

VE Day 75 Challenge



When VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent in Europe marking the end of World War II.

This badge was designed before the outbreak of Covid-19 so please select activities that are appropriate to lockdown guidelines, insuring you stay safe and keep the safe 2 metre distance from others!

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- ★ Take a look at war art and create your own picture.
- ★ Jodrell Bank opened in 1945, take a look at the stars and create your own constellation using a method of your choice.
- ★ Create your own poster to advertise your VE Day celebrations.
- ★ A national holiday was declared on 8th May 1945 and red, white and blue bunting could be bought without ration coupons. Make your own bunting and use lots at your VE Day celebrations.

Here's an idea!

Why not put a 'Make Do and Mend' twist on your bunting by using recycled fabrics or old clothes?

- ★ Celebratory items were created in haste for the VE Day celebrations of 1945, including VE Day mugs. Decorate your own mug.
- ★ Make your own Union Jack flags for your street party.

Food

- ★ On 7th May 1945 General Eisenhower accepted the surrender of the German forces in Reims, France. Try some French cheese, bread or other foods.
- ★ Corned beef hash, homity pie and Lord Woolton pie were all common dishes during WWII when rationing was enforced. Find some recipes and try them for yourself.
- ★ During WWII 20 million people died as a result of malnutrition, compared with the 19.5 million who died in combat. Find out about healthy eating and make a balanced meal/packed lunch.
- ★ Find out about some other foods that would have been popular in WWII and served at VE Day street parties up and down the country.

Here's an idea!

Why not make some of the dishes or prepare your own party food and host a VE Day party with your friends?

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Games

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- ★ 190 countries were eventually involved in WWII. Can you name 75 of them?
- ★ Lots of famous celebrities were born in 1945, create a quiz for friends or see how many you can name.
- ★ Play a game of Battleships. The battle of the Atlantic was the longest campaign of WWII running from 1939 until Germany's defeat in 1945.
- ★ Street parties happened across the country on 8th May 1945 and street games were a must for children. Play your own street game.

Here's an idea!

From chants and chalk to ball games and treasure hunts, there are lots of games that can be played outside. Why not adapt a game you know with a VE Day twist?

- ★ Tiddlywinks were popular during the war as a past time for children. Why not have a game or host a games night?

Other

- ★ Invite some of your elderly community to visit your celebrations and interview them to find out how they celebrated VE Day.
- ★ Raise £75 or get sponsored for a 75 minute silence.
- ★ Discover some of the headlines from VE Day in 1945 and create your own front page story.

Here's an idea!

Recreate your own black and white pictures for your newspaper by dressing up in vintage costume.

- ★ Learn a dance from the 1940s or create your own play about VE Day/wartime Britain.
- ★ Stuart Little was first published in 1945. Read the book or watch the film.
- ★ Host your own street party or VE Day celebrations.

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