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Hello again,

I hope you don't mind me sharing some of my photographs of yesterday's 70th anniversary of D Day. As the Minister for Veterans I had the great privilege and honour of attending a number of ceremonies.

In particular the events at Ranville will stay with me forever; I felt deeply proud to be British, totally humbled in the company of those who had shown such bravery and courage and moved to tears at the memory of the sacrifice made by so many.

Ranville was the first town to be liberated following the Normandy Landings, by members of the 6th Airborne Division of the 13th (Lancashire) Parachute Battalion. Yesterday, the Regiment had organised an especially large number of their D Day veterans to gather in the town.

Ranville marked the 70th anniversary of D Day with ceremonies at their memorial, a Church mass and then a service of remembrance in the British cemetery. I attended all the events laying a number of wreaths and taking the opportunity to spend a good part of the



morning talking with D Day veterans.

[Click here for more about the liberation of Ranville and the 13th Para's ...](#)



I also attended the international ceremony on Sword Beach which ran well over an hour late so I missed the start of the Veterans tea party in Arromanches. I did make the end of the service where apparently I was seen singing Auld Lang Syne!

I think it is worth recording that the Queen attended the beating of the retreat on Tuesday, the State Opening of Parliament on Wednesday and is today on her third long day in France. That's a tough programme for anyone but at 88 the energy and good humour of the Queen is remarkable.

After the official events at Arromanches most people hung around chatting in the warm evening sun. Again, I met a number of D Day Veterans and their families. These remarkable, frail, elderly men tell their part in the D Day story with dignity and humility. It's often the family who speak up to explain a particularly heroic act or poignant tale.



Home to the Hemlock Happening

I failed to bring some of the glorious Normandy sunshine to today's Hemlock Happening which I helped to open this afternoon. There is a good turn out of stalls (including our excellent Pulp Friction). Thanks as ever to Bramcote Councillor and Broxtowe's Mayor, Stan Hepinstall who continues to be the driving force behind the event. The Happening ends this evening with Fireworks.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Sunday 8 June

Cossall Open Gardens

1pm till 5pm

A local event that has been running for many years, the cost is £3.50 for 2 days. For the full line up of events please click [here](#).

Beauvale Priory - Open Farm Market

Beauvale Priory, New Road, Moorgreen, NG16 2AA

Indoor farmers market and craft stalls. For more information please click [here](#).

Tuesday 10 June

Beeston North CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

Children's Centre, Beeston Fields School

Stapleford South East CAT meeting

7pm till 8:30pm

The Meeting Place, Stapleford

Friday 13 June

Surgery

Please contact the constituency office.

Saturday 14 June

Beeston Gospel Choir - Performance

1pm till 5pm

Roundhill Primary School, Beeston

Attenborough Scarecrow Festival

Attenborough is to hold its very first Scarecrow Festival this year, you can take part by making and displaying your own scarecrow in your front garden. Please click [here](#) for full details.

Chilwell Carnival

11:30 till 3:30pm

College House Junior School, Cator Lane, Chilwell, NG9 4BB

Lots of attractions including; dog display, ponies, archery, fencing, craft stalls, car boot and much more. Entry fee is £1.50 for adults and £1 for children.

Sunday 15 June

Strawberry Fayre - Bramcote Old Church Tower

1pm till 4pm

The Old Church Tower, Town Street, Bramcote

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