Land Army.

We are proud of the role our mothers, grandmothers and aunts undertook in wartime. Their valuable work kept the servicemen fed and fit to fight as well as sustaining the rest of the nation who kept the 'home fires burning'.

Therefore, we encourage every farm throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to register, build and light a Beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024. This would be a fitting 'tribute' to those farmers, their wives and families - and the entire female workforce - who worked so hard to keep the nation fed during the dreadful time of war, not knowing if loved ones would ever return home.



Walking With The Wounded

pay tribute to those involved in the D-Day Landing on 6th June 1944
from the summits of Ben Nevis in Scotland, Snowdon in Wales, Scafell Pike in England and Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland,
the four highest Peaks in the United Kingdom.



Supporting Those Who Served

Walking With The Wounded is proud and deeply honoured to be part of this 80th Anniversary of D-Day and we pay tribute to all of our Allied troops, from all services, whose bravery and sacrifice brought about the liberation of north-west Europe.

As part of global tributes to those who gave everything, teams from Walking With The Wounded will be lighting a beacon at 9.15 pm on 6th June 2024 on the four highest peaks in the United Kingdom - Mount Snowdon, WALES, Ben Nevis, SCOTLAND, Slieve Donard, ENGLAND and Scafell Pike, ENGLAND.

If you would like to support our teams taking these beacons to the top of the Four Peaks in the United Kingdom and therefore veterans from our Armed Forces please donate here:
<https://walkingwiththewounded.enthuse.com/donate2022#!/>



Tony Hulton
CEO

Walking With The Wounded



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D-Day 80 on Hadrian's Wall



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The communities along Hadrian's Wall will be lighting beacons on 6th June 2024 to commemorate this important 80th anniversary, acknowledging the men and women, families and communities who all contributed to Operation Overlord. We are pleased to support the military charities and the VC & GC Association and there is no better way to do that on Hadrian's Wall than with fish and chips (with mushy peas) and beer!

Jane Gibson

Jane, Lady Gibson OBE
Chair, Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site Partnership Board

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D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY 6 JUNE 2024 - THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY



Bonfire Societies Pay Tribute

to those involved in the D-Day Landings on 6th June 1944

East Hoathly & Halland Carnival Society, known for some of the largest Sussex Bonfire celebrations outside of Lewes, has, since re forming after its cessation during the First World War in 1919, uniquely focused on Remembrance, with the Society's motto 'Lest we Forget', is keen to play an active role in D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, by lighting a Beacon at 9.15pm that evening. The Society would like to encourage every other Bonfire Society within the UK to take part, using their involvement to pay tribute to those who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy the freedom we have today, especially as the light of the Beacons will represent the 'light of Peace' that emerged from the darkness of WWII.



Ant Becvar
Chairman



D-Day 80 Pubs

Beacons & Lamp Lights of Peace - Fish & Chips



The Feathers Public House in Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk are delighted to be involved in D-Day 80 and will be lighting a Lamp Light of Peace at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons that night **(please see page 40 to order your Lamp)**, as our 'tribute' to those that gave so much to ensure the freedom we all enjoy today, and encourage all other pubs throughout the UK to undertake similar.

Karen Campling
Manager Operator, The Feathers Public House



Our Pub is the most South Westerly in the British Isles and we are honoured to be celebrating the 80th D-Day anniversary with the lighting of a beacon at The Turks Head, Isles of Scilly. We will be serving our trademark Fish and Chips while our patrons enjoy the wonderful views of the islands from the garden. We are looking forward to welcoming anyone who wants to celebrate with us on the 6th June 2024 at The Turks Head.

Ange and Simon

Simon & Angela



Skippers Fish & Chip Shop Leads the Way

in encouraging every Fish & Chip shop throughout the UK, Channel Islands & the Isle of Man
to commemorate/celebrate D-Day 80 by lighting a Lamp Light of Peace

Our Fish and Chip Shop is really pleased to be able to support D-Day 80 by lighting a Lamp Light of Peace at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, coinciding with the Beacons being lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man on that night.



The Lamp is a very simple and cost effective way to remember the enormous bravery and sacrifice of those who took part in the D-Day landings on 6th June 1944, but also the important role that fish and chips and our fisherman and farmers played in the war effort. When I light the lamp at 9.15pm on the 6th June, I will be thinking of my Great Uncle and the many other fisherman who lost their lives and the many hundreds of others that put their lives on the line to ensure the nation had the fish it needed, having to constantly avoid the mines and the German submarines that patrolled our seas during the dreadful years of war.

I would therefore like to encourage every fish and chip shop throughout the UK to purchase and light a Lamp Light of Peace as part of D-Day 80.

To order and purchase your Lamp please go to
www.idealuksolutions.com/shop

Andrew Crook

*President of the National Federation of Fish Friers
Owner of Skippers of Euxton, Lancashire*



MPs - our Leading Light in their Communities



The Sixth of June 2024 is the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, an event which stands apart in our nation's history, when so many paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we know today. It is important that we remember and pay tribute to them, particularly at a time when there is so much worry, strife and division around the world.

We can do this by taking part with a Lamp Light of Peace, when beacons and lamps all around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories are lit at 9.15pm on 6th June, coming together as a nation to pause, reflect and thank. The lamps themselves are enduring, can be kept and used again on Remembrance Day and at other events, which are enshrined in our history.

To order and purchase your Lamp please go to
www.idealuksolutions.com/shop



Peter Aldous
MP for Waveney, Suffolk.





our Beacon of Light for those who Care within our Communities



We are honoured to be partnering with Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster of D-Day 80, the three Forces Charities and the Merchant Navy Association involved in D-Day 80 (6th June 2024), in leading such a significant national tribute, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Our 154 care homes up and down the country will be lighting their 'Lamp Light of Peace' at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons that night and as a mark of our residents' enormous respect on this important occasion. Care UK will be acting as the nation's 'Beacon of Light for those that care' in the community.

We collectively encourage every care home throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to join with us in this ceremonial lighting of these lamps. Please see the Lamp Light of Peace page on the D-Day 80 website www.d-day80beacons.co.uk

The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy on 6th June 1944 marks an important moment in history in which so many gave their lives to enable us to enjoy the freedom we have today. Many residents living in care homes across the country will have lived through this poignant period, making their own sacrifices; whether serving in the Armed Forces or as part of the Home Front. At Care UK, we are dedicated to showing our continued support and admiration for those who served, as well as those who still serve today.

Those who fought on the shores of the Normandy beaches represented a 'light of hope' during a grievous period of war, therefore we encourage all Health and Social Care communities throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to join with us in the ceremonial lighting of the 'Lamp Light of Peace' at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, in this significant tribute.

Andrew Knight

Chief Executive, Care UK



James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

our Beacon of Light for those who care in our Hospitals



We are proud to be involved in D-Day 80 with the Lamp Light of Peace as it provides the hospital, its staff and patients with a unique opportunity to be part of the commemorations on 6th June 2024.

As the James Paget is the country's most easterly hospital, it seems fitting that the Lamp Light of Peace should shine from our door, casting its light towards the sea.

Hospitals are places where new lives begin; where compassionate, life-saving care is delivered to patients; and where people may spend their final days - both during peace-time and war.

In other words, they are focal points for our communities.

As such, I hope that hospitals across the country will join the Paget in marking this important anniversary.

The anniversary gives people working in today's hospitals the opportunity to remember the doctors, nurses and support staff who cared for those service personnel injured during the war.

In so many cases, they would have provided compassionate care at a time when they themselves were affected by the conflict, worried at the fate of their own loved ones serving in the armed forces and not knowing if they would return home.

This is why it's right to remember these selfless and dedicated healthcare staff on this anniversary, as well as paying tribute to those millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice in helping secure the freedom we all share today.

**To order and purchase your Lamp please go to
www.idealuksolutions.com/shop**

*Jo Segasby
Chief Executive,
James Paget University Hospital*

Left to right: Chris Blyth, Armed Forces Advocate; Gwen Hurdall, Therapy Assistant Practitioner; Patsy Hindley, Fracture Liaison Nurse; Jo Segasby, Chief Executive; Sue Francis, Family Carer Lead, Louise Hamilton Centre; Dr Jim Flatt, Emergency Department Consultant.



**James Paget
University Hospitals**
NHS Foundation Trust



The National Independent Lifeboat Association

"Remembers"

with the D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace



The National Independent Lifeboat Association is proud to be taking part in the Lamp Light of Peace, an integral part of the D-Day 80 commemorations/celebrations on 6th June 2024.

Lifeboat crews from 2 stations in Kent took part in Operation Dynamo saving over 3400 lives with the rest of the fleet of little ships and other lifeboats around the south coast continued to provide assistance to ships in the Channel during the war.

During 1944 alone there were 455 Lifeboat launches 280 of these were to vessels or aircraft in distress due to enemy attack or other related war causes and 931 lives were saved by shore boats (excluding the D-Day landings).

The National Independent Lifeboat Association was set up as a way of giving the 40+ independent lifeboats across the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands a single voice at national level feeding in to the UK Search and Rescue Operators framework and with Government. We are looking to raise awareness of independent lifeboats with the national public perception that all lifeboats belong to the RNLI which is not the case.

Independent Lifeboats are set up for a number of reasons but mostly due to the local need for a lifeboat and all the crews are highly skilled and confident to deal with any situation that may arise and train continuously to keep these skills up to date.

