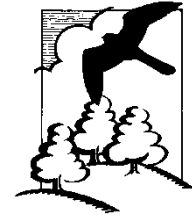


# HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL



## D-DAY EVENT PLAN

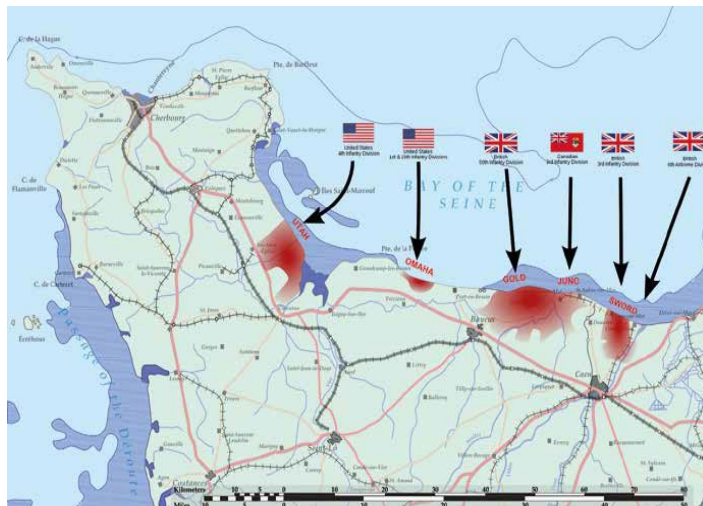
### Introduction

6 June 2024 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings, while the Parish Council understand this should not be a full celebration there are Councillors who believe a commemoration should take place. Hawkhurst is a beacon Parish and therefore the Council will be lighting the beacon at 9.15pm on 6.6.2024 however our residents are unlikely to turn out for just the beacon.

Councillors will see by reading the D-Day 80 Anniversary Guide issued by the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) that changes have been made national days in order to commemorate this special anniversary.

### Fish and Chip Supper on The Moor

National Fish and Chips day is normally held on the first Friday of June however due to this special anniversary this day has been moved to Thursday 6 June 2024. In light of this the Council can host Fish and Chip supper on The Moor, the Council have a Fish and Chip van willing to come and cater the event. The Council can vote to contribute to the cost of a Fish and Chip supper, whether to only offer the free portions to those who are serving or military veterans, the Council we need to vote as to whether to offer this concession or not. A marquee will be put up on The Moor in case of poor weather.



### Historic Information

Inside the marquee we are hoping to display information about D-Day, to teach the young and old about this historic day. The Locum Clerk has approached a local resident to ask for assistance in finding out whether anyone from Hawkhurst was deployed in the operation. The Locum Clerk was also asked by a resident whether the allied invasion of Sicily could also be featured as this was the precursor to D-Day and the success in Italy secured the success in France.

### Engaging Young People

A lot of people do not realise the major role pigeons played in D-Day. Carrier pigeons were absolutely crucial during the war and for the planning and execution of D-Day! Thirty two pigeons even won a medal - the Dickin Medal - for their service. We thought we would celebrate their extraordinary contribution to the war effort with this colouring page. The younger guests at the event will be invited to decorate a pigeon and a medal, the Parish Council will then display these in the marquee, and they will be left up all weekend. Each child that completes a pigeon and medal will be given small medal of their own.



### Beacon Lighting

The beacon will be lit at 9.15pm to end the day, all communities are asked to stop at this time and undertake the international tribute. A tribute is to be read out by the Chairman and/or Clerk.

HPC will be part of an international commemoration.

The Locum Clerk has also ordered a commemorative flag which has been released, this will be displayed on the flagpole at the KGV Field.

For further information please read the information supplied by KALC attached to this report.

### Fete Display

As the village fete is being held that weekend and the marquee will not be taken down until Sunday evening this would be a good opportunity for the Parish Council. By this time the Council will have new Councillors and new staff therefore the marquee can be opened, the kids' activity can continue and something a little bubbly can be offered. Residents can come and meet the office staff and the Councillors, which is a great exercise in public engagement and promoting transparency.

Costings

Marquee Hire	£2544.45
Beacon Lighting	TBC
Event License	£30.00
Fish and Chips (optional)	£500.00
Kids Prize Medals	£51.00