

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 08/02/2024

D-Day 80 Commemorations

Agenda item 23/124 3. To agree the actions needed for commemorating the event on the 6th of June 2024.

BACKGROUND

D-Day 80 will be taking place on the 6th of June 2024 and the following correspondence was considered at September's meeting with agreement to mark the event by the Council participating with the national beacon commemoration, and additional relevant activities such as military music and the Last Post.

Dear Town or Parish Clerk,

RE: HAMPSHIRE & D-DAY 80 - 6TH JUNE 2024

As you are aware, we are organising D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and at the site of the British Normandy Memorial, overlooking Gold Beach in Normandy, France, one of the five Beaches landed on 80 years ago on 6th June next year, in celebration and commemoration of this important occasion, as well as using the event to enable communities and individuals to pay their 'tribute' to those that gave so much during this campaign to help ensure the freedom we all enjoy today, with the flames from the Beacons representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war all those years ago.

*We feel sure you will agree with me when we say that individuals and communities of all sizes were deeply affected in many and various ways during WWII, so with this in mind, we would like to encourage your Town or Parish Council to take part in D-Day 80 on 6th June next year, as we would like to achieve the lighting of at least **80 Beacons** per County, within England and Wales, as part of this 80th Anniversary event, so would be extremely grateful if you would be kind enough to discuss your possible involvement with your Council members at your earliest convenience please, with the view to ensuring we achieve the lighting of this number of Beacons in your County at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024.*

*Those taking part will be sent the Certificate of Grateful Recognition found on page **46** of the Guide, enabling them to frame and display it as a lasting reminder of this moment in history commemorated/celebrated. The Guide, message from the Prime Minister encouraging local communities to take part in lighting Beacons and the logo for your*

use, are available to download from the D-Day 80 website - www.d-day80beacons.co.uk.

From pages **24** through to **28**, you will see there are various types of Beacons that can be used on 6th June, which could be lit on town and village greens, local farms and country estates, or other locations of your choice that night, so we do hope that your Town and Parish Council will take part, and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

My warmest regards to you all,

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