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# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Victory in Europe Day

— At home party toolkit —

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# VE Day 2020 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In May 1945 the war in Europe came to an end. Millions of people up and down the country greeted the news with singing and dancing in the streets.

Despite the ongoing COVID-19 situation, we still want to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day and this pack will help you put together your own celebrations.

COVID-19 may have meant many community activities have been cancelled however why not consider a socially distanced celebration at home!

## **#StayHomeSaveLives**

Please ensure your celebration respects all the social distancing guidelines in place relating to COVID-19. Why not celebrate at home with a garden tea party and games or a sing-a-long with members of your household. For the latest social distancing guidelines visit **[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)**

However you choose to celebrate at home please make sure you have fun responsibly at this time.

Show us how you're celebrating! Share your party photos with **@WiltsCouncil** on Twitter and **@WiltshireCouncil** on Facebook using **#VEDayWilts**.

Don't forget to also share your second world war stories, family histories and messages of remembrance on social media using **#VEDay75** to join the conversation now.

## THIS PACK INCLUDES:

- A postcard to show your support for VE Day
- Fun VE Day themed activities
- Sing-a-long lyrics to popular 1940's songs
- Tasty 1940's inspired food and drink recipes to serve on the day
- VE Day poster to display in celebration
- Links to national toolkits to help you celebrate
- Template designs to get you started



# VE Day 2020

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary postcard

You can find an A4 template postcard for this year's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day celebrations at the back of this pack.

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You can put the postcard up in your window to spread the word with others.



# 1945 inspired street games

Here are some street games that children would have played back in 1945!

These are ones that can be easily put together with materials you have at home and allow you to keep social distancing measures in place so that you keep safe whilst having fun with members of your household.





# Hopscotch

This is a classic children's game still popular in school playgrounds, using chalk, a rock and a driveway or path. The game's name expresses its object: to hop over the "scotch," a line, or scratch, drawn on the ground.

## You will need

- Driveway, patio or any hard surface to draw the game board
- Chalk
- Small stones or rocks to use as markers – make sure everyone has their own marker

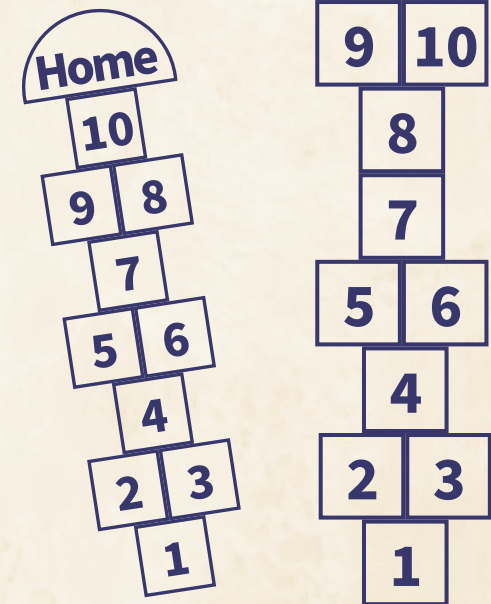


## TO PLAY

1. Draw a hopscotch design on the ground. Chalk is the best medium and make sure each square is large enough to fit one foot.
2. Each person chooses a marker. When it is your turn throw your flat stone or similar object (small beanbag, shell, button, plastic toy) to land on square one. It has to go in the lines and if you miss you lose a turn.
3. Hop on one foot in each of the squares in order, skipping over the one you have your marker on. If two squares are next to each other, use both feet to hop on them at the same time with the left foot landing in the left square, and the right foot landing in the right square.
4. When you get to the last number, turn around (remaining on one foot) and hop your way back in reverse order. While you're on the square right before the one with your marker lean down and pick it up. Then, skip over that square and finish up.
5. It is the next person's turn with their marker. If you completed the course with your marker on square one (and without losing your turn), then throw your marker onto square two on your next turn. Your goal is to complete the course with the marker on each square. The first person to do this wins the game.

## VARIATIONS

Make some squares special by giving special directions for that square. Such as when in that square you have to hop three times or spin around or you could do/say something that is specifically VE Day related.





# Make your own skittles game

Now popularised by modern 'bowling', skittles originally consisted of wooden balls being thrown to knock down as many skittles as possible and it remains a popular game to this day in communities across Wiltshire and beyond. This version of the game is simple and if you don't have a set to hand you can make skittles out of household objects. You could use rolled-up socks as the ball, and empty bottles or toilet roll tubes as the skittles – remember to recycle them afterwards! If you're feeling really in the VE Day mood, you can even paint your homemade skittles red, white and blue!



## You will need

- Nine skittles – you can use items you find around your home, such as empty cans, bottles or cups
- One ball for each player – these can be tennis balls, cricket balls or maybe even an orange or rolled up sock (anything that rolls!)

## TO PLAY

1. Pick a flat piece of lawn or driveway as your playing area and set the nine skittles up in a diamond formation. When throwing, stand around five metres away from the skittles.
2. Players take it in turn to throw three times each at the skittles. If all are knocked over by the first or second ball they are all set up again and the player gets an extra go. This can be repeated three times maximum. Therefore a player's maximum possible score is 27.
3. The winner is the player with the highest score after an agreed number of rounds. Make sure you wash your hands regularly if you're sharing the ball you throw with other members of your household or try to have one ball per player. It is also a good idea to nominate one person to be in charge of picking up the skittles each time they are knocked down.

**TIP:** If you want to make it a little more challenging, you can weigh your skittles down with some pebbles or water – just make sure it's a sealed container... or you might get wet!





# Quiz

Take part in our World War II and VE Day quiz below. Some of the questions are tricky but should provoke some interesting discussion.  
*No Googling allowed!*

**1.** Q: What was the weekly allowance for householders looking after an evacuated parent and child in 1939?

A: .....

**2.** Q: An appeal was broadcast by the Minister of Health on 8 September, 1939 – what was it for?

A: .....

**3.** Q: The British didn't initially use the term 'Phoney War' to describe the period September 1939-April 1940. What did we call it?

A: .....

**4.** Q: Who were the 'Flying Nightingales' and which airfield did they first fly from?

A: .....

**5.** Q: Which Wiltshire quarry was used to store treasures from the V&A Museum, National Portrait Gallery, Science Museum, Imperial War Museum and the British and Bodleian Libraries from 1942?

A: .....

**6.** Q: Which drivers were speeding and ignoring traffic lights and signs in 1944, reportedly even driving up Silbury Hill?

A: .....

**7.** Q: Which Wiltshire military base worked on the Bouncing Bomb, developed the Tallboy and Grand Slam, and tested the first jet aircraft?

A: .....

**8.** Q: Which RAF station transported Churchill to the now famous Casablanca Conference in January 1943?

A: .....

**9.** Q: Where in Wiltshire were Spitfires made and assembled?

A: .....

**10.** Q: By 1944, how many additional acres of Wiltshire land had been turned over to crop production compared to 1939?

A: .....

**11.** Q: What was flax used for in wartime?

A: .....

# Quiz

**12.** Q: What was an 'elephant' shelter?

A: .....

**13.** Q: What was the job of a Fire Guard and what were they originally called?

A: .....

**14.** Q: What was Lord Beaverbrook appealing for in July 1940?

A: .....

**15.** Q: Which town was commended by an Air-Vice Marshall in April 1943?

A: .....

**16.** Q: Light was seen as important to the VE Day celebrations, but it was not possible to fully restore it in time. What suggestions were made instead?

A: .....

**17.** Q: Which Black Harlem Renaissance writer lived in Bradford on Avon during the Second World War, writing about the war and life in Wiltshire, while also working at the local Avon Rubber factory?

A: .....

**18.** Q: If you spent £1 on family VE Day celebrations in 1945, how much would you have to spend today?

A: .....

**19.** Q: Where in Wiltshire were the Aux Unit Auxilliers, members of the Home Guard specially trained in sabotage skills, dropped off to be collected for training at Coleshill?

A: .....

**20.** Q: When and where did the Germans sign their unconditional surrender? And when did hostilities in Europe officially end?

A: .....

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*Finished? Quiz answers can be found at the back of this pack*





# Make your own paperchains

## METHOD

1. Print the supplied template for union jack paper chains. If you don't have a printer at home why not create your own pattern and share pictures with us.
2. Cut strips from the paper.
3. Make the first "link." All you need to do is tape, glue, or staple the far ends of one paper strip together into a ring. Try to match up the sides evenly. Tape and staples will make for a quick process, but glue will take much longer because it needs to dry.  

If you are using glue, hold the two ends of paper together until the glue dries. Make sure that the edges of the paper do not slip askew. You should not need more than one staple or one small square of tape to seal each loop. Make sure that the link is sturdy and will not fall apart.
4. Add a second link. Once you have one sturdy ring, thread another strip of paper through the center of the loop. Now, join the ends of this second strip together with tape, staples, etc. The wide, flat edges of the two links should line up, but the loops themselves should sit at a rough 90 degree angle – like a chain
5. Keep adding links. Continue in the same pattern until your chain is as long as you want it. In theory, there is no limit to the length of paper chain that you can build, as long as you have enough paper, tape, and time. If you want to hang the chain somewhere, measure the length against the space periodically to check if it's long enough yet.
6. Hang your paper chain from the walls or ceiling. If you leave the chain long, you can string it through a space to add a festive flair. Hang the chain a little bit loose, so that it dips low in the center.

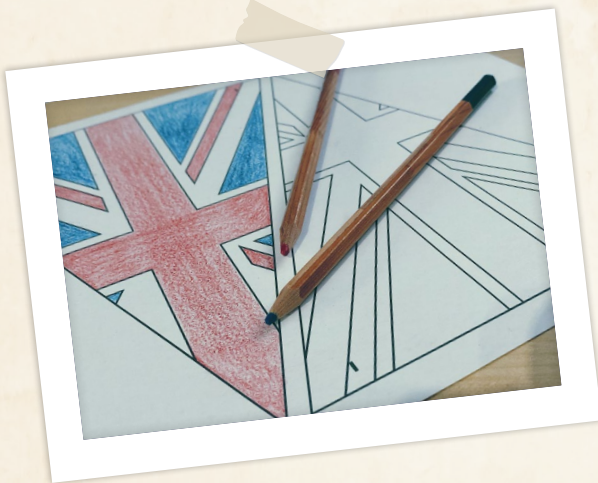
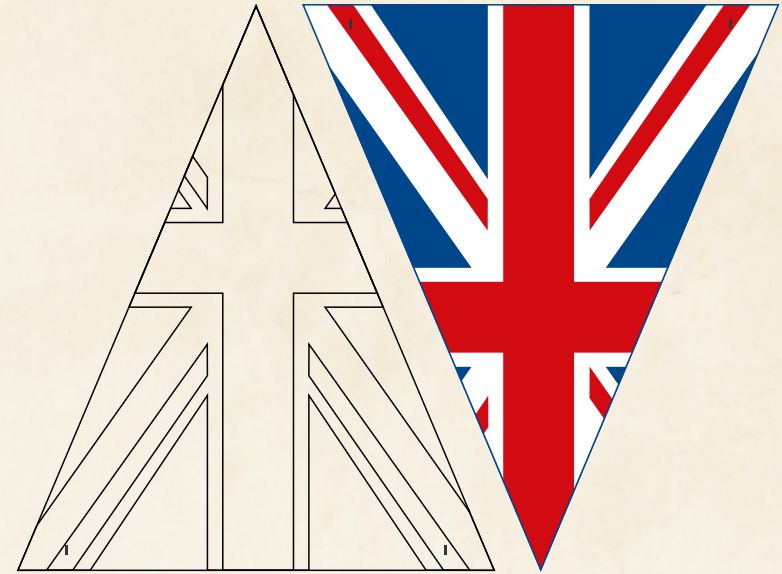




# Make your own bunting

## METHOD

1. Print the supplied template for union jack bunting. We have two options, pre-coloured or a colour your own version. There's also a link to a special VE Day themed template or why not get creative and design your own.
2. Cut out the template.
3. Cut or punch a hole in the small markers at the base of the triangle.
4. Using string or ribbon, thread through the holes on either side.
5. Tie a small knot on either end to prevent the flags from bunching up.
6. Repeat, adding as many flags as you wish to get the desired length.
7. Hang up your bunting.

