



50th Anniversary bottle from Normandy

In continuing our museum's 'Objects in Focus' feature, we offer the following object and its story. A French wine bottle with a difference.

In the Spring of 1994, the now defunct Aircrew Association asked its members to go on a pilgrimage to Normandy, France, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of D Day, 6th June.

Esther and Alex Lawrence from Marlow responded to the call -

*"We went over and visited the D Day landing places and the towns of Normandy where fighting had taken place. Bayeux, Arromanches, Falaise and the various cemeteries.*

*The French were very hospitable and in Bayeux they held a reception and had laid on various events at other places for their British guests. The wine came in special bottles which also commemorated the 50th anniversary of our landings.*

*This is one of the bottles and we hope that it will bring happy memories"*

This green glass wine bottle is decorated with the Allied nations' flags. In addition, there are pictures of the gliders, landing craft and aircraft depicted around the bottle with the Anniversary and the date clearly shown. An appropriate object for the museum's VE Day Celebrations.