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Lillington Parish Church St Mary Magdalene's Magazine

NOV 2024



From the Vicar

Dear Friends,

How do you do your shopping? Are you someone who goes around the supermarket picking and choosing items as you pass them or are you someone who goes armed with a list? I am most definitely a list person. Unless I've got a list then I'm almost certainly likely to arrive home without the washing powder or the bread.



Lists are very useful and if a piece of paper isn't to hand then I'll often write my list there on my hand. Carrying large amounts of information around in our heads can sometimes lead to things being overlooked or forgotten. Forgetting inanimate objects is one thing, but forgetting people is quite another.

November is the month, it seems, for remembering people. We remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country and we remember those whom we have loved but have gone ahead of us. Lists are therefore an important feature in the month of remembrance.

On Sunday 10th November we will gather again to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country. Once again at 11am we will read the names of local people from this parish who

went away to war and never returned. Their names are listed by the memorial outside. If you have time maybe pause to think of those young lives lost to the conflict of a foreign field.

In the evening of the 10th we will be remembering those who have died over the last 24 months and be inviting their families to join with us in worship. In that service too names will be read out. Lists of names carefully recorded and cherished. Each name represents a life lived and a prayer of continued committal to God's safe keeping.

I hope that on Remembrance Sunday we will be able to gather together again in large numbers to remember in prayer people special to us and to the community.

But can I also take this opportunity to commend another list that we read out each and every Sunday. Each week we publish a list of those who have particularly asked for prayer. It is a list of people, some of whom are very young, others who are very old. Each person on the sick list is a name we commend to the healing love of God. And we also remember the families of those who have recently died.

Please take the handout and make it the focus for some of your prayers during the week. Prayer quite literally changes and transforms, and lists are really very useful to those of us who from time to time forget.



Fundraising for Ukraine Medical Charity

On September 21st a small group of us from church attended a performance at All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa, in aid of the Ukraine Medical Charity. The Svitoch Ukranian Charity Choir presented a programme of sacred, folk and modern Ukranian songs.



The choir emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic and brought together talented singers from members of the Ukrainian population in the UK, also refugees who escaped the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Members include performers who have sung in prestigious venues across Europe and America, including the Royal Albert Hall, and who have graced cathedrals and esteemed venues across the UK.

Those of us present found the experience extremely moving, not least because our church has been involved with collecting for this charity since the outbreak of the conflict in February 2022.

The backdrop of the church, with its stunning lighting effects and the use of the traditional Ukranian colours of blue and gold, created a wonderful atmosphere. The conductor, Mykola Lysenko, was dressed in traditional costume, adding an extra touch of authenticity.

Although the conflict in Ukraine has been absent from the headlines in recent months, we at St. Mary Magdalene's have remained acutely aware of the crucial support needed to assist those seriously affected by military action.

The Ukranian Medical Charity is a UK-registered charity which coordinates and facilitates the transfer of essential medical supplies to military and civilian hospitals and clinics in Ukraine.

Pat Poulson and Margaret Moore have been coordinating the collection of medical supplies in our church for well over two years. They ensure that these are delivered on a regular basis to the Polish Centre from where donations are sent to Ukraine.

This gives an opportunity to thank members of the congregation for their generous donations over such a long period and for the hard work done by Pat and Margaret. We can assure you that all donations are much appreciated and still needed.

The recent display of photos in church highlighting the importance of the work of this charity, has added to our knowledge of how much our donations are helping. The blessing of the ambulances due for Ukraine which took place outside church on 29th September was also a reminder of the wonderful fundraising efforts taking place in our area.

Thank you again for all the help and support you are giving to this worthwhile charity.



Pat, Margaret, Sarah and Maureen

Cord is our charity for November



Cord's vision is a world where all people can live in peace and the fullness of life. Peace means hope and healing for victims in safe and stable societies. Peace means freedom, and people reaching their potential.