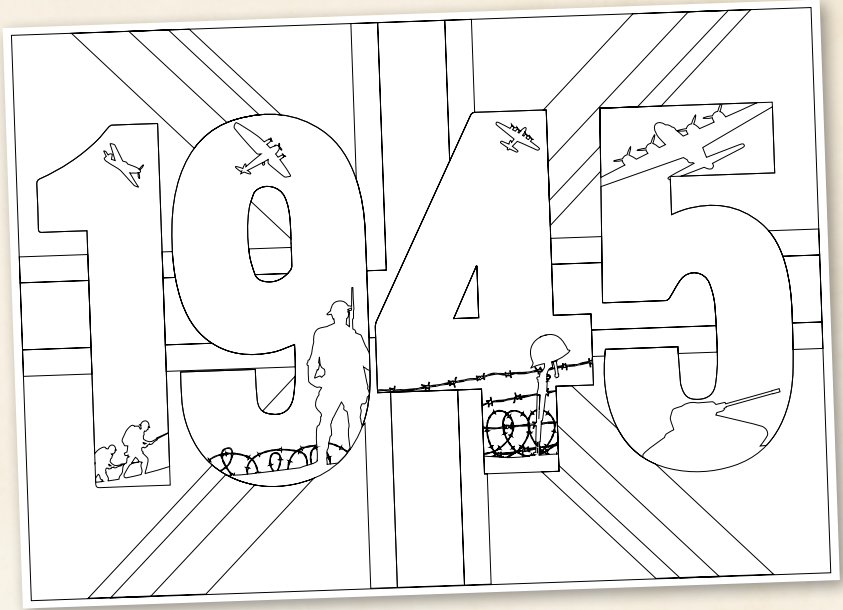




# 1945 VE Day themed colouring in

We've made some 1945 VE Day themed colouring in sheets that you can find at the back of this pack, just simply print them off and have fun colouring in!

Don't forget to share photos of your artwork with us on Twitter **@WiltsCouncil** or Facebook **@WiltshireCouncil** and include **#VEDayWilts**.



# Wordsearch

VICTORY  
CELEBRATIONS  
MAY  
SEVENTY FIVE  
ALLIES  
CHEERING  
CHURCHILL  
WORLD  
WAR  
SURRENDER  
REMEMBRANCE  
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BRITAIN  
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CROWDS  
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MILITARY  
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# VE Day sing-a-long

The Royal British Legion is calling for people to help commemorate the anniversary by joining in with a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's – We'll Meet Again at 9pm on VE Day.

BBC One will be featuring the sing-a-long as part of their VE Day broadcast so get practicing now!

## Dame Vera Lynn – We'll Meet Again

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  
on 'til the blue skies  
Drive the dark clouds far away

So will you please say hello  
To the folks that I know  
Tell them I won't be long

They'll be happy to know  
That as you saw me go  
I was singing this song

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# 1940's sing-a-long songs



## Dame Vera Lynn – White Cliffs Of Dover

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

I'll never forget the people I met  
Braving those angry skies  
I remember well as the shadows fell  
The light of hope in their eyes

And though I'm far away  
I still can hear them say  
Bombs up  
But when the dawn comes up

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

There'll be love and laughter  
And peace ever after  
Tomorrow  
When the world is free

The shepherd will tend his sheep  
The valley will bloom again  
And Jimmy will go to sleep  
In his own little room again

There'll be bluebirds over  
The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

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The white cliffs of Dover  
Tomorrow  
Just you wait and see

## Arthur Askey/Gracie Fields – Thing-Ummy-Bob

You've heard of Florence Nightingale, Grace  
Darling and the rest,  
You've all seen Greta Garbo and her busom  
friend, Mae West,  
But there's a little lady, I want you all to meet  
She's working on munitions and she lives just  
down the street

She can't pretend to be, a great celebrity  
But still she's most important in her way,  
The job she has to do, may not seem like much  
to you  
But all the same, I'm very proud to say

She's the girl that makes the thing that drills the  
hole  
that holds the spring that drives the rod that  
turns the knob  
that works the thing-ummy-bob  
She's the girl that makes the thing that holds the oil  
that oils the ring that takes the shank that moves  
the crank  
that works the thing-ummy-bob

It's a ticklish sort of job making a thing for a  
thing-ummy-bob  
Especially when you don't know what it's for  
But it's the girl that makes the thing that drills the  
hole  
that holds the spring that works the thing-  
ummy-bob  
that makes the engines roar  
And it's the girl that makes the thing that holds  
the oil

that oils the ring that works the  
thing-ummy-bob  
that's going to win the war

She's not what you would call, a heroine, at all  
I don't suppose you'll even know her name  
And though she'll never boast, of her important  
post  
She strikes a blow for Britain just the same

She's the girl that makes the thing that drills the  
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# 1940's sing-a-long songs

## The Andrew Sisters – Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

He was a famous trumpet man from out Chicago way  
He had a boogie style that no one else could play  
He was the top man at his craft  
But then his number came up and he was gone with the draft

