

D-Day Commemoration in Lympsham



On the 6th June this year, residents from Lympsham and Eastertown gathered at the Café on the Green pavilion to commemorate the dramatic events that took place 80 years ago.

Similar gatherings were held in towns and villages all over the UK and in Normandy where the King met the presidents of France and America and the Ukraine.

Our local event was enhanced by the arrival of three Willy's Jeeps and a number of people wearing military uniforms of the period.

Shortly after a flyover by a Swordfish (String Bag) biplane, complete with underslung torpedo, the members of the East Brent, All-Sorts Choir, led by Sue Toon, treated us to a medley of contemporary songs that were popular in the 1940s.



Mr James Counsell KC then solemnised the gathering by reading out the names of former residents of the village who had given their lives during the last two world conflicts. The last post was played, and we then gathered for the lighting of a beacon at 7pm



Our thanks to all of those who supported the event with memorabilia (especially Jim Bishop's display) and the staff of the Café for the spam sandwiches and tots of rum at 1944 prices!

Peter Smith