We will be encouraging all our 36 member Lifeboats throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man to purchase and light their Lamp Light of Peace, which represents the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war, at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons that night, enabling the crews to use this unique

opportunity to pay 'tribute' to all the brave Lifeboat men that still had to man and undertake life saving duties along with other activities in support of the war effort all those years ago, as well as those at home who had to patiently wait for their return.

To order and purchase your Lamp please go to
www.idealuksolutions.com/shop

Wayne Monks

Wayne Monks

Secretary & Trustee, National Independent Lifeboat Association



Families everywhere can Remember their Loved Ones with the D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace

My mother Jean Marshall (then Jean Herring) was a Land Army girl based at Home Farm, Clopton, Suffolk. She was awarded the British Empire Medal for helping to rescue the crew from a burning bomber plane. Below is her account of the incident at the age of 92.

16th April 1942. I was on the bus, with airmen sitting opposite me, going back to Home Farm, where I worked during the war, and a bomber plane heavily loaded was taking off on the runway alongside the bus. We could tell the plane was not flying high enough to clear some trees on our right. It turned right over the road and crash-landed in a meadow. The driver stopped the bus. He and I dashed out and ran across the road into the meadow and to the left where there was smoke and fire. I struggled through a thorny hedge and there was the plane flopped on the grass with no landing gear. The door was open so I could see inside, the navigator was first right. My thought was to get the pilot out first as he was face down on his controls and they seemed to be red hot. I put both my arms around him and dragged him out backwards - what a weight he was! I heaved him onto the grass and struggled to take off his mask thinking he would suffocate but to no avail - I didn't know what to do - and then a voice said "It's alright love - we're here now." It was an airman in uniform and he picked up my shoulderbag for me.

I tried to work the next day but couldn't, my hands were too blistered.

Jean Herring received the British Empire Medal from King George VI for her gallantry.



Nick Marshall

Jean (1921-2020) in her Land Army uniform.



Our family is really pleased to support D-Day 80 and will be lighting a Light of Peace Lamp at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, coinciding with the Beacons being lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man on that night.

The Lamp is a poignant and meaningful way to remember the incredible bravery of Jean and Eric, the sacrifice of three other members of our family and all of those individuals who took part in the gargantuan effort of the D-Day landings on 6th June 1944 and throughout WW2 as a whole.

If you feel that you would like to remember the wartime members of your family in the same way and join in with the D-Day 80 commemorations please see page 40 of this Guide.



Nick and Susan Marshall.



Landing craft LC(T) 923 in action on D-Day.

My Uncle, Eric Myhill, went to Norwich to enlist, prepared to follow in his father's footsteps in the Army (Ypres, Somme). On that day, only Royal Navy positions were being issued and he was given the option to "feed us or shoot them" - he preferred cooking meals to being a gunner and shooting people, so a cook he became. Family members, including my cousin Mark Ratcliff, have a collective impression of Eric's experiences of the D-Day landings based on his rare conversations plus gathered facts. We believe Eric served on the landing craft LC(T) 923. His mission to carry Universal (Bren Gun) Carriers to the beaches began with his Commanding Officer next to him becoming caught in cables used on the front ramps, consequently losing his arm. When they ran to the beach they became stranded on underwater obstacles as the tide ebbed and they were stuck under enemy fire until the tide turned and able to refloat - "We were stuck high and dry on concrete being shot at."

LC(T) 923 had been allocated to 55th LCT Flotilla, "U" LCT Squadron for the D-Day assault, scheduled to land at H+3½ hours on 6 June. Records show that it was carrying 73 men from 2 Essex and 2 Gloucestershire Regiments, HQ and signal staff of 56 Brigade and 26 Regimental Combat Team (US Army).

The intended landing point was Gold Beach Sector Jig Green East, sited close to Asnelles.

The vehicles carried were:
3 x 5cwt 4x4
8 x Universal Carriers
6 x Universal Carriers armed with mortar
7 x Motorcycles
1 x M14 Half Track
1 x Handcart
1 x Scout Car
1 x Tractor



Susan Marshall

Able Seaman Eric Myhill (1923-2017).



Imperial Hotel's Lamp Light of Peace Tribute

to those that gave so much to help secure the peace we all enjoy today



IMPERIAL
HOTEL
GREAT YARMOUTH

The Imperial Hotel Great Yarmouth, will very proudly be displaying our Lamp Light of Peace as part of the D-Day 80 commemorations on the 80th anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024.

We believe that it is very important for us to play our part in paying 'tribute' to those that gave so much to enable us to share the freedom we have today.



The lamp is a poignant and very effective way for businesses to convey their respect and gratitude with the light from the flame representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war. We know that our team, customers and our Great Yarmouth community will appreciate this simple yet powerful gesture, with the lamp providing a focus to remind us all of the sheer scale of this remarkable operation and to recognise the efforts of all those involved in it.

As a coastal community this important anniversary will resonate with many of us and our families. Indeed, here at the Imperial Hotel it is especially important for us to acknowledge this occasion as we also honour and remember the 26 women of the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS), billeted at Whitfield House adjacent to the hotel, who were killed during a devastating bombing raid on the morning of 11 May 1943 - the biggest loss of female Army personnel in British history.

To host our own Lamp Light of Peace is an honour, and seems like such an easy, cost effective, and yet appropriate way for us to come together with our local community at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings. We really hope that many more hotel businesses like ours throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man are inspired to take part in this

opportunity to show their thanks and to pay their respects by lighting a Lamp Light of Peace.

To order and purchase your Lamp please go to
www.idealuksolutions.com/shop

G. Smith

Grant Smith

Hotel Director, Imperial Hotel Great Yarmouth



The D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace

Representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of War



There will be many locations such as hospitals, care homes, pubs and restaurants etc, that would like to take part in D-Day 80 on 6th June 2024, but do not have the land or facilities available to light a Beacon. With this in mind, we would like to encourage you to purchase a Lamp Light of Peace, enabling you to participate in this 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France, on 6th June 1944, providing you with the opportunity to pay 'tribute' to those that gave so much to enable us to share the freedom we have today.

The light from the flame will represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war, with the lamp providing a very simple and safe way of taking part in this important 80th anniversary occasion, and once used, can be lit again at 11am on every Remembrance Sunday thereafter, in tribute to the many millions that sacrificed their lives during WWII.

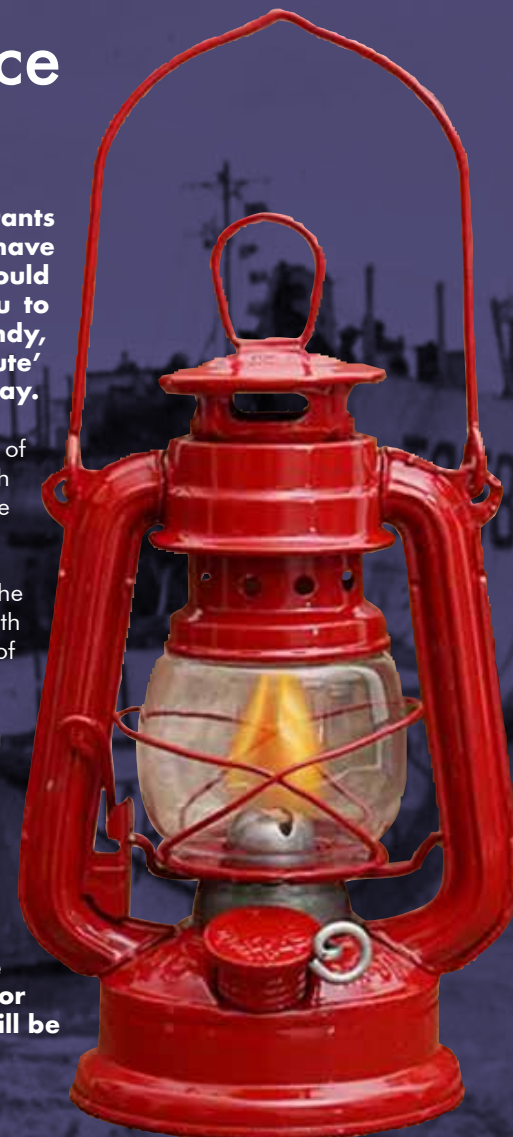
Those participating could consider running a raffle or a competition of some kind, with the winner having the honour of lighting the Lamp at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man that evening.

Those taking part with a Lamp Light of Peace, please go to page **53** of the Guide To Taking Part to confirm your involvement by providing the information requested, enabling us to register your participation and keep in contact with you over the forthcoming months. We will then send you your Certificate of Grateful Recognition as shown on page **63** of the Guide. **(IMPORTANT)** - once lit, the Lamp should **NOT** be left unattended at any time and should be extinguished at the end of the evening, and do **NOT** at any time attempt to re-fuel it while the Lamp is alight.

The cost of the lamp is £55.00 including posting and packaging within the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. The final date for ordering a lamp is 23rd May 2024. Purchase is for pre-order only, items will be delivered prior to the event.

To order and pre-pay for your Lamp Light of Peace, please go to: www.idealuk.com/shop and click on the photograph of the Lamp Light of Peace. If you have any questions please contact Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster at brunopeek@mac.com

Manufacturer recommends: Do not use petrol or spirit. Do not use scented or coloured oils. Use exclusively pure paraffin oil or lamp oil. Outdoor use only. 20 hours light with one tank.



