

D-DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Sheringham

This year the UK commemorated the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944 with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France.

At 8am on 6th June 2024 across the country many people gathered in their towns and villages in readiness for the official commencement of the commemoration of the D Day landings of brave troops in France which heralded the beginning of the end of World War Two, 80 years ago.

In SHERINGHAM a small crowd gathered at the Clock Tower and at 8.15am the Town Crier, Andrew Cunningham-Brown read the PROCLAMATION.



Later that morning the Mayor, Cllr Peter Ratcliffe accompanied by Cllr Madeleine Ashcroft attended the High School where they were received by staff and a group of students in the library. Here they were able to view the display that students had been working on for D Day.



At 11am two students, Evie and Eliza read the poem that had been designated to be read across the country in many high schools. Cllr. Ashcroft presented the girls with a certificate of official recognition of taking part in the day's proceedings and Cllr Ratcliffe thanked the school for their involvement.



At 6.30pm church bells rang out across the country. Some of the residents of Sheringham were able to hear the wonderful bells from All Saints Church at Upper Sheringham.

People began to gather at the Leas on the seafront where the Beacon was to be lit at 9.15pm. The evening was clear although windy and appeared to be similar to the night from 80 years ago.



This was followed by a short introduction to the commemoration by Cllr Ratcliffe who described what the day had been like 80 years ago and how we are all thankful for the heroic people who took part in the landings all that time ago.

At 9.15pm precisely Eddie Mayell lit the beacon helped by Cllr Richard Shepherd.

The Royal British Legion was well represented by Standard Bearer Duncan Scott.



As the Beacon was lit, Cllr Ashcroft read the International Tribute to all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice on D Day and throughout World



Reverend Heycocks said prayers, everyone joined in with the Lord's Prayer. Cllr Ratcliffe ended the evening by thanking everyone for attending such a poignant occasion.

The beacon was alight for another half an hour while people took the opportunity to take photos and chat together about the days events.



Sheringham Town Council would like to thank everyone who took part in the Commemoration and of course all those who joined in the events during the day.

**Cllr Madeleine Ashcroft
June 2024**