

MEDIA RELEASE

D Day Lantern of Peace Ceremony in Wavendon

A large congregation of Wavendon residents met at 9.15pm by the village war memorial on Thursday 6 June to remember the events of D Day in Normandy 80 Years ago.

Parish Council Chairman, David Hopkins lit a Lamp of Peace and laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the village. The Parish vicar, Rev Matt Trendall read the International Tribute (see below) and those present reflected on the events of 6th June 1944 and those brave souls who made the ultimate sacrifice so we can all live in peace and freedom today.

Cllr Hopkins reflected "The 80th D-Day commemoration in Wavendon, and towns and villages like ours across the country, is important for honouring the sacrifices made, educating current and future generations and reflecting on the enduring values of peace and freedom our country continues to enjoy. It really is important to express gratitude and support to those who continue to live with the memories and consequences of war, whether that be 80 years ago or current conflicts unfortunately ongoing around the world."

ENDS – *Picture of the Lamp of Peace and wreath at Wavendon War memorial attached.*

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.



Note – The Lamp Light of Peace - represents the light of peace that emerged
from the darkness of war"

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