

D-DAY 2024



The 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings was on June 6, 2024. This event marked the 80th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. Commemorations and events took place in both the UK and France to remember the sacrifices made during this pivotal moment in history.

The Oxted and District Branch organised various activities which began with a very successful day trip to the D-Day Story Museum in Southsea on the 21st May. A full tour of the museum and the Landing Craft Tank (LCT) was undertaken. The tour concluded with a wreath laying ceremony outside the museum at the WW2 soldier statue.





WE'RE GOING ON A DAY TRIP DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US?

Tuesday, 21st May 2024

The D-Day Story Museum, Southsea

Guided tours of Landing Craft Tank 7074 for our group
and a private Curator's talk.

To book a place scan the QR code below:



Cost :
Over 60s £38
Adults £41

For more information go to:

<https://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/oxted/events-activities/d-day-museum/>

Or search 'Oxted RBL DDay Outing'



Oxted Royal British Legion Commemorates D-Day 80

This year, on 6th June, saw the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy, where thousands of allied sailors, soldiers and airmen made the ultimate sacrifice At 1100 on 6th June, Legion members quietly and respectfully laid commemorative wreaths at the War

Memorials in Oxted, Old Oxted and Hurst Green.



D-Day Challenge:



2024 marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings, which took place on 6th June 1944. As we remembered D Day 80, the Oxted Royal British Legion, held 2 events over the weekend 8th-9th June 2024.

The Branch hosted a family fun day with a “Going for Gold (Beach) D Day Challenge”.

Without leaving Oxted, the aim was to CYCLE to Portsmouth, ROW the Channel and RUN up Gold Beach.

Pay per mile (donations only) to help meet our challenge. We aimed to raise £155 towards the Poppy Appeal. (**£460 was raised, a terrific result.**)

Oxted to Portsmouth - 57 miles
Portsmouth to Gold Beach - 93 miles
Gold Beach - 5 miles long



Also:

- Children's activities
- Chance to win some gym equipment (sealed bids/silent auction - scroll down for details)
- Display of World War 2 items
- Fish & Chips and Ice Cream available (individuals' own cost)
- Bar is open for drinks

Finally; we asked all schools that have Year 7 and above to create a piece of art or write a piece of literature (short story or poem), depicting or describing something that relates to D-Day or World War 2 or the British Legion. The age groups are 7-9 and 10-11. There was a prize for each group, this was a gift voucher to the value of £15.

GYM EQUIPMENT TO BE WON

The following home gym equipment to be won by sealed bids:

- Brand new rowing machine
- Second hand bicycle
- Second hand cross-trainer

Afternoon Tea:

An experience of 1944 with the Women's Section. A 1944-themed Afternoon Tea and a Ration Box competition for local school children.

The Women's Section hosted a 1944-era 'afternoon tea' from 1.30 until 5pm. As well as more traditional afternoon tea fare, there was some 1944 stalwarts to try, such as spam sandwiches and eggless sponge. There was a display of World War 2 women's uniforms, civilian dresses, children's toys & clothes, domestic artefacts etc. You could see what food rationing looked like and there was the film 'The Longest Day' in the background. All were welcome and open to members and non-members. Tickets were only £10 and are available via Eventbrite.



The local schools were invited to participate in a RATION BOX competition with 2 age groups – Years 1-3 and Years 4-6 – asking pupils to design a Ration Box and fill it with the rations for 1 adult for 1 week. The final judging took place during the afternoon. There was a prize for each group, a gift voucher to the value of £15.

Finally at an event at Charrington Lodge, the Branch Chairman gave a talk on the significance of remembrance in today's world, emphasizing the importance of honoring those who served and sacrificed during World War 2 and other conflicts and preserving their legacy for future generations. Another Veteran provided a deeply moving account of his Father's first hand experiences from D-Day itself, painting a picture of the harrowing yet heroic events of that day.

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