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- Strengthen grassroots organisations
- Enable those in power to understand the importance of working with grassroots organisations
- Create opportunities for these two groups to work together

As a result, cooperation and trust develops between different parts of society. Communities are able to live free from fear. People can live in peace and reach their potential. We're making peace possible through a diverse range of projects, including programmes focusing on freedom of religion or belief, climate change, women's empowerment, Indigenous people's rights and much more.

When the right to freedom of religion or belief is not respected, violence and even genocide can result. Challenging prejudice and discrimination is therefore central to Cord's peacebuilding work. Cord is working to strengthen and support Indigenous human rights defenders, ensuring they have the knowledge, network and skills to peacefully and effectively defend their land.

Cord is building peace throughout Southeast Asia and in east Africa, including in Bangladesh, Burundi, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Uganda.



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The choir in the Cotswolds!

On 13th October the choir of St Mary Magdalene's joined with some choir members from St Nicholas Church, Warwick, to sing Choral Evensong in a beautiful Cotswold church.

St Michael and All Angels, Broadway, hosted our choir and organist Mike King. The evening service, which featured music by Stanford, Hurford and Handel, was led by their vicar, Rev'd Michelle Ward.





The Choir are always ready to welcome new singers, so if you

are interested in joining please contact Rachael at music@ Lillingtonparishchurch.org

Rachael Jefferies



Curry and Kerala

Kerala is a beautiful state in the Southwest of India. Here are 10 fascinating facts about Kerala:

- 1. Kerala is known for its spice trade and has been a major exporter of spices since 3000 BC the main crops in Kerala are still black pepper and other spices, and Kerala is the second largest producer of cardamom in the world.
- 2. Kerala has a long coastal region backed by the wall of mountains known as the Western Ghats.



3. Kerala is the first state in India to get the monsoon.



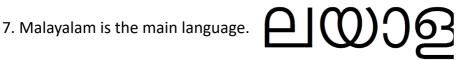


- 4. Around 8% of India's waterways are found in Kerala and the houseboats at Alleppey are one of the tourist attractions of the state.
- 5. When Kerala was formed in 1957 it elected a Communist government, one of the first elected Communist governments anywhere.





6. Much of Kerala's current economy depends on its people working in the Gulf states, although it has a growing IT sector.





8. Religion – Hindu (about ½ the population), Muslim and Christian (about 1/4 each) - the latter two brought to Kerala by traders.

9. Kerala is home to the largest domesticated population of elephants in India - about 700 Indian elephants.



10. The Padmanabhaswamy temple in Trivandrum is the richest place of worship in the world.



Thank you to everyone who came to support the Curry and Kerala event, it was great fun and the curries were delicious – thank you to the chefs! We raised about £200 for church funds.

Sally Druce

The Yarn Cafe trip to Southwell Minster

On 19th September, the Yarn Café decided to go on a trip to Southwell Minster near Nottingham. As lovely as Southwell Minster is there was an ulterior motive - to see "The Longest Yarn". This is a knitted and crocheted, 80 metre 3D depiction of 6th June 1944 in wool art. There were 80 scenes to include the build up in England, the horrors on the Landing Beaches and the bloody inland battles.

The day started with 13 of us meeting outside church to get on the minibus, driven by Robin Innes. Just 1½ hours later Robin dropped us off right outside the Minster to get a cup of coffee whilst he and Carol parked the minibus.



The idea had been to enjoy a coffee together, but they were so busy we had to split into smaller groups to get a table at the Refectory. Some had lunch straightaway and others headed for the Minster.



The Longest Yarn has been so popular we had to sit in the rows of chairs in the Minster until it was our turn to view the exhibits – it wasn't just the Yarn that was long, we had to wait nearly 2 hours!

But each 'panel' was a reconstruction of a particular event leading up to D Day and the day itself. Despite the horror of the invasion, the wool art was amazing (who knew there were so many ways to knit or



crochet the sea) and there was humour in some of the depictions as well.

We were blessed with a sunny day and made our way home around 4.30pm - a few of us winding up at the Rugby Tavern for a lovely end to the day.

Carol Innes



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system

Defibrillator

Have you noticed the new Defibrillator installed on the wall of the Octagon? You can hardly miss it – it's bright yellow and glows at night.

