Provisional programme for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day
Updated on 15/05/2024

**From 31st May to 7th June:** Broadcasting of testimonies of Benouville civilians during the occupation and the landing in the municipal council chamber and an exhibition on the village.

**From 6th to 7th June:** Exhibition on stamps in the municipal council chamber.

- **Saturday 1st June – 11.30 pm:** Fireworks "Embracing the Coast" - Over 20 huge firework displays will light up the sky simultaneously over the Landing Beaches, including one in Bénouville!
- **Sunday 2nd June – 08:50 am:** Start of the Pegasus half-marathon
- **Sunday 2nd June – 10 am to 12 pm:** Marathon runners passing along the canal
- **Tuesday 4th June – from 4:30pm to 6:30pm:** Jeep tour in the municipality for children
- **Tuesday 4th June – 10:30 p.m:** Projection of the documentary "D-Day Normandy 1944" on the esplanade of Major John Howard

- **Wednesday 5th June:**
  - **07:00 pm:** Concert – The Massed Band of the Pegasus Memorial, British orchestra on the west esplanade of the Salle Polyvalente
  - **08:00 pm:** Buffet by invitation, in the Salle Polyvalente
  - **11:30 pm:** Midnight ceremony, Major Howard's stele (near the Pegasus Bridge)
  - **00:20 am:** Fireworks with the music of the "Bagpipers of the World United International Association"

- **Thursday 6th June:**
  - **11:30 a.m.:** Parade of the children of Bénouville and Placing flowers on the English graves in the cemetery.
  - **12:30 pm:** Parade from the village hall down to Pegasus Bridge with:
    - The Massed Band of the Pegasus Memorial
    - The "Bagpipers of the World United International Association" orchestra
    - Families and friends of Major Howard "Ox and Bucks"
    - Arrival of the 4th Commando Road March with the children of Bénouville, Colleville, Saint Aubin & Ouistreham
  - **12:45 p.m.:** Ceremony at the Signal Monument, Major Howard Esplanade with:
    - Families and friends of Major Howard "Ox and Bucks".
  - **1:20 pm:** March back over Pegasus Bridge.
  - **1:30 p.m.:** Ceremony at the monument of the 7th Parachute Battalion in front of the town hall.
    - with families and friends of the veterans of the 7th Parachute Battalion.
  - **1:45 p.m.:** Vin d’honneur Terrace of Salle Polyvalente.

- **Friday 7th June 2024:**
  - **Early afternoon:** Parade of military vehicles accompanied by the Turbo M6 team (French TV)
  - **From 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm:** Jeep tour for children in the town (to be confirmed)
  - **From 4:30 p.m:** Street sale Avenue Kieffer: Military surplus products, vintage clothing, WWII comic book artist, etc.
  - **9 p.m.:** Liberation Ball hosted by the "Panama Swing" orchestra