



Penrith Town Council

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Penrith commemorates D-Day 80

On 6th June 1944, the largest Naval, Air and land Operation in history took place involving many hundreds of thousands of men who landed on Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches in Normandy.

On Thursday 6 June 2024, Penrith commemorated the 80th Anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at St Andrews Churchyard, along with many other town and parish councils up-and-down the country who had been invited to participate by HM The Kings Pageantmaster.

The D-Day 80 commemoration event included the singing of period songs by Committed2Rock, the reading of the International Tribute by Royal British Legion Chair Kerryanne Wilde and the lighting of the gas beacon by Veteran Brian Donachy.

Around 300 hundred people attended the event.

A Penrith Town Council Spokesperson said:

"The Council would also like to extend a special thanks to Kerryanne Wilde, the Chair of the Royal British Legion in Penrith and who served in the Women's Royal Army Corps and the Intelligence Corps for reading out the International Tribute, Veteran Brian Donaghy who served in the RASC Glencorse Lowland Brigade but who also has strong family connections to the Liverpool Irish Regiment who were in the advance landing force on Juno Beach for lighting the Beacon and to Committed2Rock for such a fantastic performance throughout the evening."

Charlie Shepherd, Chair of the Council's Finance Committee and Former Mayor, read out the D-Day 80 Proclamation at the Bandstand in Cornmarket earlier in the day.