The colour red has been chosen as it represents the ultimate sacrifice undertaken on the Beaches of Normandy and throughout WWII as a whole, so could be lit again at 11am on every Remembrance Sunday thereafter.

 The Grill Store



The International Tribute

To be undertaken at 9.15pm alongside the lighting the Beacons and the Lamp Lights of Peace - 6th June 2024










We would like to encourage all those lighting Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace to undertake the reading of **The International Tribute** when lighting them at **9.15pm** on 6th June 2024.

This could be undertaken by your Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, High Sheriff, Town or Parish Clerk, Chairman or Leader of the Council, a family member of all ages, or others you feel appropriate, providing them with this unique opportunity to pay 'tribute' to all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice on D-Day and throughout WWII as a whole, whilst fighting for the freedom we all enjoy today.



The Tribute

-  Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.
-  Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.
-  Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.
-  Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.
-  Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all nationalities - from all countries - who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.
-  Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies - the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.
-  Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories and the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.



Bonfire Beacon

Locate the bonfire at least 60m away from buildings, roads, railways and public rights of way, and a safe distance from dangerous materials and overhead power lines. Ensure it has good access for the transportation of materials for the bonfire and sufficient space for spectators to stand upwind.

Obtain the landowner's permission and involvement.

Liaise with your local fire brigade and all emergency services in your area, presenting them with your plans, and seek their advice and support.

1 Prepare site by removing top layer of turf and stack away from fire area. Obtain seven poles, 5-6m in length. Attach four guy ropes to top of one pole and anchor as shown.

2 Erect remaining poles as shown, ensuring tops are secured in place.

3 Use either pallets or suitable lengths of timber, spreading them over ground area of beacon for a good through draught. Secure timber horizontally between poles as shown, preventing material placed over the framework from dropping through. Construct access tunnel to the middle of the beacon. Keep middle empty

until required. Always construct the bonfire so it collapses inwards as it burns.

4 Use only wood for combustible materials. Do not burn dangerous items such as foam-filled furniture, old tyres, aerosols or tins of paint. Build upwards until height of centre pole is reached. Materials around top should be loosely packed to allow air flow. Cover bonfire to keep it dry.

5 Fill centre with suitable, dry combustible materials. Check construction is stable and remove any unsuitable materials that may have been added. Look specifically for fireworks, aerosols, highly inflammable materials or containers with such materials.

6 Construct a safety barrier out of ropes and stakes or scaffold poles to ensure public is kept at a safe distance from the fire.

7 *In daylight, and for several hours, and up to lighting, check that there are no children or animals, such as hedgehogs etc playing or hiding in or round the bonfire. Arrange for at least 12 marshals to be in attendance, and undertake a sufficient safety briefing before lighting the beacon.*

8 The person looking after the fire should not wear lightweight clothing that could

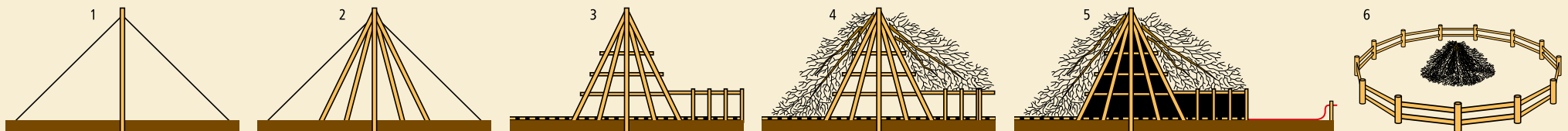
ignite easily. They should wear a substantial outer garment of wool, or other material of low flammability, and stout boots. They should know what to do in the event of a burn injury, or a person's clothing catching fire, and should have a fire blanket ready in the bonfire area along with a number of fire extinguishers.

9 Lighting: the safest and recommended approach is to use paper and solid firelighters in six places just inside the walls of the beacon to ensure an even burn. Never use flammable liquids such as paraffin or petrol to get it going as this can result in uncontrolled spread of fire or explosion.

10 To light the beacon: from poles 2m in length, prepare hand torches for lighting with paraffin-soaked rags wired around one end. Remember, paraffin is dangerous and great care should be taken. Paraffin can be used as directed, but it is still dangerous and should at all times be treated with great care - for example, always ensure all excess paraffin is drained off rags before use. If spilt on your clothes during the preparation of your beacon lighting you should replace those items of clothing before approaching any naked flames. In particular, always remember to replace the lid on any container of unused paraffin and store it in a safe place away from naked flames. Do not use an accelerant on the fire itself.



Bonfire Beacon, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, England.
In memory of Fred Gardner and Sid Peachey. Photograph by Rob Hadley.



▲ After the event, extinguish fire and collect remaining debris. ▲ Dig over site and re-lay turf. ▲ Leave site clean and tidy.



Your D-Day 80 Bishops Frome Strawman

Ideal for Farms, Stately Homes and Country Landowners

How to Build your Strawman Beacon

This type of Beacon is ideal for farms, stately homes and our country landowners, using it as a fun aspect to celebrate/commemorate and pay tribute to the many that gave their lives unconditionally. It could be a public event or just for family, friends and those that work so hard on the land but in a similar way during WWII to keep the Nation fed during those difficult times when many of the men of the land were out defending our country overseas, never to return.

Obtain the landowners's permission and involvement then ensure you locate your Bishops Frome Strawman at least 60m away from buildings, roads, railways and public rights of way, and a safe distance from dangerous materials and overhead power lines. Ensure it has good access for the transportation of materials for the bonfire and sufficient space for spectators to stand upwind.

Liaise with your local fire brigade and all emergency services in your area, presenting them with your plans, and seek their advice and support. In the event of dry weather, high winds and a heightened wildfire risk on the day of the event, please carefully consider scaling back initial plans where appropriate.

1 Prepare site by removing top layer of turf and stack away from fire area.

2 Use only wood and straw for combustible materials and wrap steel banding around them all to hold the bales together

while burning to stop them from falling away. Please dispose of the bands responsibly after the event.

3 Construct a safety barrier out of ropes and stakes or scaffold poles to ensure public is kept at a safe distance from the fire.

4 In daylight, and for several hours, and up to lighting, check that there are no children or animals playing or hiding in or round the Strawman. Arrange for at least 12 marshals to be in attendance, and undertake a sufficient safety briefing before lighting the Strawman.

5 The person looking after the fire should not wear lightweight clothing that could ignite easily. They should wear a substantial outer garment of wool, or other material of low flammability, and stout boots. They should know what to do in the event of a burn injury, or a person's clothing catching fire, and should have a fire blanket ready in the Strawman area along with a number of fire extinguishers.

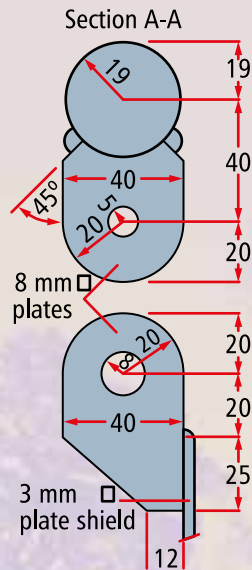
6 Lighting: the safest and recommended approach is to use paper and solid firelighters in six places just inside the walls of the Bishops Frome Strawman to ensure an even burn. Never use flammable liquids such as paraffin or petrol to get it going as this can result in uncontrolled spread of fire or explosion.

7 To light the Strawman: from poles 2m in length, prepare hand torches for lighting with paraffin-soaked rags wired around one

end. Remember, paraffin is dangerous and great care should be taken. Paraffin can be used as directed, but it is still dangerous and should at all times be treated with great care - for example, always ensure all excess paraffin is drained off rags before use. If spilt on your clothes during the preparation of your Strawman lighting you should replace those items of clothing before approaching any naked flames. In particular, always remember to replace the lid on any container of unused paraffin and store it in a safe place away from naked flames. Do not use an accelerant on the fire itself.



A large, intense bonfire is burning brightly at night, with a massive plume of orange and yellow flames rising into a dark blue sky. The fire is contained within a tall, cylindrical metal cage. In the background, a two-story building with a dark roof and a prominent conical spire is visible. The building's windows are illuminated from within, and a crowd of people is gathered in the foreground, watching the event. The scene is captured in a photograph with a slightly grainy texture.



It can be built by local craftsmen and women, and may be used for future historic occasions in your community. It could be sited in a country park, on a hilltop overlooking the sea or a lake, in the centre of your town or village, and could become a tourist attraction for your area.



Wooden centre post consisting of 305mm x 305mm wooden post, 6.25 metres in length of which 2 metres goes into the ground.

- 1 x 920mm diameter steel plate.
- 1 x 4,178mm long 60mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 1,330mm diameter ring.
- 1 x 3,455mm long 60mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 1,100mm diameter ring.
- 1 x 2,985mm long 60mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 950mm diameter ring.
- 1 x 2,922mm long 150mm x 5mm steel flat bar rolled into 930mm diameter ring.
- 12 x (approx 1,250mm long) 60mm x 5mm vertical bars (rolled to shape).
- 1 x 310mm x 310mm x 300mm high connection box welded to base of basket.
- 1 x hanging shield and support: 3.7m length of 38mm diameter solid steel rod.
- 1 x 920mm x 760mm steel plate 3mm thick 4 x connection brackets 8mm thick (see detailed drawings left).
- 2 x pins and loops.

