

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

BRIXHAM *Back to the* 40s

1st-9th June 2019



FREE
guide to
what's
on



MORE THAN **60 FREE** EVENTS & ACTIVITIES INSIDE >>

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Welcome

Welcome to our guide to the exhibitions, events, displays and activities Brixham will be hosting from Saturday 1st June to Sunday 9th June to mark the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

We hope this guide will be enjoyed by residents, visitors and all generations as we explore our heritage in returning our town back to the 1940s. This was a significant period in our nation's story and indeed world history. We hope each day will offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Our programme presents opportunities to learn about our history, to enjoy the legacy of freedoms passed to us and to reflect upon the sacrifices and suffering of previous generations.

We thank all the individuals, volunteers, local commercial and community organizations who have contributed. Without your support, this event would not have been possible.

John Brennan

Chair, Brixham Future CIC



Free things not to miss

While you are visiting Brixham there will be exhibitions, events and specific activities on each day to enjoy.


Sit down in a cafe and hear the speeches of Sir Winston Churchill; the sound of the air-raid siren followed by the all clear; admire the 1940s window displays and vehicles in the streets; the dance displays or music in our Old Fish Market or at Shoalstone Pool; or simply chat to the re-enactors and historians around you. Make sure you don't miss:


Motor Torpedo Boat 102
Middle Street Treasure Hunt
Saint Mary's Church
The Old Coaching Inn
Brixham Theatre
D-Day Parade
Vigil Service


All Saints Church
Brixham Battery Museum
Strand Art Gallery
Shoalstone Pool
Lymptone Military Wives Choir
Brixham Heritage Museum
Sharon Hubbocks - The Magic Bow

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Brixham and World War 2 (1939-1945)

The Second World War was the most destructive conflict in human history. It resulted in the deaths of a known 63 Million people worldwide. Countless millions more also suffered bereavement, injury, dislocation, loss of homes and property. It changed our world socially, politically and economically.

In 1939 Brixham was a small coastal fishing port with a population of around 8,000. Over 125 local inhabitants were killed during the War and many more were injured or suffered loss or bereavement.

Brixham men and women were instrumental in the war effort, in the Land Army, Auxiliary Services, Home Guard, at sea in minesweepers or merchant ships or in the air in fighter or bomber planes.

Brixham played host to a large refugee population, mainly from occupied Belgium. American and Canadian troops also arrived in large numbers from 1943 onwards as the South West prepared for the invasion of France. Forces from many other countries also participated: Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Poland.

For the D-Day Landings, the American 4th Infantry Division departed from our Breakwater Beach for Normandy, landing at *Utah Beach* and heralding the first step in the liberation of Nazi occupied France.

Today we can still recall this period of our history. It is there in our buildings and our streets. So as you walk around and enjoy the displays and activities, please remember our forebears who served and sacrificed during the 40s. And never forget, we owe them so much for the peace and freedom we now enjoy.



The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion is a UK charity providing lifelong support for members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families and dependants. It is best known for its national and local 'Festivals of Remembrance' on the 11th November each year and for the annual poppy appeal.



The Brixham Branch of the Legion has played a major role in delivering our commemoration, exhibitions and activities to mark the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. It will lead the Vigil Service at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 5th June and also lead the parade, march and service at the Breakwater Beach on the 6th June. Everyone is welcome to both events.

The Royal Naval Association

With over 20,000 members across 300+ branches in the UK and overseas, the Royal Naval Association is a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy.

The Brixham Branch meet at the Rugby Club at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month.



ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION BRIXHAM BRANCH

Historic Motor Torpedo Boat 102 at
the MDL Brixham Marina
from 3 - 9 June 10



THUR
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75th Anniversary of D-Day

The D-Day military invasion that helped to end World War 2 was one of the most ambitious military campaigns in human history. In its strategy and scope - and its enormous stakes for the future of the free world - historians regard it among the greatest military achievements ever.



The American 4th Infantry Division departed from Brixham's Breakwater Beach on 4th June 1944 bound for 'Utah' Beach on the Normandy Coast. Their Landing at 06.30 on 6th June heralded the first step in the liberation of Nazi-occupied France.

