

VE Day 75

Friday May 8th – Sunday May 10th 2020



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“When VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets to celebrate peace, mourn their loved – ones and to hope for the future, but not forgetting those still in conflict.

The 75th anniversary will provide our nation, and our friends around the world, with an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life who saw us through this dark and terrifying period. To commemorate this important time we are organising VE Day 75, a three-day international celebration that will take place from 8th May to 10th May 2020.”

FRIDAY, MAY 8th

2.55pm

ATC, Sea Cadets, Army Cadets, Combined Cadet Force will play the last post followed by the Reveille at the 4 peaks, and the furthest most locations of the country and in cities.

3.00pm (*The time Winston Churchill officially announced the end of the war in Europe in 1945*)

Pipers around the world will open VE Day 75 by playing Battle's O'er (traditional tune played by pipers at the end of a battle) and VE Day 75 Years (specially written for the occasion).

3.00pm Nation's Toast to WW2 Heroes

The nation's pubs take part in the nation's toast – we all raise a glass. Individuals and community groups etc, encouraged to stop what they are doing at 3pm on 8th May and raise a glass

3pm-6.55pm – long time lapse. Maybe have a BBQ on the field?

6.55pm A Cry for Peace Around the World

Town Criers will read “A Cry for Peace Around the World”– the script is provided.

7.00pm Church bells

Church bells ring out in a collective celebration of peace.

SATURDAY, MAY 9th afternoon

Street parties, village parties.

SUNDAY, MAY 10th 10.30 am Church services

Services will take place in cathedrals and churches throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in celebration of the peace we share today.