Gas-Fuelled Beacon

Bullfinch Gas Equipment

The beacon's burner-head is in the shape of a globe, surrounded by a D-Day 80 banner. It is of lightweight construction and comes assembled and complete, with the exception of the gas cylinders, which must be purchased separately. 2 x 19kg full cylinders of propane are recommended to give a full flame for a good three quarters of an hour. If you wish for less than this then one 19kg cylinder or 2 x 13kg cylinders should be sufficient. These should be full or nearly full.

These cylinders can be purchased from good lp gas (propane and butane) stockists and dealers. Do order early to ensure you can get availability.

The Gas Torch needed to light your beacon safely requires a 400g cylinder of propane with CGA600 fitting - Bullfinch No 1644 or Rothenberger or equivalent. Travis Perkins, Screwfix, Plumb Centres and some DIY stores should have these as stock items, or you can purchase from us.

The D-Day 80 Gas-Fuelled Beacon Package contains:

- Burner unit with D-Day 80 insignia
- 2m high stand
- Ground anchor and rope for fixing the stand to the ground
- 10m hose with the regulator for connecting to the gas
- Gas torch for lighting
- Spanner
- Leak detecting fluid
- Hose assembly and Y manifold to link 2 cylinders
- Lighting and safety instructions



Photograph: Andrew Williams - Bullfinch Gas Equipment.

The above items are packed into 2 strong cartons. The tripod describes a circle area of about 1.32m diameter and the beacon has an extended height of about 2.15m.

We have made many different beacons over the years. The flames are very stable in winds and the structures are also wind stable. The beacon is supplied with a ground anchor and rope for securing to the ground if this is possible, or we would recommend the use of sandbags. Full instructions are provided for this. The beacon must be supervised by two people at all times when lit and a fire extinguisher must always be available. It is important that supervision should be undertaken by those who are competent and it is essential that a lighting trial takes place before the event to ensure that everyone is fully trained and familiar with the operation.

The price of a gas-fuelled D-Day 80 Beacon is **£549** plus VAT, including carriage to your door within UK mainland (Highlands and Islands excluded). There will be an extra charge for other areas.

Some of the benefits of this style of beacon are that it can be seen for miles once lit, is suitable for all manner of high and low locations, is easily collapsible and once used can be stored away for later use.



Gas-fuelled Beacon on a Church Tower.

To order your beacon please contact:
Bullfinch Gas Equipment,
Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AJ.

Tel: 0121 765 2000
Fax: 0121 707 0995
Email: sales@bullfinch-gas.co.uk
Web: www.bullfinch-gas.co.uk

Payment by cheque, BACS transfer, or Credit/Debit Card.

Please order by 30th April 2024 to guarantee delivery by 26th May. However please enquire after this date for availability.



Gas-Fuelled Beacon

21CC Group Ltd

D-Day 80 beacon being lit on Edinburgh Castle.



The beacon will come ready for easy assembly, designed with a commemorative top and a special anniversary plaque underside. The beacon will burn for approximately 1 hour using two 13kg standard propane gas cylinders, which are available from most gas stockists and petrol stations around the UK. The gas assembly is easily connected to the burner by a quick release fitting. The beacon is inherently stable; however, we recommend the use of anchors on soft ground or sandbags on hard ground for additional stability. Full set-up instructions are included within the pack and we recommend a trial set-up and lighting before the actual event to familiarise yourself with the set-up and operation. We have included two long-reach lighting sticks so that you can practice lighting the beacon in advance. We would also recommend that a fire extinguisher is available when lighting the beacon and whilst it is burning and that two people are always present.

The D-Day Beacon package contains:

- Assembly, lighting and safety instructions
- 2m high stand and burner
- 5m hose with the regulator for connecting to the gas
- Two long-reach lighting sticks
- Spanner and leak detection fluid
- Hose and Y splitter manifold to link 2 cylinders
- No additional connections required - all you need is in the box

Beacon Price:

The price of our beacon is **£549** + vat, including carriage within the UK mainland. An additional charge may be applied for other areas.

Ordering & Payment

To order your D-Day 80 beacon, please contact 21CC Group Ltd by phone; **0131 331 4509** or email our beacon team on beacons@21ccgroup.com. Additional information can be found on our website at www.21ccgroup.com/D-Daybeacons. Payment can be made in all the usual ways including BACS, cheque and credit/debit card. Orders received before the **3rd of May 2024** will be delivered by **31st May 2024**. All orders received after 3rd of May 2024 will be accepted on a case-by-case basis depending on stock levels available.



Messages from the five Charities

The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association & The Normandy Memorial Trust



There has been no greater combined air, sea and land operation in the history of warfare than Operation Overlord – codename for the invasion of Normandy.

The seaborne element of the invasion – Operation Neptune – required 6,833 vessels from great battleships pounding German defences, down to small floating galleys, salvage tugs and landing craft. The naval force was crewed by Frenchmen, Norwegians, Dutch, Poles, Greeks, Americans, but especially Britons and Canadians, who accounted for nearly 80 per cent of all the sailors taking part.

The Royal Marines played a vital part too. Of the hundreds of landing craft sent against the beaches of Normandy, two out of every three were crewed by Royal Marines.

With ever diminishing numbers of Naval veterans who survived this great victory, it is vital that we pay tribute to those who died on this great endeavour, are no longer with us or are not well enough to attend in person.

**Vice Admiral (Retd)
Duncan L Potts CB**
National President,
Royal Naval Association.



The D-Day landings in June 1944 paved the way for the liberation of North-West Europe and, ultimately, victory in the Second World War. To this day, our charity remembers - and will always remember - the courage and sacrifice of those soldiers who took part in what was the largest amphibious operation in the history of warfare. Our charity was established during the same year as the D-Day landings, with HM King George VI as Patron, to ensure support would be available for soldiers, veterans, and their immediate families such they could live with independence and dignity. That founding purpose remains the same to this day; the charity is here for soldiers, for life. Thank you to everybody who participates in this important national campaign to remember the greatest amphibious operation in history and the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

**General Sir James Everard
KCB CBE**
President,
ABF The Soldiers' Charity.



On behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund, I am proud to support the D-Day 80 Commemoration event. On D-Day over 11,590 Allied aircraft of all types were involved, 5,656 of these were Royal Air Force. What is often forgotten is that over 1,800 RAF personnel and 456 vehicles landed on the beaches and by 9 June, this had increased to over 3,500 RAF personnel and 815 vehicles in Normandy, working on airfield construction, aircraft servicing and forward controlling. As the accounts of the men and women of that fateful time drift further into the past, we must continue to share their stories with our future generations and ensure that their sacrifices for our country are never forgotten.

**Air Vice Marshal Chris Elliot
CB CBE DL**
Controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund.



The men of the Merchant Navy and the merchant fleets of the other allied countries were a major part of the seaborne force. Merchant ships were among the first vessels to arrive off the beaches on D-Day. Their crew were civilians without the support of military discipline and training, yet they faced the dangers and did not waver. Never was there a lack of willing hands to man the ships though they knew the horrors of an enemy attack at sea. They took troops to the scene of battle and sustained them as they fought. Tugs brought over the sections of the Mulberry harbours. During the Invasion, between 6th June and 30th August 1944, 180 MN seamen sacrificed their lives whilst many more were lost bringing supplies across the Atlantic. Around 50,000 men manned the 835 ships that carried the troops and over half a million tons of cargo from ports between the Bristol Channel and Thames Estuary. We are proud today to be known as the Fourth Service. Their efforts and sacrifices must never be forgotten.

**Captain Ian Hodge
M.Mar, MRIN, MNI**
Chairman,
The Merchant Navy Association.



The Normandy Memorial Trust was set up in 2015 to realise the ambition of Normandy Veterans for Britain finally to have a national memorial in Normandy which brought together the names of all those in British units who lost their lives in the D-Day landings and the subsequent Battle of Normandy.

The completed memorial was opened by the then Prince of Wales on 6th June 2021. Inscribed on its walls and pillars are the names of 22,442 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of Western Europe's freedom in the summer of 1944.

Few events in European history can match the significance of what happened on the D-Day beaches and in the towns and villages of Normandy.

I hope you will visit the British Normandy Memorial and, with us, reflect and give thanks for the sacrifice which it commemorates.

**General The Lord Dannatt
GCB, CBE, MC, DL**
Chairman of Trustees,
The Normandy Memorial Trust.



ONCE NAVY ALWAYS NAVY

We are privileged that there are some of those Royal Naval Veterans who were there on 6th June 1944 are part of the Royal Naval Association today.

We have over 250 branches all over the world with over **17,000 members of all ages** both serving, veterans, family members and supporters.

Our community provide **companionship, resilience, comradeship and unity** to anyone and everyone with a Naval story, **supporting them through life's highs and lows.**



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OUR CHARITY SUPPORTS SERVING SOLDIERS, FORMER SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES BY SUPPLYING VITAL FUNDING IN 6 KEY AREAS:

EMPLOYABILITY



We award grants for training and education, and fund organisations that help veterans boost their skills and find work.

SUITABLE HOUSING



We work hard to ensure that veterans and their families can live in safe and comfortable homes.

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Our help for families comes in many forms – from assisting with essential home repairs to helping pay for the funeral of a loved one when their family has fallen on hard times.

MENTAL FITNESS



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INDEPENDENT LIVING



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- ✓ INDEPENDENT LIVING
- ✓ FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Merchant Navy Association



The main Aims and Objectives of the Merchant Navy Association Charity are for public benefit, to provide charitable support and services to the Association's members, other connected persons, or associations, societies or other bodies whose aims and objectives are similar. We also are able to relieve and assist all serving and retired seafarers and their dependants who are in hardship or distress by;

1. fostering comradeship and consideration to all those in the community of the sea,
2. endeavouring to assist members and when appropriate other eligible persons, to find access to information and practical support on such matters as pensions, health, social security, debt management and other subjects affecting their welfare and,
3. endeavouring to provide grants to assist members and other eligible persons in financial need for the purchase of goods, services or facilities or, in exceptional circumstances payment of priority debts. This may also be undertaken in partnership with other charitable organisations.

Next year (2024) on the 6th June, sees the Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landing. The aim of this event is to commemorate and celebrate the many thousands of Servicemen that gave their lives during this important turn in WW II, but NOT forgetting the amazing involvement and the important role the Merchant Navy Seamen that took part too, not knowing if they would return home to their wives and loved ones.

The Merchant Navy Association will be playing an equal role in these commemorations alongside the Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity and the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Your valued support, especially during this Commemorative campaign, will help British merchant seafarers and their families. Please direct your donations, however small to; The Seafarers' Charity website;

<https://www.theseafarerscharity.org/merchant-navy-fund/home>

Your generosity will be very much appreciated. Thank You!

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How to take part and register your involvement

Step 1: To confirm your involvement and make important communication as easy as possible please register your involvement, providing the information below, direct to brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible please, but **no later than 30th May 2024**.

If your event is a private occasion and NOT open to the public, and you do not want your involvement shown on any public or media listing, it is important that you confirm this when providing information. Your participation will still be noted as part of this historic occasion but NOT made public. However, if your event IS open to the public, your contact details will be shared with the media so that they can contact you direct to arrange any publicity and/or coverage of your event.

Name and Job title of contact/coordinator

Name of Council, School, Pub, Care Home, Hotel, Restaurant, Organisation etc.

Name of Country - ie England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Island, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territory

Name of County

Name of Parish, Town, Borough, District, Community, or County Council etc

Full Postal address including post code

Telephone number - Landline/Mobile

Email

Will you be having Fish & Chips with Mushy Pease as part of your Beacon and Lamplight of Peace lighting YES/NO

Will your School be involved in the reading of the Poem at 11am, found YES/NO

Will your School/Pub/etc/ event be involving the eating of Fish & Chips during the day YES/NO

Will your event involve the reading of the International Tribute at 9.15pm YES/NO

Public event

Private event

Public or private event & legal essentials

Ensure you have undertaken all the legal essentials and safety requirements on **page 54** before lighting your Beacon and Lamp. Alert the emergency services, including the Fire Brigade, undertake any risk assessments required and ensure everyone involved is happy and familiar with your plans. **(This is your responsibility as coordinator)**. In the event of dry weather, high winds and a heightened wildfire risk on the day of the event, please carefully consider scaling back initial plans where appropriate.

Beacon and Lamp Light lighting ceremony - 6th June 2024

Please light your Beacon and Lamp and undertake the Nation's Tribute using the wording found on page 41 at 9.15pm.

The Beacon and Lamp Light, lighting ceremony and the Nation's Tribute should be undertaken as follows:

Step 2: Invite your Lord Lieutenant, DL, Lord Mayor, Sheriff, High Steward, Lord Provost, Chairman of Leader of the Council, winner of your competition, or another of your choice from within your local community etc, to light your Beacon or Lamp and undertake the Nation's Tribute at **9.15pm**, using the wording found on **page 41**. Alternatively, you may wish to organise a competition in partnership with your local media, with the winner having the honour of lighting the Beacon or Lamp and the Nation's Toast.

Step 3: If appropriate, use social media channels - Twitter, Facebook etc - to promote your event. On Facebook, post photographs of your beacon lighting ceremony.

Step 4: Publicise your event. We will provide you with a Press Release template which you can localise, providing as much information as you wish regarding your event, but including your contact details. You can send this to your local media to enable them to get in touch with you direct.





Above and background: The Tower of London built by William the Conqueror in the early 1080s. Through the centuries, successive monarchs have added to the fortifications.

If you are inviting personal guests to your home it is worth checking with your household insurer that you are covered in the unfortunate circumstances that there should be an accident. If your event includes inviting the public, or it is a third party venue then, where applicable, the following advice should be heeded, to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Licensing

Generally, all public entertainment has to be licensed by the local authority. The law on this aims to ensure the safety of the public and performers. Local authorities treat each event individually, and what one will allow another will not. Do not be put off by the length of some of the forms - the licensing officer is there to help you.

The licensing officer's job is to advise the local authority's licensing committee on the granting of public entertainment licenses. For small scale events he or she, in effect, makes the decision. Only if your event is contentious will the licensing committee decide to consider the application in detail. Talk to the licensing officer as soon as possible. In Northern Ireland, if you plan to sell alcohol at an event, you will need to apply for an occasional liquor license from the Northern Ireland Court Service.

Insurance

Unfortunately, accidents can happen at even the best organised events. Therefore, you will need to consider and obtain insurance cover for your event, whether you are holding an event on your own premises or someone else's. beacon/bonfire events require specialist public liability cover. If you hire a park or venue or use land owned by a third party for your activity, they are likely to require you to have your own suitable insurance to cover your liability for any injury to the public or damage to other people's land or property.

Legal Essentials and Safety (This is your responsibility)

If hiring equipment for the event, you may need to insure these items; you may also need to consider cover for loss of any financial outlay you incur if the event has to be cancelled for reasons beyond your control, or loss of money, particularly if you are holding a fund-raising event. Therefore, to help you obtain the appropriate insurance, and risk management advice, we are working closely with Unity Insurance Services, which is a specialist insurance broker in the voluntary and non-profit sector.

They have developed a range of bespoke insurance covers specifically for the Beacon/Bonfire events. Unity is owned by a charity and donates all its profits back to charity, so to obtain a quote or for more details or advice on the insurance cover you may need, please visit Unity's website or telephone them on 0345 040 7702.



Alternatively, the licensing officer may be able to direct you to a suitable specialist company or broker, but you should not try to source this kind of insurance from a non-specialist.



Emergency Services

Tell your local Fire and Rescue Service and Police Force well in advance about the type of event you are planning, and get in touch with your local community police officer. Ensure that access for emergency services is maintained for your event. Write to the local fire brigade and ambulance service, particularly if you are planning to have a beacon/bonfire, fireworks, or an event that will attract a large crowd. St John's Ambulance and the British Red Cross will provide first aid and sometimes a vehicle. In some areas they are simply happy to receive a donation. In others, expect a fee to be charged.



Food and Drink

Basic food hygiene guidelines should be followed at all times if you are providing food and drink. Caterers must have food hygiene certificates. Advice on this subject can be obtained from your local council environmental officer.



Alcohol

If you want to sell alcohol you will need to secure a licence. From February 2005, licenses are granted by the local authority rather than the Magistrates Court. You should therefore contact your local authority licensing section and seek information from them on how to apply. During 2005 all existing licenses have to be renewed and this will inevitably lead to long lead-in-times. Please apply as early as possible.



Site Clearance

The local authority will arrange for clearance and disposal of litter after your event if it is on public ground (check for possible charges). You can help this process by arranging litter bins or recycling bins around the site, and a crew to clear up throughout the event.



Hiring or Borrowing Equipment

Your local authorities, or local event organisers may be able to help you with contacts for supplies such as marquees, portable toilets, barriers and bunting, or may in some cases have these for you to hire and borrow. You may also need to consider generators, a public address system, and emergency flood lighting. If you need to arrange insurance for your hired equipment, Unity Insurance Services can arrange this for you too.



All Ability Access

Access for people with a disability is very important. Many local authorities run community transport schemes. Talk to them about arranging transport. On greenfield sites, access may be improved by cutting the grass before the event.



Legal Essentials and Safety

This aspect of your event is your total responsibility, so please ensure you have undertaken all the necessary risk assessments and respective insurance etc, to reflect this.





The sacrifice and dedication of all those involved in D-Day can never be underestimated.

As Healthwatch Norfolk, we also want to acknowledge the efforts of those in the medical and caring professions who did so much to help those injured in the huge air, sea, and land operation.

The doctors, nurses, orderlies and their teams were the hidden heroes and heroines of this huge operation.

Often soldiers had been transported for several days to wards in this country with burns, fractures, and disfiguring injuries.

As well as the surgery and treatment, these healthcare staff provided care, reassurance and emotional support to those who had gone through so much to serve their country.

We would ask people to remember these caring, dedicated and passionate people alongside the many who gave so much on D-Day to help the liberation of Europe.

With this in mind therefore, we would like to encourage every Hospital Radio throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, to join this event by reading out the poignant 'International Tribute' at **9.15pm** on D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, as the Beacons are being lit, enabling those in hospital that evening, to feel part of this important anniversary, paying tribute to those who gave so much to ensure the freedom we all share today.

Alex Stewart, Chief Executive,
Healthwatch Norfolk

Hospital Radio



Our tribute to the many who gave up so much that we are enjoying a carefree life.

