

# War Hero Donates To the Hospital



Sylvie Bermann to Kensington Palace to be presented with the 'The Legion D' Honneur' medal for helping to protect France from the invasion of German forces.

Edward said *"I was thrilled this was such an honour – in fact they underestimated the number of surviving veterans still living that were due to receive this medal, so much so that they had to get more medals made! D-day for me was a bit of a doddle compared to when I was fighting in Anzio, Italy. We were bombarded from the air as well as the ground plus they sank a Hospital ship. On D-Day the landing were preceded by extensive aerial and naval bombardment by the allied forces so it was just the ground forces to deal with."*

Fundraising and Voluntary Services Manager Tracey Cummins was invited to join the Italian Star Association for their annual dinner. She was delighted to chat to Mr Edward Needham who had made a donation to the hospital after his recent stay at Darent Valley following a heart attack. He said *"The hospital staff were wonderful and I was glad to give a donation to show my appreciation."*

Edward aged 91 had recently been invited by the French Ambassador Mme

On June 6, 1944 the Allied Forces of Britain, America, Canada, and France attacked German forces on the coast of Normandy, France. With a huge force of over 150,000 soldiers, the Allies attacked and gained a victory that became the turning point for World War II in Europe. This famous battle is called D-Day or the Invasion of Normandy.