06.30 Torbay Amateur Radio (TARS) Special Event Station Chain - see website for details 17

10.00 Air Raid Siren - Warning 9

10.30 Flotilla of small ships and tribute from sea horns 10

11.00 Royal British Legion Parade from *Man & Boy* statue 11

12.00 All Saints Bells - *Abide With Me* 12

13.00 Walk & talk by Rob White 4

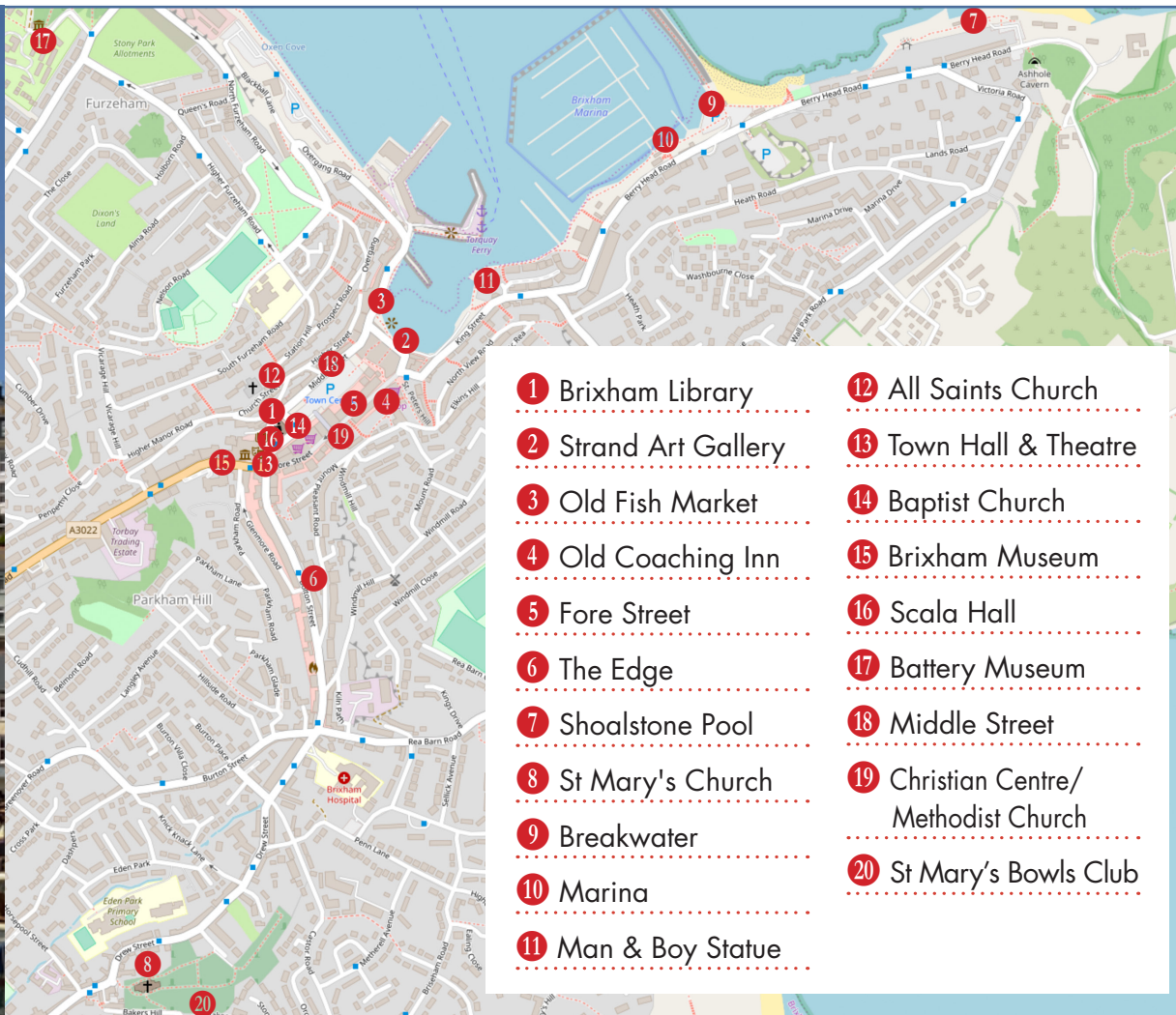
14.30 Film show - *Fighting 69* 4

18.00 Air Raid Siren - All Clear, followed by Last Post 9

19.30 1940s music with AJ's Big Band. A 17 piece band playing a range of 1940s music in Brixham Theatre. ***Paid entrance.*** 13

There is the possibility of a fly-past of WW2 aircraft during the day (conditions and weather permitting, see website for details)

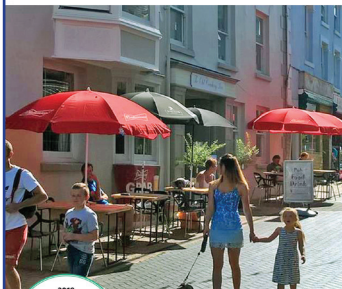
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Methodist Church
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**SAT
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09.30 D-Day/WW2 Exhibition: by Friends
of Brixham Library **1**