As Norfolk has a high incidence of older people and some of them hospitalised, they very often request this song. We here at Hospital Radio Norwich feel the words gave hope to the country during that time and certainly must have done so after D-Day. It seems the song and its poignant words and will never be forgotten...

There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see
There'll be love and laughter
And peace ever after
Tomorrow, when the world is free
The shepherd will tend his sheep
The valley will bloom again
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again
There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see
The shepherd will tend his sheep
The valley will bloom again
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again
There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see

*Songwriters: Nat Burton / Walter Kent
Rest in peace, brave souls, and thank you so much for our FREEDOM!*

Irene Batch, Hon. Secretary



We are all aware of the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom during the Second World War. As we approach the 80th anniversary of D-Day in 2024, we have a unique opportunity to pay tribute to those who gave so much.

As hospital radio stations, we have the power to involve our patients and staff in this commemoration.

This year is especially meaningful for Hospital Radio Lynn as we celebrate our 50th year of broadcasting. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for all hospital radio stations to join together and remember the sacrifices made by so many.

Together, we can ensure that the brave men and women who fought for our freedom are never forgotten.

David Llewellyn, Chair, Hospital Radio Lynn





A gift of 1% in your Will can help ensure seafarers and their families will never lack the support they need in times of hardship.

Around the world, an estimated 1.6 million seafarers, of which 23,000 are active UK seafarers, are exposed to the hazards of a life at sea; backbreaking physical labour, long tiring hours, financial instability, and months of isolation.

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After providing for your family and friends, a gift in your Will can help hardworking seafarers and their families live dignified lives free of hardship long into the future.

If you'd like to speak to someone about leaving a gift in your Will to The Seafarers' Charity, please email us:

legacies@theseafarerscharity.org

For more information on how to leave us a legacy, visit: www.theseafarerscharity.org/get-involved/leave-a-legacy



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Chinese Community Tribute



Many have forgotten the sacrifice made by the 24 Chinese Officers that assisted the Allies during D-Day on 6th June 1944.

A Chinese naval officer named Huang Tingxin, with 23 other Chinese officers were among the naval force that successfully supported and participated in the landings on the Beaches of Normandy in 1944.

In recognition of this, the French Consul General Jean-Marín Schuh awarded Huang Tingxin the French Legion d'honneur, the highest order of military and civil honours that France bestows, in 2006.

Aside from pushing back the Imperial Japanese soldiers domestically, China also played a major role in the war with the West. Some 40,000 Chinese soldiers fought in Burma along with British and American troops in 1944 too, so I want to take this special opportunity to show my deepest respect and assist in promoting awareness of the Chinese involvements in WWII, with the sacrifices made by so many, and would urge the whole of the Chinese community of the UK to assist me in this.

Tai Wee Kuang
Director, L Holding Limited



Huang Tingxin served on HMS Searcher, a Bogue-class escort aircraft carrier.
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Chinese Community Tribute



As an individual of Malaysian Chinese descent, I am honoured to convey the significant role played by my grandfather, who selflessly served in the military to safeguard our beloved homeland.

Our generation arose amidst the adversities of scarcity, enduring periods of hunger and deprivation. It is within the crucible of these challenges that I discovered my true purpose in restaurant and food manufacturing.

Jen Scent represents the epitome of my ambitions, striving to create culinary masterpieces that not only tantalise the taste buds but also promote well-being, sustainability, and cultural enrichment. Through Jen Scent, I aim to harmoniously blend flavours and ingredients to deliver dishes that are not only delicious and nourishing but also contribute to the collective knowledge and appreciation of diverse cultures.

I respectfully honour overseas Chinese who bravely fought for peace and call upon the Chinese community to unite in raising awareness for the forgotten Chinese soldiers and labourers of the Western front. Together, let us commemorate them and ensure their sacrifices are not consigned to obscurity.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Bee Fang Tan'.

Bee Fang Tan
Founder and Director
Jen Scent (trading name)
MAXIGAIN LIMITED



Chinese Community Tribute



Looking back at history, the Normandy landings were the most emblematic operation of World War II, symbolising the power of freedom and democracy against evil and oppression. Eighty years have passed, and we are still deeply moved and grateful for that chapter in history. Today, we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings, a pivotal event in World War II. This occasion calls for solemn reflection and gratitude as we honour the brave Chinese soldiers who fought for freedom.

As a Chinese food-delivery company founded in 2014, we remain committed to embodying and promoting the courage and spirit displayed during that historic chapter. Our mission is to provide each customer with exceptional cuisine and service, delivering an authentic Chinese dining experience. We understand that peace, friendship, and understanding are vital in shaping a better world. We extend our deepest respect to the valiant soldiers who dedicated themselves to the cause of freedom, and we express our gratitude to you, our valued customers, for supporting us on this journey. Your patronage enables us to share the flavours of China and foster cultural harmony.

Together, let us honour the heroes of the past, celebrate the present, and build a brighter future hand in hand.



Yuchen Chan
Co-Founder
Fantuan Delivery



Chinese Community Tribute



We pay solemn tribute to the Chinese soldiers who valiantly served in Europe during World War II. Their unwavering courage, resilience, and sacrifice in the face of adversity exemplify the highest ideals of bravery and honour. Their contributions, often overlooked but significant, played a pivotal role in the Allied victory and the preservation of freedom. We express our deepest gratitude for their selfless service and unwavering commitment to defending peace and justice.

These extraordinary individuals, from a distant land, answered the call to defend liberty and democracy alongside their international allies. Their dedication and acts of valour will forever be etched in history, serving as a lasting testament to their contribution and the bond of solidarity forged between nations. In remembrance of the Chinese soldiers who bravely fought on European soil during World War II, we honour their legacy and express our profound respect and appreciation for their invaluable service and enduring legacy.



Wei SHAO
Chairman of Barshu Group

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Chinese Community Tribute

CHEW ON THIS

As a Singaporean restaurateur with over 15 years of experience in the F&B industry in the UK, my heart has always been intertwined with the spirit of the Commonwealth.

I want to take this opportunity to pay a heartfelt tribute to the courageous Chinese soldiers who served selflessly through remarkable roles in World War II in Europe. Their unwavering bravery and unyielding dedication in the face of adversity will always remain etched in history: this commitment to upholding freedom and justice continues to inspire us all.

Guided by the rich tapestry and roots of my Chinese heritage and driven by the valour and sacrifices of these soldiers, I embark on a passionate mission to curate menus that befit such a momentous occasion. Through the power of cuisine, I hope to weave a strong unity between the Chinese and British communities, fostering greater social harmony for a harmonious future.

Together, let us honour their memory and express our deepest gratitude for their invaluable contribution in shaping a world that embraces peace and tranquillity.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellen Chew" with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ellen Chew
Founder of Chew On This group





Certificate of Grateful Recognition *6th June 2024*

With sincere thanks for your contribution to D-Day 80
the international commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings
on the five beaches in Normandy, France, on 6th June 1944.



Sailors American GIs British Soldiers Canadian Soldiers Airmen Merchant Seamen



French Allies Air Wardens Fishermen Women's Land Army Doctors Nurses

Despite the extraordinary courage displayed by so many on 6th June 1944, just one Victoria Cross was awarded. It went to Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis of the 6th Battalion, The Green Howards.



Chinese naval officer Huang Tingren received the French Legion d'honneur, the highest order of military and civil honours that France bestows, 2006 in recognition of his bravery during D-Day.

THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

Your free Certificate of grateful recognition for taking part.

**Please download it from
www.d-day80beacons.co.uk,
providing copies to all involved in
your activities on 6th June 2024.**



Acknowledgements

Our grateful thanks to

The Caravan and Motor Home Club



The Merchant Navy Association
from ship to shore, from past to present



In the UK the red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future and is worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.

In France the bleuet de France is the symbol of memory and solidarity for veterans, victims of war, widows and orphans.



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Our grateful thanks to



The Tan Hill Inn, Richmond, North Yorkshire - the highest altitude Pub in Great Britain



The Turks Head, Scilly Isles - the most South-Westerley Pub in the British Isles



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The Merchant Navy Association
from ship to shore, from past to present



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL – 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY 6TH JUNE 2024

Suggested Schedule of Events from 1st to 8th June 2024:

SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 2023 – STREET FAIR

Theme: 1940's – World War II

High Street and South Street Closed

Approx: 70 stalls – potential income from 50 stalls excluding Community Groups, Schools and Churches -charge £45.00 = £2,250

Hire of Stage – approx. cost £900

Music and Street Entertainment

Military Vehicles on Show

Lamp post and Street Banners – artwork to be confirmed

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2024 – WELLINGTON PARK – MUSIC IN THE PARK

1940's war songs etc., - Details to be confirmed

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024 – D-DAY ANNIVERSARY AND NATIONAL FISH & CHIP DAY

- 8am – D-Day Proclamation – Town Crier
- 11am – “D-DAY HEROES” Poem for schools – Town Council to inform Wellington Schools
- Suggested start time 7pm - Hire of Wellington Park
- Fish & Chip Van
- Families can congregate in the park with blankets and gazebos.
- Steve Hawker to provide a PA System and Speakers to play war time music in the background.
- To consider purchasing a gas beacon or beacon brazier. This can be used for other events. Gas Beacon approx. £600.00 (to be confirmed)
- 9.15pm - Lighting of the beacon by the Mayor and Guest .
International Tribute to be read out by The Mayor/Town Clerk/Town Crier/or chosen guest – Town Centre Committee to decide.

