



VE DAY

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8 MAY 2020
THE 75TH ANIVERSARY OF VE DAY



Background & Information

VE Day is a significant event in the history of our country and Friday 8th May 2020 is officially a Bank Holiday in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the occasion.

Although the current restrictions have meant that many of the events planned to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day have not been able to go ahead, there are still lots of ways that you can get involved. There are a variety of suggested activities below that will help you find out more about VE Day and take part in national and local events.

We are running a house competition for the VE Day activities you get involved in, so if you tweet or email in examples, please include your house; Clumber, Rufford, Thoresby or Welbeck.

We are very excited to see what you get up to, so please share what you do, make or find out with us:

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National Events

11am

Join the nation for a two-minute silence to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation.

3pm

Join in with the **Nation's Toast** by raising a glass, cheering and clapping on your doorsteps, and saying: "To those who gave so much, we thank you."

9pm

Watch as **Her Majesty the Queen** addresses the nation on the BBC, at the exact time her father, King George VI, made his radio address to the nation in 1945 to announce victory in Europe.

Following this, join in with the whole country singing a rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's **We'll Meet Again**. Find the lyrics [here](#)

Find Out More About VE Day

Join the British Legion at 11.15am for [a live stream of the World War Two generation](#) talking about their experiences.

Take a **virtual VE Day tour** of the [National Memorial Arboretum](#) in Staffordshire.

Find out about why VE Day was important, what happened on VE Day and some of the people and places involved by visiting the [English Heritage VE Day website](#)

Find out about the **plans for the original VE Day celebrations** on the [BBC website](#)

Find out more by watching some [Veteran's stories](#)

The **Imperial War Museum** has a number of videos linked to VE Day:

[Newsreel footage of the VE Day celebrations](#)

[More footage of the VE Day celebrations](#)

[Where does 'V for Victory' come from?](#)

Nottinghamshire Inspire have an [archive of photographs of VE Day and World War Two](#)



Things To Make and Do

Listen to and **sing** along to songs from the 1940s, learn how to swing **dance** and **cook** some VE Day-themed snacks! Find out more with the [English Heritage's VE Day at Home pack](#)

Prepare your own VE Day party with authentic recipes, a Spotify playlist of 1940s music and decorations using the [Party Planning Guide](#)

Leave a message of thanks on the Royal British Legion's [VE Day Message Board](#)

Decorate your home with bunting, VE Day posters and pictures using templates from the UK Government's [VE Day toolkit](#)

You can make bunting and rosettes using Nottinghamshire Inspire's [templates](#)

There are lots of things you can do linked to VE Day. Give one of the following activities a go and let us know the results!

- Write a **short news report** in the style of today or 75 years ago
- Make a **short video** that tells the story of VE Day, either in the style of 75 years ago or how you would tell it today
- Design a **newspaper front page** or article
- **Write or perform** a poem, song, drawing or other work of art
- **Share the story** of someone in your family or area who was involved in the War
- **Write or perform** a short play about VE Day and what it would have been like 75 years ago

With thanks to:

