

VE Day 80th Anniversary - 8th May 2025

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Local councils are being encouraged to take part in VE Day 80. This marks the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole on 8th May 1945.



To also tie in with The Big Lunch¹, we are proposing that we hold a VE Day 80 tea at the Jubilee Hall, on 7th May (when the hall is available) and this is suitably themed for the era. (This will replace the Easter Tea we originally had planned but have been struggling to fit in due to the availability of the hall and staff in the Easter period). The allocated budget for the Easter Tea could be used for this event.

We hope to engage local groups such as A Good Yarn, Brownies, Rainbows etc to help make bunting and decorations and will try to have music from that era.

Volunteers will be required to help with refreshments.

We also hope to procure a VE Day 80 flag (approximate cost £38).

VE Day website - www.VEday80.org.uk

The Big Lunch: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

Recommendation:

- Council agrees to celebrating this event.

¹ The Big Lunch 2025 will take place on 7 – 8 May and can also complement VE Day 80 activities in May.