Other suggestions to be considered for this historic event:

EVENT NOTICE

Create a notice detailing the events between 1st June and 6th June and to include Friends of Wellington Park's "Music in the Park" on Sunday 2nd June. To be given out to Town Centre Shops.

TONEDALE BRIDGE

The Committee asked to consider if it would commission a new mural to be painted instead of refurbishing the existing one. Report (Appendix A) and estimates circulated prior to meeting.

To replace the current artwork with D-Day Anniversary artwork – Estimates received:

- 1) Aerosol Artwork, Taunton £4,500 - £5,000 (Appendix B)
- 2) Graffarty, Bristol - £6350.00 (Appendix C)
- 3) Cathy Cornish, Bristol – £8,500 (Appendix D)
- 4) Gage Graphics, Bristol - £3,900 (Appendix E)

WELLINGTON PARK – D-DAY COMMEMORATIVE FLAG or UNION JACK

Examples:



SHOP WINDOW COMPETITION – WINNER TO JOIN MAYOR AT THE LIGHTING OF THE BEACON

SCHOOL COMPETITION – WINNER TO JOIN MAYOR AT THE LIGHTING OF THE BEACON.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Committee recommend to Full Council that an overall budget of £20,000 be set for the Annual Street Fair and the programme of events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day between 1st – 8th June 2024 as set out in this paper. £7,000 being already included in the next year's (24-25) budget which is offset by £2,000 of budgeted income from stall fees. £10,000 to be transferred into an earmarked reserve from the current year's (23-24) unspent Town Centre Projects line (current balance £14,720) and £5,000 allocated from the next year's Town Centre Projects budget.

St Fair Budget 24-25	£7,000
St Fair Income 24-25	-£2,000
Earmarked reserve from 23-24 TCP	£10,000
TCP 24-25	£5,000
Total	£20,000

TONEDALE BRIDGE ARTWORK

Some of the painted mural on the Tonedale Bridge is starting to chip. Images are included below. Sam from Aerosol Art (the original artist) estimates that repair work could take 3-5 days and would charge based on the number of days worked. He suggests a budget of £2,000.





Sam Gaden

4 Vera Street, Taunton, TA2 7DJ

07976169072

aerosolart@hotmail.com

27.11.23

FAO:

Rebecca Hunt

Admin Assistant

Wellington Town Council

Quote estimate for Tonedale Pedestrian bridge, Wellington

Quote includes two weeks' painting time, design for your approval, and all materials.

Estimated total: £4,500-5,000

Deposit of **£400** is required in advance, to start the design process.

Maintenance and repairs to the mural will be charged at the hourly rate of **£45**.

Many thanks

Sam Gaden





Dear Rebecca,

Agenda Item 8D Appendix C

05/01/2024

The basis of the quotation -

Based on the information that you have supplied in your initial email, and our conversation on the phone. I have tried to be as accurate as I can when working out a price for painting both sides of the railway bridge pedestrian crossing in Wellington.

Painting both sides of the bridge from top to bottom. The dimensions of each side are 1.4 metres high by 24 metres in length.

Preparation prior to artwork

Looking at the photo's of the bridge that you sent me the bridge paint work looks to be in good condition, so I have assumed that this is the case in reality.

I have also assumed as discussed on the phone that the bridge would be clean prior to painting, reasonably close to park my car and walk with materials to the bridge etc.

Design Theme

A mural to celebrate the 80th D-Day Landings, please note that the mural would take on an upbeat, colourful nature, but is likely to lend itself more towards an illustrative / cartoon style nature. As opposed to involving photorealistic image/ painting.

One side of the bridge to focus on the land and air aspects of the landings which would could include.

Beach section, sky, planes, parachutes, boats, tanks, soldiers, flags, explosions, some images will be close up with more detail, other further away using stencils to make sure the images are accurate.

To break up sections of this side of the mural, and to help with different perspectives of size proportions will need to vary due to the length, and the height only being 1.4 metres. Use of the American and Union Jack.

Happy to overlay some quotes such as this one from Winston Churchill
"The price of greatness is responsibility"

Quotes would be painting having cut some stencils to ensure the wording is clean and sharp when painted onto the mural itself.

Aside from the details of beach landings, there could be some abstract colour sections, playing on the Union Jack colours to break up sections of the wall, this could be a could play to strategically overlay appropriate quotes etc.

The other side of the bridge

This section would focus more on the more local aspect of the war, and would include:

The Wellington Monument, Airfields and planes, land girls, evacuation's to the countryside. Again sections would be broken up using abstract details of the Union Jack and Stars and Stripe flag. In the centre of the mural 80 th Anniversary Celebrations, this would be sensible to repeat this image on the opposite side of the bridge.

Land girl illustrations, crew mask, airfield and plans, some sections of country side and blue skies etc

Spray Paint & Paint

Graffarty uses leading high-quality spray paint from the manufacturer Molotow, where possible I will use water based spray paints. Please note that these spray paints are designed for the purposes of graffiti art and will have a matt finish to them.

For larger sections of background such as skies, and beach sections, I would use an appropriate good quality metal paint for any bulk colours and paint using a brush, over faded using spray paint on top.

Please note that Graffarty isn't to be held responsible for any flaking paint, or colour fading over time on the mural itself. As years of wear and tear will take its toll on any mural.

Masking off surrounding areas

I would also bring tarpaulins to put on the ground along the sections that I am painting, to avoid any overspray or paint going onto the ground

Timings

I would anticipate and have allowed for 12 full working days to complete the project in terms of coming up with a digital design and actually painting the bridge itself.

This time would break down roughly into 2 to 3 days creating a digital design, some work off site creating stencils. Then at least 8 days on site actually carrying out the painting.

Your suggested time frame of starting the work in April is a good one, as the weather should have improved at this point, you would like the work to be completed by Mid May 2024.

Please note that it would be a mixture of weekdays, possible weekends working. Due to likely weather conditions, any other planned in work, selecting days when I can do a full day on site due to travel time from Bristol to Wellington, it is unlikely that the work would be carried in 8 consecutive days.

Payment terms - Stage Payment Plan

Prior to creating a digital design of the artwork, and design fee of £1,050 would need to be paid, please note that this design fee is included in the total cost.

I would suggest that we start with one 1/4 section of one of the bridge sides with a fee of £2155, then check that you are happy with the style and level of detail. Provided you the customer and myself are happy, then pay the remaining part of the design fee.

Prior to starting work on the bridge a further invoice of £1,450 towards materials and travel costs to be paid please.

Then 50% of the remaining amount after one side has been fully completed. The final remaining part of the invoice after the second section for the bridge has been completed.

The total cost includes the design fee, travel costs, time, all painting materials and associated labour costs, travel costs from Bristol to Wellington based on this quotation would be.

Total cost: £6,350

Please note no VAT is charged, as Graffarty is not VAT registered.

