

# D-DAY 80

In commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, we pay homage to the resilience and fortitude of the British veterans who played a crucial role in this pivotal moment of the Second World War. The invasion claimed the lives of thousands of allied soldiers. These brave men — many just teenagers— left their families and their futures behind to liberate Western Europe from the grip of the Nazis.

*We must remember the sacrifices they made*

## Kettleburgh D-Day 80 commemoration

### The Remembering Project

We invite all members of Kettleburgh parish to share their family stories of the D-Day landings and any other similar WW2 memories. If you have some memorabilia or require assistance with having your stories written, there will be an exhibition in St Andrew's Church leading up to and during the weekend where curated material will be on display. Please contact Ed Jardine to discuss how we can help bring your family memories into the commemoration. Submissions by April 25, 2024 please.

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**6 June 2024**

**6.00pm**

Starting at St Andrews Church

The Kettleburgh Parish Council, The Kettleburgh Village Hall and the Village Green Trustees and St Andrews Church invite you to attend a commemorative evening to remember the lives of those who fought on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944.

The evening will begin at the war memorial in the Churchyard, where we will remember our WW2 servicemen and women and bells will be rung and stories shared around the exhibition inside the church.

Following this we will move to the village green where a proclamation will be read, the national anthem will be sung and a beacon/light of peace will be lit at 9.15pm. A light BBQ supper will be provided courtesy of the Parish Council.

There will be a collection for the five charities of the D-Day 80 commemoration:

The Royal Naval Association

ABF The Soldiers Charity

RAF Benevolent Fund

The Merchant Navy Association

The Normandy Memorial Trust

The emphasis of this event is to preserve the memories and pass down the significance of this important commemoration to the next generation. We especially welcome and encourage families to attend. The Village Marquee will be in place on the Green, and a toilet will be provided.

For catering purposes or to volunteer to assist with the event, please RSVP to:

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