



MARKING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY



The Normandy Day UK charity, Cardinal Newman Catholic School
and Coventry City Council are delighted to invite you to:

A COMMUNITY PEACE PICNIC

JUNE 6TH 12.00–3.00 PM

**COVENTRY PEACE ORCHARD, COUNDON HALL PARK,
TAMWORTH ROAD, COVENTRY CV6 8NJ**

Join Coventry people, hundreds of local school children, veterans and Coventry's Lord Mayor to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day and celebrate the Coventry Peace Orchard.

Carnival atmosphere with games, live music & poetry, food stalls and an ice-cream van. There will be a short presentation around 2.00pm

Soft drinks will be provided. Bring a picnic and something to sit on.

This event is part of Coventry's Positive Images Festival.

A MESSAGE FROM DENNIS DAVISON, D-DAY VETERAN, BEM, LEGION D'HONNEUR

The Normandy Campaign turned the tide of WWII. I was in the D-Day landings in 1944 and served in the support teams supplying the front lines. In later life, I settled in Normandy and took part in the mass peace picnics held every year on the landing beaches on 6th June, the first Day of the Normandy campaign, and re-visited the apple orchards of the Pre-Bocage, where much of the inland fighting took place. When I returned to Coventry, UK, I wanted to help protect the legacy of peace that Europe has enjoyed since 1945 and the memory of the young men who gave their lives.



Since 2013, we have spoken about the Normandy campaign with thousands of school children, made two short films and created a Normandy Peace Orchard. This work has prompted the outpouring of veterans' memories, often for the first time, and these stories have captured the imagination of children and young people. I'm humbled by what this means.



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