Kind Regards

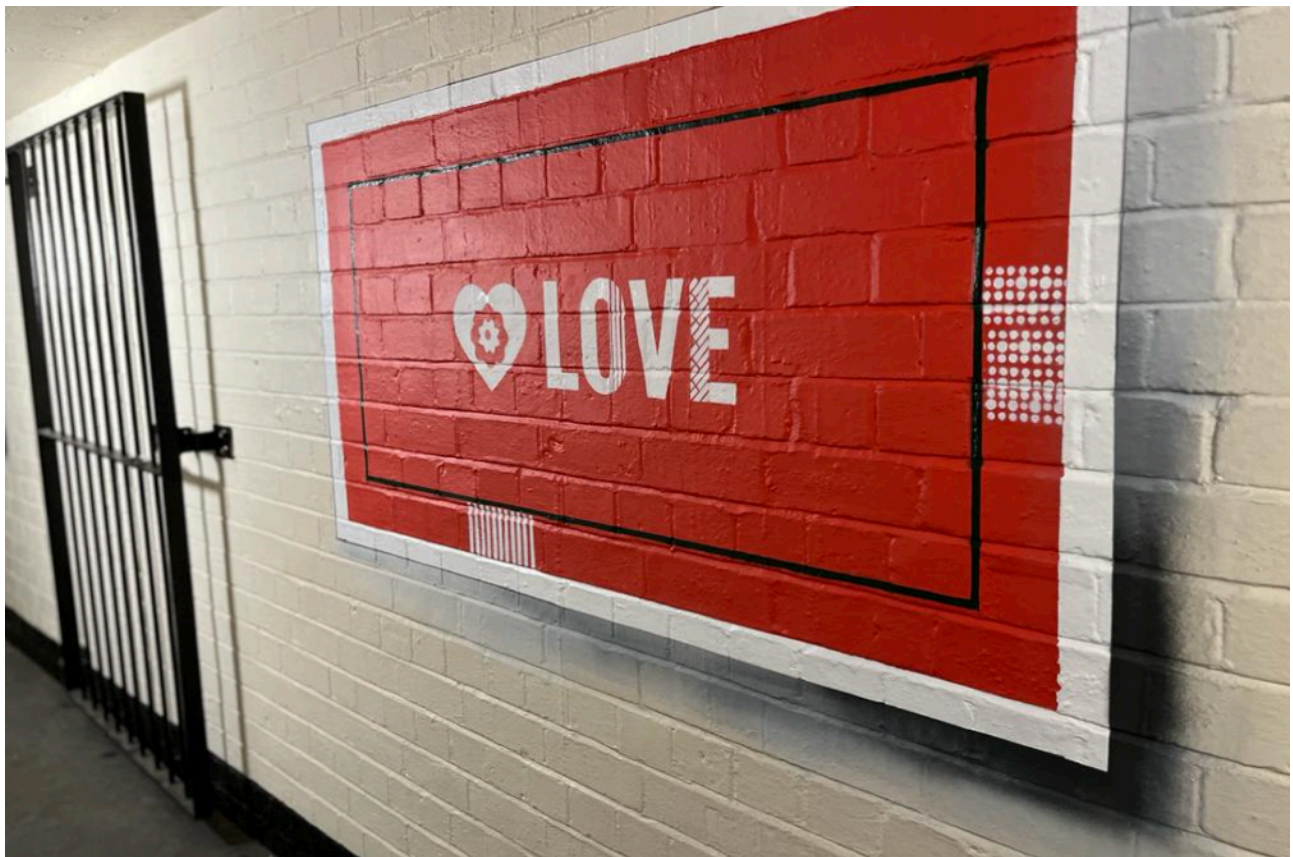
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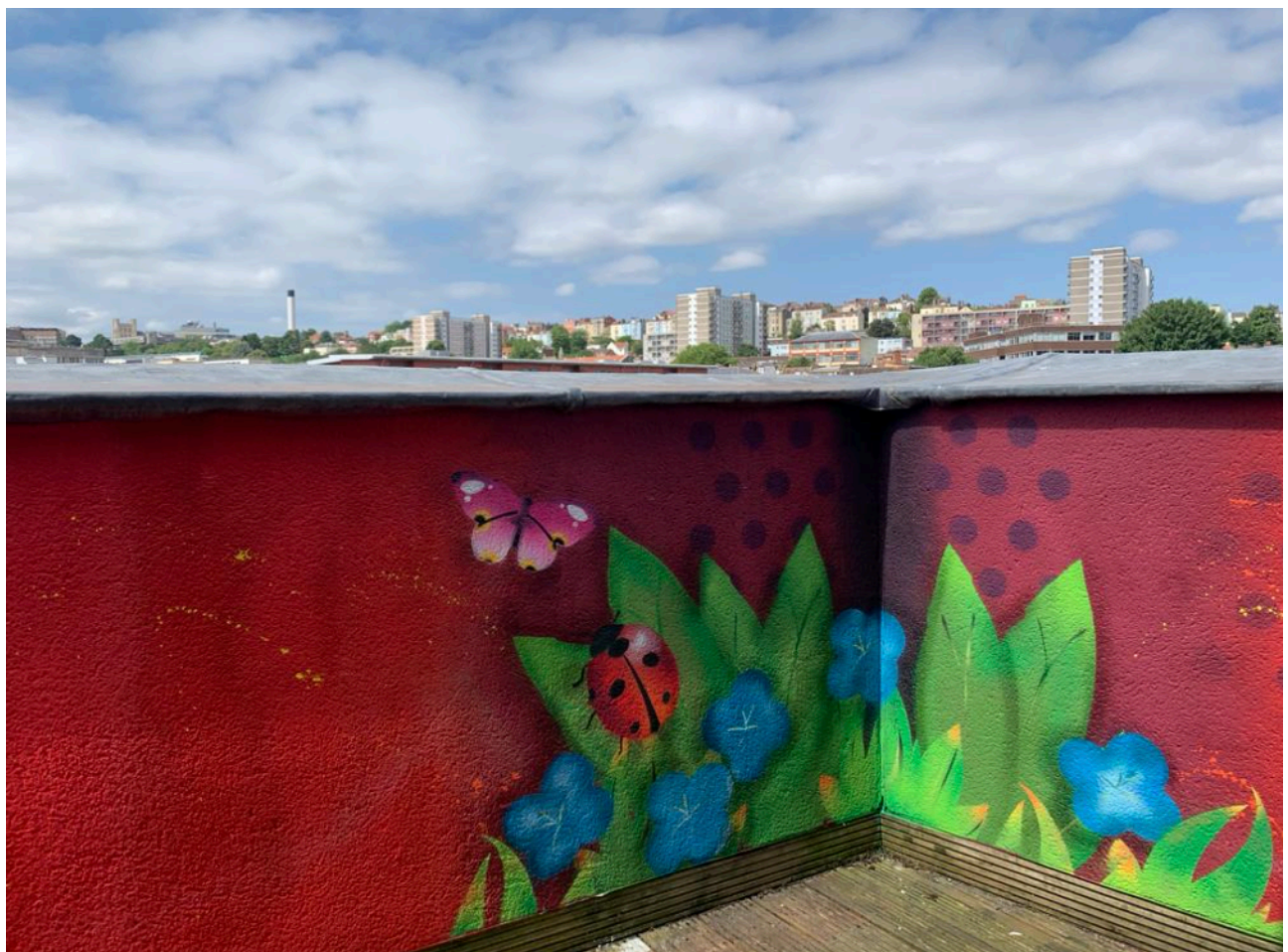
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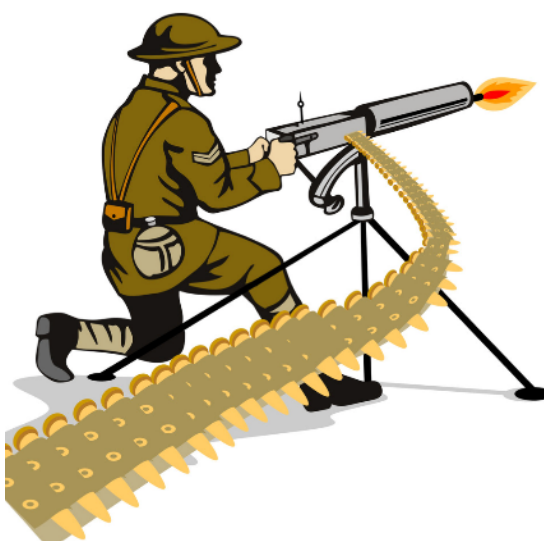
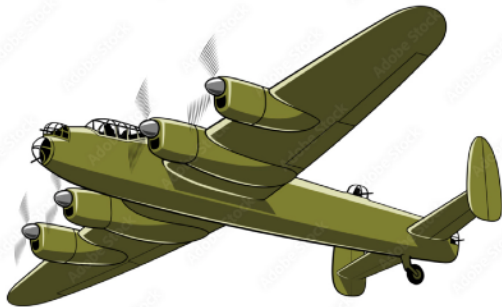
Close up of a Scout Hut nature mural, using a mixture of freehand painting and stencils.



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Annette Kirk

From: Cathy Cornish <hello@cathycornish.co.uk>
Sent: 06 January 2024 17:16
To: Rebecca Hunt
Subject: Re: Wellington D Day Mural - FAO Rebecca Hunt

Hi Rebecca,

I work my prices out per square metre. My price for murals outside and on textured surfaces is £125 per square metre including all materials and design time.

Your mural size is 48m long x 1.4m high = 67.2 square metres. 67.2m x £125 = £8,400

Hope this helps!

Many thanks,
Cathy

On Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 9:05 AM Rebecca Hunt <rebecca@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Cathy

Thank you for this. Could you please send this over in a separate quotation document with a breakdown of costs?

Kind regards

Rebecca Hunt

Admin Assistant

Wellington Town Council

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28 Fore Street

Wellington

Annette Kirk

From: Ollie GILLARD <olliegillard1@gmail.com>
Sent: 21 December 2023 22:39
To: Rebecca Hunt
Subject: Re: Mural Enquiry

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for the pics and the instagram post which help me understand the pedestrian bridge.

I will consider this project for next April and my ball park figure estimate would be £3900 all included for a detailed mural covering all 48 metres, using spray cans.

Breakdown of costs:

Paints around £500

Creating designs and research around £900

Painting mural over a few days around £2200

Expenses and transport, staying two nights in Wellington around £300

The D'Day landing theme sounds doable but I feel it shouldn't take over the whole bridge? It's quite a serious topic. It could be part of a larger historic section?

Why not include a few themes relevant to the Somerset area which people can relate to and feel positive?

Happy to discuss/suggest/research other visually interesting themes if your team and the council is open to ideas.

Thanks a lot

Ollie from Gage Graphics in Bristol.

Gagegraphics.co.uk

On Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 10:12 AM Rebecca Hunt <rebecca@wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk> wrote:

Hi Ollie

I have attached some images of what you can see of the bridge on street view. One is from before it was painted in 2022. I apologise that these are not very clear but this is all I have at this time. Just a rough ballpark figure is great for now as we have to see if the Council will approve the approximate cost and idea for the new mural.

Schools Feedback Regarding Defoe Anniversary

All primary and secondary schools in town were emailed on 13th December 2023 to enquire whether they would be doing anything to mark the 300th Anniversary of Daniel Defoe visiting the town. The following responses have been received:

IKB Primary School – No activities planned

Rockwell Green Primary School – No activities planned

Beech Grove Primary School – No activities planned

Court Fields School – Occasion will be marked through enrichment clubs, specifically Creative Writing and Youth Speaks