10.00 Victory art exhibition **2**

10.30 - 16.00 Various displays in
Fore Street **5**

10.30 1940s Craft Market **3**

11.00 Guided Walking Tour highlighting
aspects of 1940s Brixham **4**

12.00 Public talk - Life in the 40s **4**

14.30 Film show: *Songs That Won The War*
Starring Vera Lynn **4**

18.00 D-Day Concert with Tea and Rations
Paid entrance £5 19

**SUN
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JUNE**

10.30 Live music - Sharon Hubboks **3**

10.30 - 16.00 Display of 3 iconic
1940s Vehicles **3**

11.00 Guided Walking Tour **4**

12.00 Public talk **4**

12.30 Torbay Ukulele Band - 40s music **3**

14.00 Exhibition at The Edge **6**

14.00 1940s music and dance display:
Lindy Hoppers & Liberty Sisters **3**

16.00 Choirs/Bands **3**

19.30 Film Premiere - Brixham on D-Day
by South Devon Players **4**



MON
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- 10.00 1940s Market **16**
- 10.30 Entertainment by Sharon Hubbocks
The Magic Bow **3**
- 11.00 Guided Walk highlighting aspects of
1940s Brixham **4**
- 12.00 1940s Fashion Show **7** or **3**
- 12.00 Public talk - *RNLI Then and Now*,
Torbay Lifeboat Cox Mark Criddle
OBE **4**
- 14.00 1940s Music & dance **3**

Historic Motor Torpedo Boat 102 at
the MDL Brixham Marina
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TUES
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- 10.00 1940s Market **16**
- 10.00 Battery Museum Display at Old Fish
Market **3**
- 10.30 Entertainment by Sharon Hubbocks
The Magic Bow **3**
- 11.00 Guided Walk highlighting aspects of
1940s Brixham **4**
- 12.00 Public talk: *War Stories - The US*
4th Infantry Division & D-Day **4**
- 14.30 Film show: *Rebecca* A 1940s
thriller full of twists and turns that
won 2 Oscars. Directed by Alfred
Hitchcock starring Laurence Olivier &
Joan Fontaine **4**

WED
5
JUNE



- 10.00 1940s Market **16** and 1940s Craft
Market **3**
- 10.00 Battery Museum Display **5**
- 11.00 Guided Walk highlighting aspects of
1940s Brixham **4**
- 12.00 Public talk: WW2 Medals by Keith
Metcalf (bring along your own/
your family's medals) **4**
- 13.00 Public talk: Brixham Battery **4**
- 14.00 Back to the 1940s **20**
- 14.30 Film show: *Flemish Farm* **4**
- 19.30 Public Vigil Service - With Orpheus
Male Choir & Brixham Town Band at
St Mary's Church **8**

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FRI
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JUNE



- 10.00 1940s themed Coffee Morning with
The Friends of Brixham
Library **1**
- 10.30 Entertainment by Sharon Hubbocks
The Magic Bow **3**
- 11.00 Guided Walk highlighting aspects of
1940s Brixham **4**
- 12.00 Public talk **4**
- 14.00 Torbay Ukulele Band: 1940s music
show **3**
- 14.30 Film show *Nine Men True* story set
in North Africa behind enemy lines
starring Gordon Jackson **4**

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10.00 1940s Car Boot Sale **10**

10.30 - 16.00 Various displays in Fore Street **5**

10.00 1940s Craft Market **3**

10.00 MDL Brixham Marina Events **10**

10.00 Airborne Forces Exhibition **5**

10.00 Royal British Legion stall **5**

12.00 TARS talk: WW2 *Secret Listeners* **4**

14.00 Lymstone Military Wives Choir **14**

14.00 Tea Dance at The Edge **6**

14.30 Film show: *Battle of the V-I* **4**

19.30 1940s Evening Dance at Scala Hall
Paid entrance **16**



10.30 Open Day Brixham Battery **17**

10.30 Entertainment by Sharon Hubbocks
The Magic Bow **3**

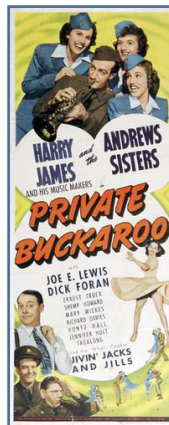
10.30 Open Air Service **19**

14.00 1940s dance display: Lindy Hoppers
& Liberty Sisters **3**

14.00 Street Party in Fore Street (to be confirmed) **5**

14.30 Film show: *Private Buckaroo* upbeat
WW2 musical **4**

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