

Edinburgh care home invites local community to D-Day event

An Edinburgh care home is opening its doors to the community for a D-Day ceremony.

On Thursday 6 June, from 11am – 5pm, Care UK's Lauder Lodge on Wakefield Avenue, will welcome local people to honour the 80th anniversary of D-Day with its very own lamp lighting ceremony.

To commemorate the Normandy Landings on 6 June 1944, Care UK is partnering with royal pageant master Bruno Peek, CVO OBE OPR, coordinator of 'D-Day 80 Lamp Light of Peace'. Along with charities supporting the three forces and the Merchant Navy Association, over 100 Care UK homes will take part in this nationwide tribute.

At Lauder Lodge, the team have been hard at work organising a special event which will see residents and guests enjoy a 1940s-themed party, complete with bunting, flags, and popular wartime songs from singer, Anita Watman. Team members will be dressed in wartime clothes, including 1940s land girl outfits, and the kitchen team will serve a delicious wartime menu and afternoon tea. Everyone in attendance can also listen to a talk by local historian Roy Johnstone, at 11am.

The lamp, which represents the peace that followed the end of World War Two, will be lit at 5pm by Jack Laing, 93, who was a Sergeant Major, and his father was also in the war.

Jack said: "It's a great honour to be chosen to light the

Lantern for the Heroes on D-Day and great if the community can come along on this special event.”

Anees Riaz, Home Manager at Lauder Lodge, said: “Here at Lauder Lodge, we’re passionate about playing an active role in our community, so we’re delighted to be joining a nationwide initiative by opening our doors to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

“Reminiscence activities are a great way for older people, and those living with dementia, to connect with those around them and help maintain a sense of identity, and in the run up to the day, residents have been sharing their own stories and memories – it’s been fantastic to hear everyone’s experiences and learn from one another.

“We’re looking forward to welcoming new and old faces into Lauder Lodge for what we anticipate will be a heartfelt afternoon for everyone involved!”

To find out more about how Care UK is supporting the initiative, please visit: careuk.com/dday-80th-anniversary

Lauder Lodge is a state-of-the-art care home which provides full-time residential, nursing and dementia care. Designed to enable residents to live enjoyable and fulfilling lives, the care home has its own café and hair salon, and there is plenty of space, both indoors and out, for relaxation and recreation.