Perhaps you think that these are provided free, well sadly not. We have been successful in getting a grant of 50% from the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) but the church has funded the rest (£750 plus installation). But we think this is a much needed asset for our community.

What is the benefit of a Debrillator?

Defibrillators can save lives.
When someone's heart stops
beating, oxygen is no longer being
transported to their brain and
other vital organs. Without any

DEFIBRILLATOR

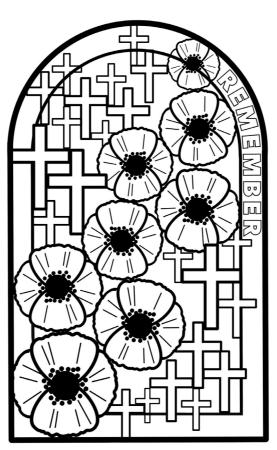
intervention, brain damage will start to occur within four to five minutes.

A patient's chance of survival falls by between seven and ten percent with every minute that defibrillation is delayed. However, studies have shown that a shock given within three to five minutes can produce survival rates of between 50 and 70 percent.

We are looking at providing training in both CPR and how to use the defibrillator, but the model we have is so simple to use. The instructions on the box tell you to dial 999 – the Ambulance service give you the code to unlock the cabinet and as well as the defibrillator, talking you through what to do. The defibrillator knows when to shock so you cannot harm anyone. You can learn CPR for free in just 15 minutes with the British Heart Foundations online training tool RevivR (www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help). Doing nothing does nothing, doing something might save a life.

Carol Innes

Colour me in







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2 PM - 4 PM
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Christmas Fair

Saturday 23rd November from 2-4pm

Can you help?

We always need help on the day supporting stallholders, setting up, clearing away and many more things!

We also need cake makers for a cake stall and the Christmas Café. We would love donations of bric-a-brac, books, toys, bottles, and of course lovely goodies for the grand raffle prize of a Christmas Hamper.

Perhaps you have an idea for a stall – do you do crafts that you could sell, or have a passion for jigsaws, or like to organise a tombola?

Have a word with any of the Social Committee (Heather, Gaynor, Sara, Sarah, Robin, Juliet, Cerys, William) if you can help in any way - or phone/email me that would be great!

Carol Innes

Carol.innes1@gmail.com or 07758 857740

Reverse Advent 2024

This year we are supporting the Lillington Branch of the Warwick District Foodbank with our 2024 Reverse Advent project.

The details

Strong brown paper carrier bags will be available for you to fill with your contributions — or you can use a Christmas gift bag you already have at home. Decorating the plain carrier bags with festive colour always proves popular — so please do join in with this idea if you can.

Reverse Advent Bags will be available in church for collection during November, which you can take home and fill up, ready for Christmas. Filled bags will be received back into church at all services on Sunday 8th December. If you are worshiping online or are unable to deliver your filled bag to church – please do get in touch with me and I will make arrangements to deliver and collect your bag.

How it works

Many of us have an Advent calendar with a chocolate or little toy for each day. With the Reverse Advent Calendar, you GIVE a little something for each day. Please fill your bag for our local Foodbank and at the same time your help will support what "Love Lillington" is doing in our Community.

Suggested donations

Cranberry Sauce, Gravy Granules, Christmas Puddings, Christmas Chocolates, Chocolate Puddings/Yule Logs, Christmas Biscuits/Cake, Tinned Salmon, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Custard,

Cream Crackers, Mince Pies, Non-alcoholic drinks, Stuffing, Bread Sauce, Christmas Crackers (non-edible kind) Supermarket Gift Cards. See the calendar below which is the Foodbank's guide.

At the end of Advent these will be fantastic bags of gifts for us to deliver to the Foodbank to be passed on for the community in need in Lillington.

