

Good Morning NTC !

This week 75 years ago people in Britain were celebrating in Europe. **Victory in Europe /VE Day** 8th May 1945 was a public holiday millions of people celebrating the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in World War 2.

VE Day marked the formal conclusion of the war with Germany and ended six years of suffering, courage and endurance across the world. While we have been staying at home Captain Tom has shown us how he had learnt to be resilient in WW2 and has still done his bit today!

Friday 8th May 2020 is a public holiday again to celebrate VE Day. The Queen will address the nation live on BBC – at the exact same time that her father, King George VI, spoke to the UK 75 years ago, on the actual VE Day.

On Friday many people will be having stay at home street parties and decorating themselves and their homes in red, white and blue to represent the Union Jack. You may like to do the same .Join in with some of the following activities.....

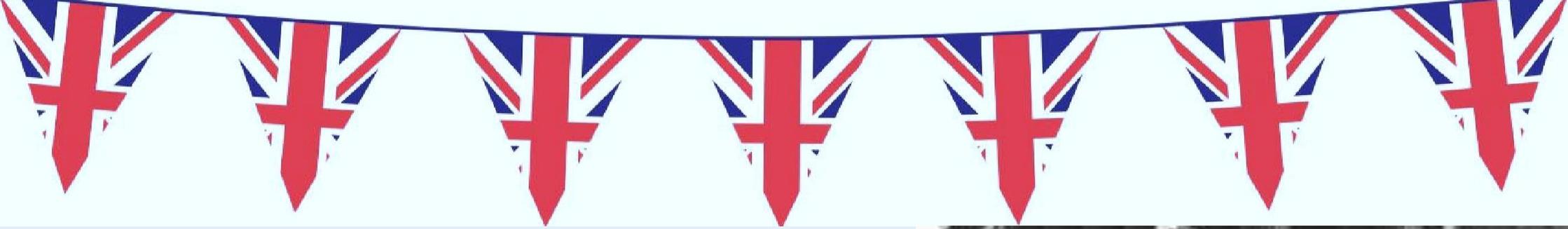
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/remembrance-events/ve-day-75>

<https://wharfedale.mumbler.co.uk/ve-day-lockdown-party-ideas/>

<https://www.goodtoknow.co.uk/family/ve-day-celebrations-in-lockdown-540015>





How was VE Day celebrated in 1945?

There were street parties and parades throughout the Western world - especially in the UK and the USA. More than a million people took to the streets in Great Britain, with the greatest crowds in London. The day was declared a national holiday with pubs opening late.

The war was not fully over, however, as Japan had still yet to surrender (they would do so on 2 September 1945). Both Churchill (leader of GB) and Truman (leader of USA) echoed this fact in their broadcasts, citing the event as “a victory only half won”.

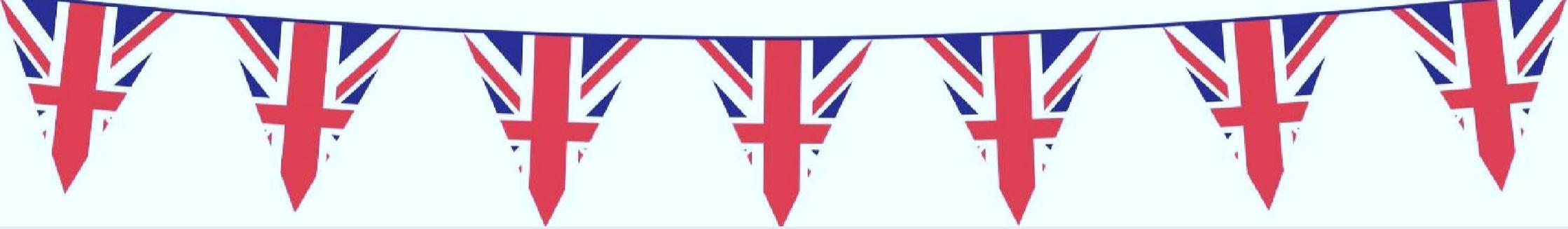
For lots of people, the day was a solemn affair. Throughout Europe, wives had lost husbands and families had been torn apart by the war. VE Day was a chance to grieve and reflect.

