

On Friday 8 May 2020 Britain will be commemorating the 75th anniversary of VE Day when the guns fell silent at the end of war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets and pubs to celebrate peace, mourn their loved – ones and to hope for the future, but not forgetting those still in conflict until 15th August when it was announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally to the Allies, effectively ending World War II. It will be an opportunity for us all to remember the enormous sacrifices that were made at home and abroad and to joyously celebrate as people did 75 years ago, the arrival of peace in Europe.

Due to the coronavirus restrictions most VE Day 75 events and street parties have had to be cancelled or postponed but The Royal British Legion still want you to be able to mark the occasion, share your pride in our country and honour the men and women of WW2 (<a href="https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75">https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75</a>).

Make your own special <u>VE Day 75 'Great British Bunting'</u> to display in your window at home. A <u>VE Day learning pack</u> for children aged 7-14 years.

11am: National moment of Remembrance Two Minute Silence

## 11.15am: a live VE Day 75 livestream

3pm: Nation's Toast, raise a glass of refreshment of your choice to toast the Heroes of World War 2.

7pm: ringing out for peace, bells in cathedrals, churches and other locations will ring out at 7pm in a collective celebration of peace.

8pm: an evening of memories and music in partnership with the BBC from 8pm on BBC One

9pm: A <u>UK-wide singalong</u> to Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again