Christine Butler lovelillingtonaction@ lillingtonparishchurch.org or 07963 229756







If you are able to volunteer, please speak to Chloe Scanlan at lillington@ thecommunitypantry.org.uk

PANTRY CHRISTMAS DATES

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Wrapping 1 - 3pm

Saturday 7th December - Breakfast with Santa 10am - 12pm

Monday 9th December - Leamington Round Table, Santa's Sleigh - 6pm - 8pm

Wednesday 18th December - Hamper Packing 1pm - 3pm

Thursday 19th/Friday 20th - Normal Pantry

KEY DATE - Monday 23rd December:

Veg Pack - 9:30 - 10:30 Hamper Distribution - 11 - 3. Normal Pantry Closed

Christmas Break - 24th December to 1st January.

Re Open Thursday 2nd January 2025 - 1pm - 5pm
Please note different opening hours - this is to
accommodate for an early morning delivery as there will
be no delivery on Wed 1st Jan.





Parent and Toddler Group Thursdays 10.30am – 12.00noon in term-time

Octotots is an informal weekly get-together for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups held at St Mary Magdalene's church Vicarage Road, Lillington CV32 7RH

The sessions are FREE! and Refreshments are served throughout

Pick up a flier where the dates of our meetings are listed or contact the church office to find out more

01926 470449 - email office@lillingtonparishchurch.org or check out our website :

www.lillingtonparishchurch.org

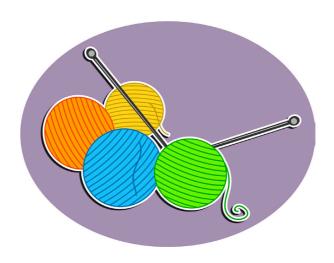
Yarn Café

Need a place to craft? Need a place to natter? Need a place to keep warm?

Then come along to the Yarn Café, where there will be a warm welcome and refreshments.



We are open on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 2-4pm



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What's happening

Sat 9th November from 10 to 12 noon	Coffee morning, with cakes and craft activities
Saturday 23 rd November from 2-4pm	CHRISTMAS FAIR! Stalls, Grand raffle, Tombola, Christmas Cafe, Mulled wine and mince pies, and a chance to visit Father Christmas.
December 7 th from 10 to 12 noon	Coffee morning, with cakes and craft activities
DECEMBER 14 th From 2pm	CHRISTMAS FILM MATINEE (film to be decided but a big hint below on what it might be!)









Remembrance Sunday

November 10th



The Sunday Service will be at 10.00am and will then be followed by an act of remembrance at 11.00am outside by the war memorial.

There will be no All Age Service that dy.

Annual Memorial Service

November 10th 6.00pm

Once again we will gather together to remember loved ones who have gone ahead of us.

Names will be read out and candles lit as we gather in the church for this special annual service.

If you wish for a loved one's name to be read out in the service please print it on the sheet in church or contact the office



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Saturday coffee mornings recipes

Chocolate biscuit cake

- 1/2lb rich tea biscuits crushed
- 4 tbsp white sugar
- 4 tbsp drinking chocolate
- 4 oz marg
- 4 oz mixed dried fruit
- 1/2lb cooking chocolate
- 1 beaten egg
- 1. Melt the margarine, drinking chocolate and sugar slowly in a large saucepan.
- 2. Add the fruit and bring to the boil, stirring often.
- 3. Remove from the heat and stir in the crushed biscuits and bind with the egg.
- 4. Press in to a lined Swiss roll tin and spread with the melded chocolate. Leave to cool before cutting up.



The Most Famous Author You've Never Heard Of

Ever heard of Charlotte M. Yonge? I hadn't either until I went to a conference in her beautiful home city of Winchester. Charlotte was a Victorian publishing sensation, the J. K. Rowling of her day, whose books also flew off the shelves.



Her name is pronounced "Young", which is appropriate, as her books were aimed squarely at the huge Victorian families who inhabited huge Victorian houses, like those in Leamington. Her cast of characters runs from children to teens to young adults, in their lives and loves, trials, joys and tribulations as they strive towards maturity.

Charlotte is seen as the chief novelist of the Tractarian Oxford Movement. This was the pressure group that re-vitalised and renewed the Church of England in the nineteenth century, reconnecting it to its pre-Reformation origins. I'd expected her books to be very preachy indeed — but not so. They're suffused with Christian values but the characters are left to find their own happiness or redemption, without any easy answers.