Still, for many people of both nations, VE Day signalled an end. It gave them a glimpse of a future that was not entirely governed by a global war. And for the families who were lucky enough to be reunited with loved ones, it was a day worth celebrating.

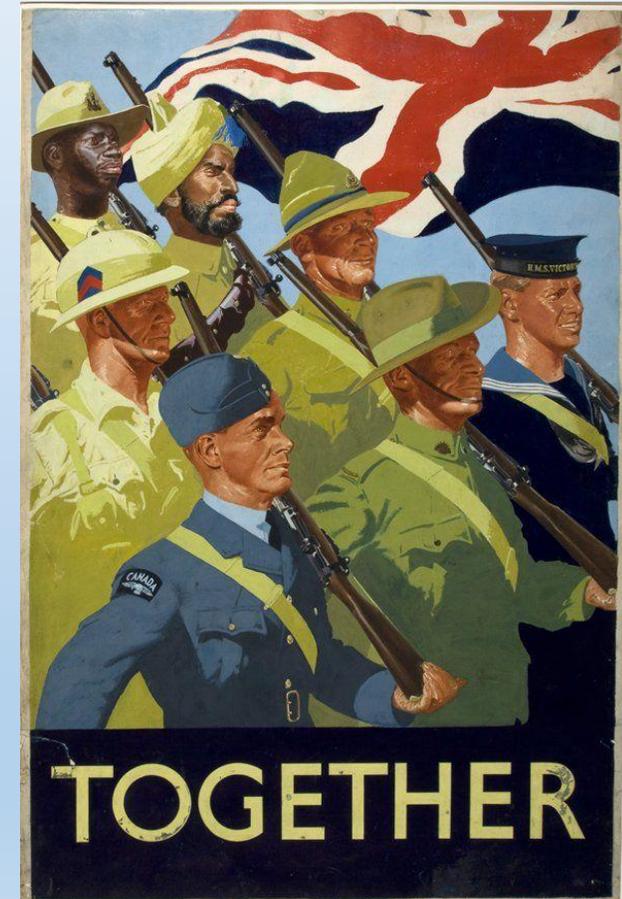


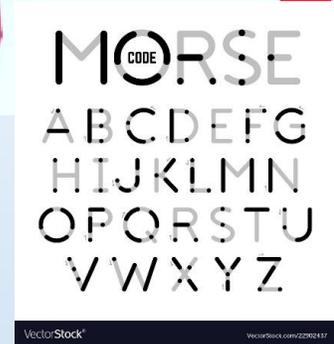
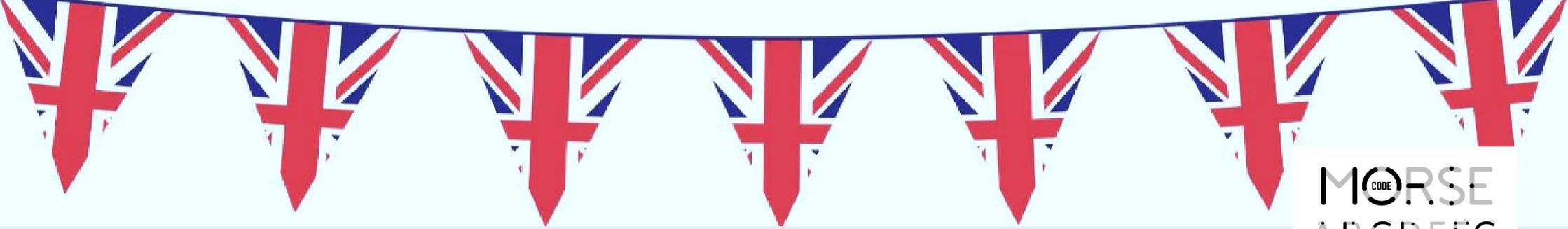
1945's VE Day celebrations in Trafalgar Square, London. Our Queen was a young woman at the time and joined the partying in secret.





