

JOIN IN WITH THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY PLANS IN DORCHESTER



BEACON LIGHTING

- Thursday 6th June
- 8 pm - 9:30 pm
- Salisbury Field
- Free event, no booking required

Bring fish
and chips to
enjoy!



Enjoy a performance of gospel songs by Dorchester's middle schools students and Dorchester Encore Choir to commemorate the introduction of gospel music to Dorchester by the American GI's.

Listen to moving readings by serving US soldiers, a reading from Private Terry Parker's Illicit D-Day Diary and a reading of the 'International Tribute'. This magnificent and moving evening will end with the ceremonial lighting of the beacon.

IMMERSIVE THEATRE TRAIL

- Saturday 8th June
- 1 pm - 4 pm
- Dorchester Town Centre
- Free event, no booking required

Watch actors and performers bring to life what life was like in Dorchester in the run up to D-Day. Travel to seven different locations around Dorchester town centre and experience a different performance at each. Some humorous, some thought provoking, all moving. Each one looks at a different event or experience of the time and all are based on real memories and historic accounts of Dorchester. Map and performance timings to be issued ASAP.



Events coordinated by Dorchester Town Council
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GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA

- Saturday 11th May
- 7pm, doors and bar 6pm
- Hardye Theatre
- £35/£33 members and concessions.

DorchesterArts



Take a step back into the 1940s with the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra for the ultimate musical celebration of the legendary big band leader, Glenn Miller. This very special concert will feature classic arrangements of all Glenn's wartime chart-toppers, including: 'In the Mood', 'Moonlight Serenade', 'American Patrol', 'Little Brown Jug' and 'Tuxedo Junction' – to name just a few.



D-DAY DANCE

- Saturday 25th May
- 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm
- Dorchester Army Reserve Centre
- £20

As part of their 80th Anniversary D-Day Commemorations Programme, The Keep Military Museum is delighted to be hosting this special 1940s themed evening dance!

Attend in your best 1940s dress. Licensed onsite cash bar. All money raised will go to supporting The Keep Military Museum, a registered charity. Book tickets at: <https://www.keepmilitarymuseum.org/>

D-DAY 80 DINNER EVENING

- Saturday 8th June
- 6:30 PM
- Dorchester Army Reserve Centre

Black tie dinner to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. Guest speakers, 2 course meal, a chance to handle genuine D-Day related artefacts and much more! Book tickets at: <https://www.keepmilitarymuseum.org/>



ARMOUR AND EMBARKATION

- Saturday 22nd June
- 3:30 PM
- Weymouth Avenue next to Brewery Square
- Free Event

Experience a convoy of around 100 wartime vehicles, including tanks, motorcycles, jeeps, and trucks recreating the build up the D-Day landings. Step back into wartime history with drivers greeting visitors and answering questions about the vehicles.

HALF TERM D-DAY ACTIVITIES

- Saturday 25th May - Saturday 1st June
- Shire Hall Museum
- Activities included with your Museum Entry!



As we approach the 80th anniversary of D-Day in June, discover more about these monumental landings through a range of engaging activities. Delve into history with our interactive trail, decode Morse Code like a true hero, and unleash your imagination with captivating crafts.



D-DAY DORSET EXHIBITION

- Saturday 3rd June onwards
- Keep Military Museum

Visit Keep Military Museum to see their special exhibition on D-Day Dorset. Tickets included in museum entry.



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80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY - COMMEMORATIVE PLANS FOR DORCHESTER



Date	Time	Commemorative Activity	Location
06.06. 2024	8 am	D-Day proclamation to be read by Town Crier	South Street
06.06. 2024	11 am	'D-Day Heroes' a poem for schools to read out.	Dorchester schools
06.06. 2024	8 pm - 9:30 pm	<p><u>Dorchester D-Day Beacon Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of gospel songs by Dorchester middle school's students and The Cloud 9 Chorus to commemorate the introduction of gospel music to Dorchester by the American GI's. • Readings by serving US soldiers • Reading from Private Terry Parker's Illicit D-Day Diary • Reading of the 'International Tribute' • Lighting of beacon as part of the national event. • Invitation for public to bring along Fish and Chips to eat during the event as part of the event in accordance with national guidance. 	Salisbury Field
08.06. 2024	1 pm - 4 pm	<p><u>Dorchester D-Day: A Free Immersive Theatre Trail</u></p> <p>Watch actors and performers bring to life what life was like in Dorchester in the run up to D-Day. Travel to seven different locations around Dorchester town centre and experience a different performance at each. Some humorous, some thought provoking, all moving. Each one looks at a different event or experience of the time and all are based on real memories and historic accounts of Dorchester.</p> <p>Map and performance timings to be issued ASAP.</p>	Seven locations around central Dorchester