

Press Release

French Honour for two Telscombe Veterans.



Two British Normandy veterans were awarded France's top military honour, the Legion d'Honneur, during a simple ceremony at Telscombe Civic Centre on Saturday.

Both veterans, Mr. Maurice Abrams, 96 and Mr. Ron. Chiverton, 90, were presented with the medal by Honorary French Consul Capt. Francois Jean. The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Lieutenant Mr. Derek

Stevens, and High Sheriff Mrs. Maureen Chowen.

(Picture provided by Sussex Chauffeurs)

The Mayor of Telscombe, Cllr. Joanna Wilkins, said "both Maurice and Ron were delighted and overwhelmed by the presentation, it was lovely to see their pleasure, pride and delight".

French President Francois Hollande announced on the 70th anniversary of D-Day in June 2014 that all British veterans who fought for France's liberation during 1944-1945 would get the honour. More than 4000 medals have been awarded.