



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8th May 2020 at 2.45 pm

The Parish of Tormarton and West Littleton invite its residents to share a moment of celebration on the 75th Anniversary of VE day

Singer Ashleigh Stevens has kindly agreed to start proceedings for us with a tribute to forces' sweetheart and national treasure Dame Vera Lynn and will open with one of Dame Vera's classic songs from the 1940's. To enable as many residents as possible to hear Ashleigh sing, we will be using both a sound system placed at the junction of the High Street, Church Road, and Cotswold Way, and broadcasting it live on Zoom from 2.45 pm onwards. Following Ashleigh's first song, Stewart Waters will then sound an original wartime air raid siren for one minute to indicate that we should prepare to raise our glasses for the 3.00 pm toast *"To those who gave so much, we thank you"*.

Ashleigh will then round off proceedings by asking residents to join her with a rendition of Dame Vera's most iconic song 'We'll Meet Again', which I am sure will have added poignance during the difficult lockdown period that we are currently in.

Please read on to find out how to join us safely

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Further information

In line with other Parish and Town Councils we encourage residents to take part and support the 'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2' at 3pm on the 8th May from the safety of their own homes by standing up and raising a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the Toast. Although residents are encouraged to come to their front doors and garden gates to sing along with Ashleigh to mark this special occasion, we insist that residents respect all existing social distancing rules that may be in place at the time.

For those residents on the outskirts of Tormarton or who live in West Littleton, and therefore won't be able to hear and or see Ashleigh directly on the day, we will be broadcasting her tribute to Dame Vera live using Zoom from 2.45 pm onwards. To connect using your laptop, smart phone, or tablet, you will need to use the Zoom App or visit the 'Zoom' website at **www.zoom.us** and enter the following Meeting ID and Password:

Meeting ID: **845 6317 5982**

Password: **TWLVE75**

For ideas on how you can go that extra mile on the day, such as homemade bunting, window posters, and children's' colouring projects, why not visit the government's official VE75 website at **www.ve-vjday75.gov.uk**. Other ideas could include dressing up for the occasion (after all you don't need to go out to have an excuse to dress up), baking a special VE 75 cake for your family, or even (weather permitting) having afternoon tea in your own garden.

Finally, to help some of our younger residents join in the fun, and make sure that we can all sing along together, we've attached the lyrics for Dame Vera Lynn's iconic song 'We'll Meet Again'. Now let's see if they can hear us in Marshfield!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible (of course from a distance) on the 8th, and if you have any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact us by emailing **VE75@tormarton.org** or by calling **07780 448922**.

We'll Meet Again

Made famous by Vera Lynn, written by Ross Parker and Hughie Charles

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
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
Tell them you won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That, as I saw you go
You were singing this song

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