1. Create your own bunting for your party at home
2. Create a VE Day Quiz for your family. You could all take part on zoon even though you're not together.
3. Research your family who may have taken part in WW2. Remember people participated from all over the world including: India, Canada, Africa, the Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand and Europe.
4. Design a VE Day teacup, medal or something else that may be a souvenir for VE Day.
5. Make a spitfire Glider.
6. Make your own ration book
7. Make VE Day themed colouring book
8. Design a VE Day poster
9. Cook a World War 2 recipe
10. Art - Make, Do and Mend - During WW2, there was a shortage of materials to make clothes. People were urged to "Make, do and mend". Do you have any clothes or accessories, things that you could 'upcycle' into new clothing or something completely different to give it another purpose and a new lease of life?





11. Using the Morse code write secret messages for your family to crack.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/bp-morse-code-adventure>

12. Phonetic Alphabet – Learn the alphabet that the RAF used in their transmissions during the war.

You could learn to spell your name . For Example NTC N = November T = Tango College = Charlie

Music

13. Try and learn the Horrible Histories [VE Day song](#) and perform it to your family.

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>

14. Create your own motivational song. Listen to some of the following clips for inspiration.

- [Run, rabbit, run!](http://www.viewpure.com/0uWL1O9r_ml?start=0&end=0) - http://www.viewpure.com/0uWL1O9r_ml?start=0&end=0

- [Long way to Tipperary/ Pack up your troubles](http://www.viewpure.com/FsynSgeo_Uo?start=0&end=0) - http://www.viewpure.com/FsynSgeo_Uo?start=0&end=0

- [We'll meet again](http://www.viewpure.com/cHcunREYzNY?start=0&end=0) - <http://www.viewpure.com/cHcunREYzNY?start=0&end=0>

- [The White Cliffs of Dover](https://vimeo.com/209208893) - <https://vimeo.com/209208893>