I was wondering how Charlotte had come to this position. Then, at the conference, a term kept cropping up: Tractarian Reticence. A pompous expression perhaps, of the sort that academics love, but one that set me thinking. Among other things, it means that modest, grounded Anglicans don't need to shout their faith and good works from the rooftops. Charlotte kept her Christian message implicit and, in disposing of a very large income on her good works, was the very soul of discretion.

Is this a contrast with our 21st Century communication style? Today's congregations seem anxious to convince themselves, the diocese and the world at large that theirs is a dynamic, expanding and successful church. Understandable and quite possibly true ... but need we try so hard? Can't we chill out, relax a bit and, like Charlotte, be a little more, well, Reticent?

There's a case to be made for being the Most Famous Christians Nobody's Ever Heard Of.

Trevor Humphreys

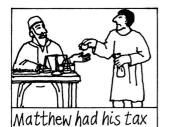


BLEBITE

It can be read in the Bible in Mt 9:9-13, Mk 2:13-15, Lk 5:27-32

A short story from the Bible

The Roman invaders had given the job of collecting their taxes to local Jews who also overcharged, so they were doubly hated.



office by Lake Galilee





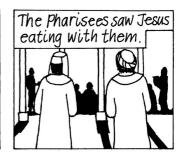


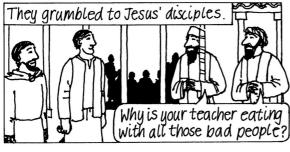


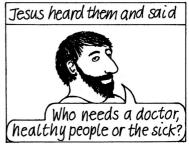




They were other tax collectors and bad people









Hosea was talking about people who looked like they were following God's rules but were bad inside.



Walker's Group

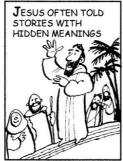


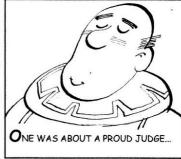
On Saturday 5th
October, six of us set
off from Abbey Fields in
Kenilworth for a gentle
walk, mainly on roads
and paths. We went
through the southern
part of Parliament
Piece (now a nature

reserve with some magnificent trees, including a majestic holm oak), down Tainters' Hill and along Lower Ladyes Hills, past the Oddibourne Allotments. We then explored Kenilworth Common, meeting several friendly dogs and their owners. The trees still had most of their leaves but the autumn colours were just beginning to appear. On our return route to Abbey Fields, we skirted the Oddibourne Allotments again and were welcomed in by some of the members and invited to have a look at their very impressive plots. The final section led us alongside Finham Brook, which had been in full spate when we pre-walked the route a few days earlier but was by then returning to its normal size and speed.

After the recent rain we were very lucky with the weather, enjoying dappled sunlight in the wooded areas of the Common, with patches of blue sky and sunshine. Everyone discovered something new to them, despite knowing Kenilworth well. We even found a convenient seating area for our coffee break, and later recharged our batteries with an excellent lunch in the Clarendon Arms, close to Kenilworth Castle. The walk was approximately 3.5 miles.

Helen & Stanley Ireland











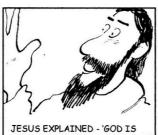


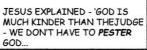




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On July 29th the Government announced that the Winter Fuel Payment - of £200 for those aged 65-79, and £300 for those aged 80 or over - will be restricted to those people in receipt of Pension Credit – so what is Pension Credit and who can claim it? It is estimated that up to 880,000 households are entitled to Pension Credit but not currently receiving it.

Pension Credit

Is a means tested benefit which is paid to help with the cost of living, it can also bring entitlement to additional financial support, including housing benefit, Council tax support, and winter fuel payment. Pension Credit can be backdated by up to 3 months (subject to meeting qualifying criteria).

