

# PORTSMOUTH COMES ALIVE WITH A DAY TO REMEMBER FOR EVERYONE!



## THE D-DAY 65 CAMPAIGN



Celebrations on both sides of the English Channel will mark the 65th anniversary of the Normandy Landings, the start of the most decisive battle in modern history, as heroes from D-Day and today are honoured by The Royal British Legion.

On Saturday, 6th June 2009 – or “D-Day 65” – the Legion is taking heroes from D-Day and today to the Normandy beaches in honour of the 165,000 Allied Forces who took part in the landings.

The D-Day heroes will also take part in commemorative services organised by The Royal British Legion at the majestic Bayeux Cathedral in Normandy, the spiritual home of the Normandy Landings as well as the Norman Conquest nearly 900 years earlier.

Meanwhile, in England the public is invited to join veterans at a major outdoor celebration and picnic in Southsea, Portsmouth, with additional picnics in Weymouth, Coventry, and Christchurch. These picnics, on both sides of the Channel, are being organised by the Legion in partnership with Normandy Day and Normandy Association UK.

These activities are part of a £2.5 million fundraising appeal in association with the D-Day anniversary, to further the work of the Legion in supporting veterans, Service personnel and their families.

## PARTY IN PORTSMOUTH

The seafront in Southsea, the original focus of D-Day operations, is at the centre of The Royal British Legion’s D-Day 65 celebrations in Britain, as the country gathers to remember the brave men who took part in the Normandy Landings.

The Royal British Legion’s ‘Party in Portsmouth’ is taking over the sea front in true 1940s’ style with music and dancing from the era and a mass public picnic.

Why not really get in the swing of things and dress up in 1940s’ costume, whilst enjoying all the entertainment including a traditional fun fair, an impressive collection of military vehicles, a spectacular display by the Parachute Regiment Freefall Team – The Red Devils, as well as performances by the legendary and award-winning Ray Gelato Giants, and the hugely popular Memphis Belle Swing Orchestra, made famous by the 1990’s WWII film of the same name, and you will even have the opportunity to join in with the Katz Korner Lindy Hopper dancers.

For those feeling a little more energetic there will be a free D-Day 65 bike ride around Portsmouth open to all ages and abilities.

## YOUR TIMETABLE FOR WHAT TO SEE AND WHERE



**11am:**  
D-Day Parade starts at Lumps Fort to the D-Day stone on the seafront, marchers gather at 10.15am



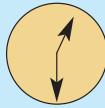
**12 noon:**  
Bike ride commences, main starting point, Skate Park  
Cyclists entertained on route by the strolling jazz musicians, The Old Thumper Dixie 5



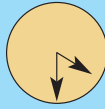
**12 noon – 6pm:**  
Cycle Roadshow, Skate Park



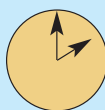
**12 noon – 6pm:**  
Commemorative flag planting – in between the Bandstand and Castle Field behind the D-Day Museum



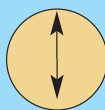
**1.30pm – 4.15pm:**  
The Memphis Belles Swing Orchestra accompanied by the Katz Korner Lindy Hopper Dancers, Bandstand  
**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR PICNIC!**



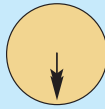
**4.30pm – 5.45pm:**  
Ray Gelato and the Giants, Bandstand



**2pm – 6pm:**  
Military vehicle display and military tented village, Castle Field  
Billy Danter’s Fun Fair, Castle Field  
Selection of food outlets, Castle Field  
Poppy Draw worth £15,000, Castle Field  
Commemorative merchandise and memorabilia, Castle Field



**6pm:**  
The Parachute Regiment Freefall Team – The Red Devils



**6.30pm:**  
Celebrations end

## YOUR MAP OF WHERE TO GO

Head for the Southsea seafront and the D-Day Museum. The main events will be held on the Bandstand (West Battery Gardens, behind the D-Day Museum car park), on Castle Field and on the Skate Park.



### Event Locations

- 1 Red Devils Landing Area
- 2 Cycle Roadshow and Start/Finish
- 3 Bandstand and Stage
- 4 St John Ambulance
- 5 Military Display
- 6 Flag Planting
- 7 VIP Area

### Places of Interest

- 8 Legion Mobile Display Unit
- 9 Poppy Draw
- 10 Commemorative Merchandise Tent
- 11 Memorabilia Tent
- 12 Information and Lost Child Point
- 13 Fairground
- 14 First Aid Tent
- 15 Toilets
- 16 Toilets

### Places of Interest

- A Memorial
- B Blue Reef Aquarium
- C D-Day Museum
- D Southsea Castle
- E Pyramids Leisure Centre
- P Parking



## CYCLE ROUTE

See the sights of Portsmouth by bike and ride on the extensive cycle network that the city has developed. The ride is free to enter and open to everyone including families, individuals, the fit and the not so fit. Choose from any of three routes or just join a route wherever you can. You can cycle 15 miles or just 1 mile. Entertainment will be provided by our strolling jazz musicians The Old Thumper Dixie 5.

To register and qualify for a free t-shirt visit [www.dday65.org.uk](http://www.dday65.org.uk)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Parking Availability:

Pay & Display in the D-Day Museum car park, echelon parking along the seafront, additional and overflow parking on Serpentine East, parking in Lumps Fort.

### Health & Safety:

A St. John Ambulance crew and first aiders will be on-site (see location on site map), additional security will also be on site to advise on safety procedures if necessary, please be careful when crossing Clarence Esplanade.

### Lost Child Point:

This will be located at The Royal British Legion kiosk (see location on site map).

### Picnic:

Don't forget to bring your picnic to the Bandstand – FREE commemorative picnic cloths will be available on site from the merchandise tent (see location on site map).

### Commemorative Flag Planting:

Pick up a flag from one of the cadets or at the merchandise tent, write a message on the back of it and plant it in memory of a D-Day Hero (see location of flag planting on site map).

### D-Day Museum:

Free admission to the D-Day Museum on 6th June 2009.

### Donations:

Donations can be given for the fair ground attractions, the commemorative flags and the merchandise. You can also donate online by visiting [www.dday65.org.uk](http://www.dday65.org.uk) or text the word 'Badge' followed by your name, address and postcode to 81686 to make a £5.00 donation to The Royal British Legion (RBL) and to receive a special D-Day Badge. For every donation at least £3.90 goes directly to the RBL. Please obtain the bill payer's permission. Customer Service number is 0844 991 0078 and all calls to this number will cost 6p per minute. For data protection information visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk/dataprotection](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/dataprotection).

### Costumes:

Get in the spirit of the theme and come in 1940s' costume. You can hire military costumes from the era from Sabre Sales, 85-87 Castle Road, Southsea (telephone 02392 833 394; email [sabre.sales@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sabre.sales@tiscali.co.uk)) and from The Haslemere Wardrobe, 18-19 St Christopher's Road, Haslemere (telephone 01428 642202; email [fancydress@haslemerewardrobe.co.uk](mailto:fancydress@haslemerewardrobe.co.uk)).

**NB: PLEASE TAKE YOUR LITTER WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SITE OR PLACE IT IN THE LITTER BINS PROVIDED**

Thank you to Portsmouth City Council



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FOR THE PARTY IN PORTSMOUTH!



PARTY FOR ALL THE FAMILY ON  
**6TH JUNE, 12 NOON – 6PM**  
SOUTHSEA SEAFRONT, PORTSMOUTH.