PE - Dance

15. Why not practise some dance moves from during the war?

The Lindy Hop- <https://safeyoutube.net/w/cXI7>

Charleston -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2lilenn7qo>

Lambeth Walk -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bdSvLV-EgSA>

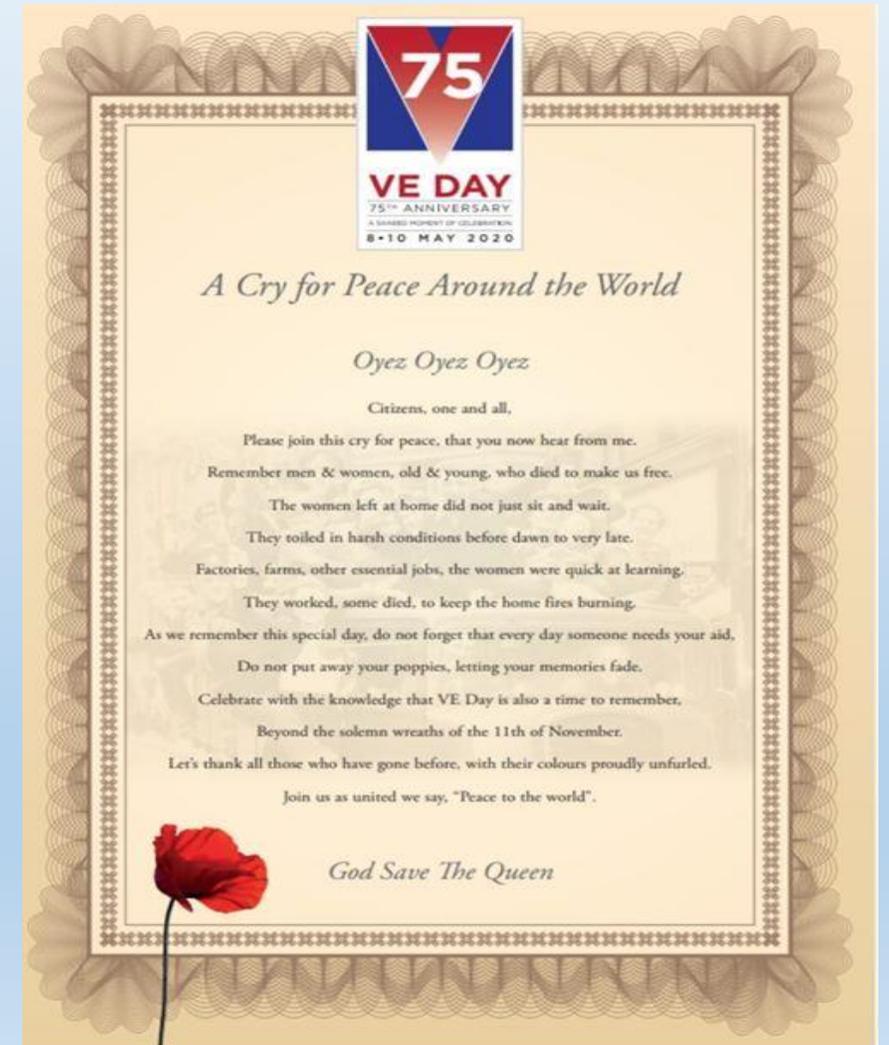




16. Design and make a Veteran's medal using the ideas below.

The government is encouraging people to celebrate in the Lockdown with 'Nation's Toast to the heroes of WW2' at 3pm on May 8, from the safety of their own home by standing up and raise a glass of refreshment of their choice
7.05pm town criers from around the UK are being asked to do the reading 'Cry for Peace Around the World' from home and live on Facebook.

The UK is also being asked to come together at 9pm to sing Dame Vera's classic song 'We'll Meet Again' outside their homes be that in their gardens or stood in the street

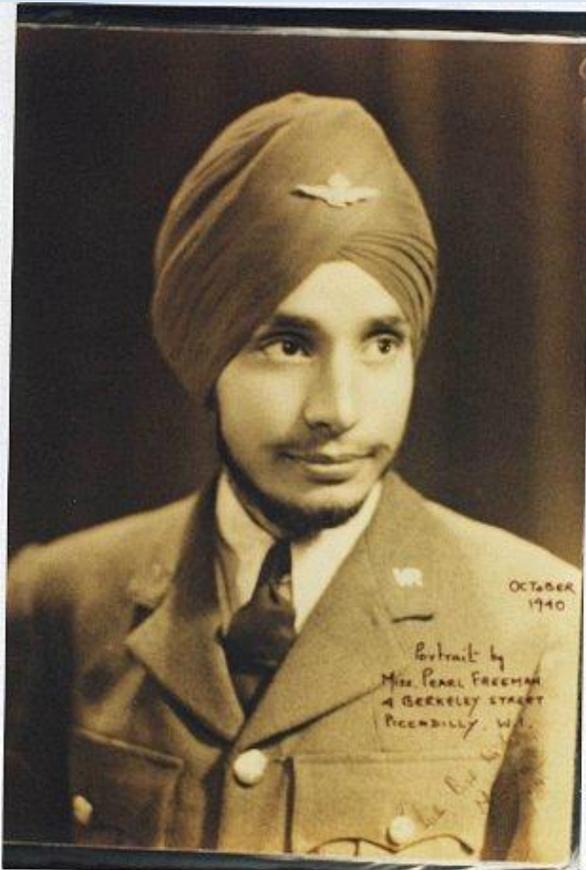




GRAVESEND: Life of legendary RAF war hero commemorated

Mahinder Singh Pujji

<https://www.newshopper.co.uk/news/8421544.gravesend-life-of-legendary-raf-war-hero-commemorated/>



Guy Huntrods from Tunbridge Wells in Navy Reserve 1943



VE Day 1945 - a street party in Lynton Road South, Gravesend