The deadline to claim to be entitled to this year's winter fuel payment is 21st December 2024

To get help making a claim

You can get further information and make a claim by calling the Pension Credit Hotline: 0800 99 1234

You can check if you are eligible for Pension Credit using the Pension Credit calculator here https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit-calculator

If you believe you are entitled to Pension Credit you can claim online here https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim

If you require further advice or help to make a claim you can call Citizens Advice on 0808 250 5715 or visit one of our drop-in sessions. For further details of our opening hours visit www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk









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Lillington Parish Church





ECO TIP!

Did you know that, in the UK, 6-8 million real Christmas trees go to landfill every year? With a Christmas tree rental scheme you can enjoy a real tree knowing that it will be replanted later. Simply Google 'Christmas tree rental'.

Alternatively, dress up a living tree in your garden – add lots of bird feeders and fat balls, and some outdoor fairy lights to make a feast for your eyes and the birds. Or, visit the British Christmas Tree Growers Association to find out about buying an organic, FSC-certified, or locally grown Christmas tree.



Alex Robinson





Services in November

3 Nov.	All Saints	9.30am 11.15am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (in church & on line) All Age Communion (in church) Evening Service (in church)
10 Nov.	Remembrance	10.00am 6.00pm	Joint Holy Communion (in church & on line) All Souls Service
17 Nov.	2 nd Before Advent	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & on line) Star Church (in church)
24 Nov.	Christ the King	9.30am 11.15am	Holy Communion (in church & on line) Star Church (in church)

Weekday Services in November

Wednesdays Holy Communion in church and online at 10.00am on

6, 13, 20 & 27 November

From the church records (September)

BAPTISMS: None

WEDDINGS: Miranda Allison and Daniel Fewtrell
FUNERALS: None

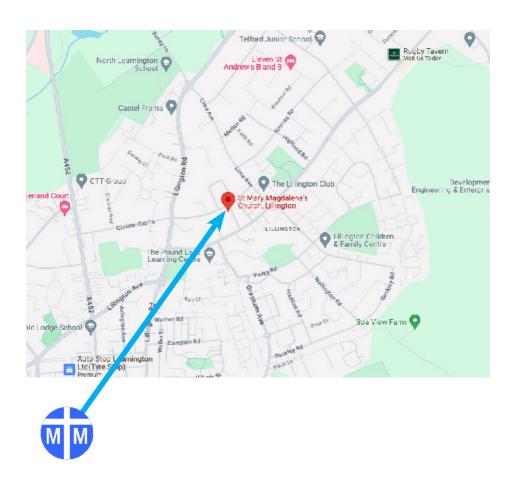
Services are streamed live and are also available afterwards on the website www.lillingtonparishchurch.org

For Funeral, Baptism and Wedding enquiries, please contact Rev. William Smith on 01926 316475 or email wms. smith@btinternet.com

For general enquiries please contact the church office by telephone on 01926 470449 or email office@lillingtonparishchurch.org. Outside of office hours, please leave a message on the answer phone and we will return your call.



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Please do contact us with any questions or queries, or just to say hello!



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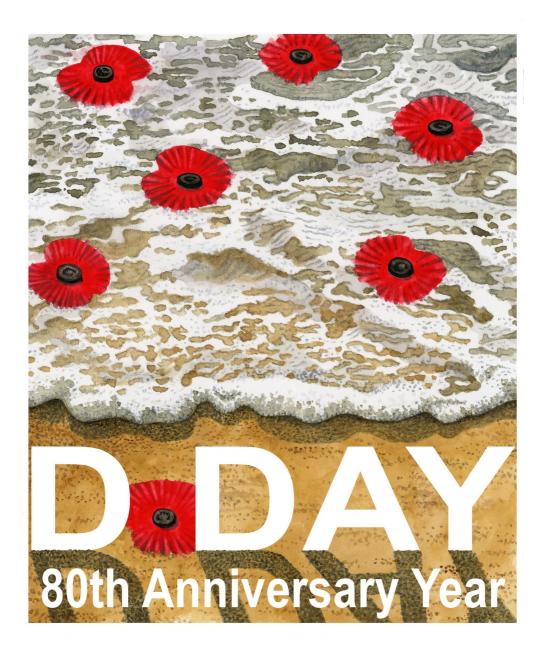
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