

## Strictly Stars and Military Wives 'Remember' at Lydiard House



Strictly Come Dancing stars Anton Du Beke and Kristina Rihanoff danced before a select group of dignitaries in Lydiard Park while the Military Wives Choir from Shrivenham Defence Academy sang a track called 'Stronger Together'.

The celebrity guests, that included local mayors and representatives of all the armed forces, were part of the official opening of the Royal Wootton Bassett Field of Remembrance. Situated nearby at Lydiard Park, the Field of Remembrance contained 40,000 crosses in memory of the gallant members of our armed forces who have paid the supreme sacrifice in defence of freedom in Afghanistan.

Rod Bluh, leader of Swindon Borough Council, said, "Lydiard has been chosen because of the proximity to Wootton Bassett and it's a superb setting for this special event."

Following this moving event which was first held last year when it was opened by Prince Harry, the performers and special guests retired to Lydiard House for a buffet lunch and refreshments which had been prepared by the Lydiard staff.



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