



WOOTTON COURTENAY STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY- VE DAY 75 FRIDAY MAY 8th 2020

Join the nation this Friday, May 8th in a stay at home commemoration of VE Day 75!

PREPARATION: THIS WEEK Monday 4th May - Thursday 7th May

The idea is to spend Monday to Thursday decorating your home in **red**, **white** and **blue**. Just like the war years of rationing, we will need to make our bunting and decorations out of what we have around the house. Come on Wootton Courtenay, we're a creative and imaginative community, we can do this!

FRIDAY MAY 8th VE Day

11 a.m.



Francis Charles Hodge

A national 2 minute silence - a moment of remembrance in which we can all pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We can stand on our doorsteps, socially distancing, yet together as a community.

To also honour Private Francis Charles Hodge, 7th battalion Somerset Light Infantry of Wootton Courtenay who died on 10th March 1945, aged 28 years.

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2 p.m.

Stay at home street party. Join others across the nation in a stay at home picnic, afternoon tea, a cuppa or a snack at the front of your home or garden whilst socially distancing from others. Jamie Waters of Shelduck Photography will be coming round to take photographs of our fabulously decorated homes and our food tables.

Charge your glasses at 2.55 p.m.

3 p.m.



The Nation's Toast

Across the UK, we are asked to stand up and raise a glass of refreshment of your choice and undertake the following toast: **"To those who gave so much, we thank you,"** to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad who gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today and to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and 75 years of peace on these islands.

9 p.m.



The Queen's Televised Special Address to The Nation from Windsor Castle

9 p.m. was chosen to mirror the time the Queen's father, King George VI gave a radio address to the nation in 1945.

Prince Charles will also read an extract from the diary of King George VI on May 8th 1945.

After the Queen's Speech



Dame Vera Lynn Singalong – "We'll Meet Again"

The song will be led by Dame Vera Lynn, aged 103, from a window at her home in Sussex. She is asking people to join her from their front doors and gardens across the UK. Come on Wootton Courtenay let's give a hearty rendering at a time when this song has particular resonance. (lyrics at the end of this advertisement).

The event will form the centrepiece of a televised musical event *VE Day 75: The People's Celebration*, which will begin at 8pm. On BBC 1

Other Information (VE Day Co-ordinator, Ruth Walker at vedaywoco2020@btinternet.com or 01643 841785)

- 1) Message from the British Legion - add your words of thanks to our VE Day online message board at britishlegion.org.uk
- 2) Want help with bunting – check out the website BBC Great British Bunting – there's a template, instructions and a step by step guide on how to make some bunting.
- 3) At 2.45pm BBC One will broadcast Sir Winston Churchill's famous victory speech in which he addressed the nation to announce the end of the war in Europe, which he made from 10 Downing Street on 8 May 1945.
- 4) The Red Arrows and Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will perform a flypast over Buckingham Palace on Friday.

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But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day

Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies chase
Those dark clouds far away

And I will just say hello
To the folks that you know
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They'll be happy to know
That, as I saw you go
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