He's in the army now a-blowin' reveille  
He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

They made him blow a bugle for his Uncle Sam  
It really brought him down because he couldn't jam  
The captain seemed to understand  
Because the next day the cap' went out and drafted a band

And now the company jumps when he plays reveille  
He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

A-toot a-toot a-toot-tiddeliyada-toot!  
He blows it eight-to-the-bar in boogie rhythm  
He can't blow a note unless the bass and guitar is playin' with 'im

He makes the company jump when he plays reveille  
He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

He was our boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B  
And when he plays boogie woogie bugle he was busy as a "bzzz" bee

And when he plays he makes the company jump eight-to-the-bar

He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

Toot toot toot-tiddeliyada Toot-tiddeliyada toot-toot  
He blows it eight-to-the-bar  
He can't blow a note if the bass and guitar isn't with 'im  
Ha-ha-hand the company jumps when he plays reveille  
He's the boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

*(instrumental)*

He puts the boys to sleep with boogie every night  
And wakes 'em up the same way in the early bright  
They clap their hands and stamp their feet  
Because they know how he plays when someone gives him a beat

He really breaks it up when he plays reveille  
He's boogie woogie bugle boy of Company B

Dat-da da-dum-da da  
Dat-da da-dum-da da  
Dat-da da-dum-da da  
Dat-da da-dum-da da  
Ha-ha-hand the company jumps  
when he plays reveille  
He's the boogie woogie bugle boy  
of Company B!

**Want to dance?**  
Why not try these swing songs?

Glenn Miller  
**In The Mood**

Benny Goodman & His Orchestra  
**Sing, Sing, Sing**

Cab Calloway  
**(Hep-Hep!) The Jumpin' Jive**

Glenn Miller & His Orchestra  
**A String of Pearls**

Louis Armstrong  
**Mack the Knife**

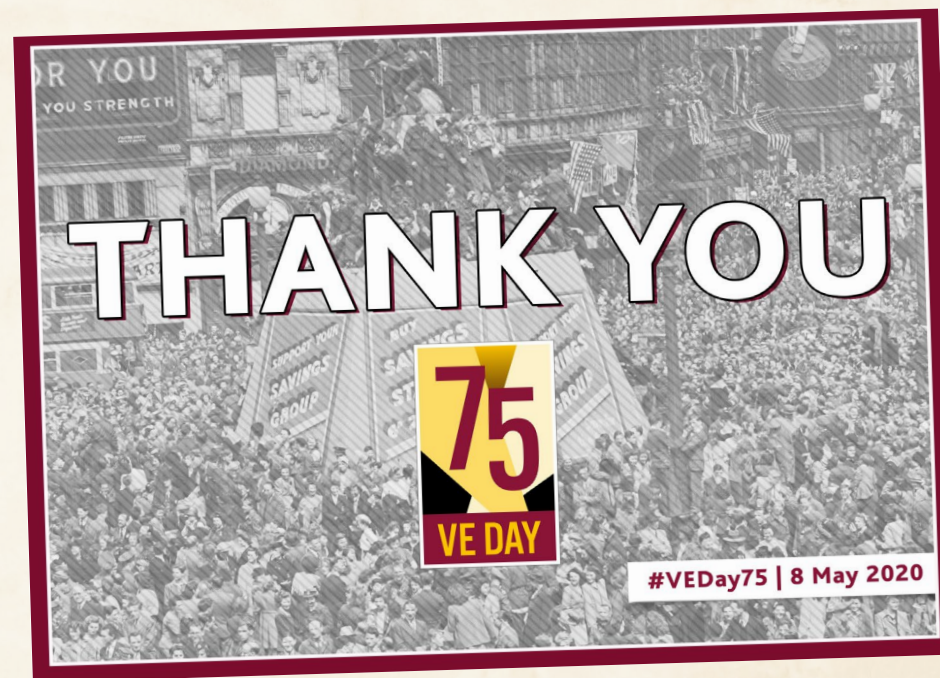


# VE Day 2020

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary poster

There are various VE Day 2020 posters and templates available to download from the Central Government VE Day online toolkit at [ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit](https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit).

We have also included one at the back of this pack, just simply print





# Victoria sponge cake

## For the sponge

- 4 eggs
- 225g/8oz caster sugar, plus extra for sprinkling
- 225g/8oz self-raising flour
- 1 level tsp baking powder
- 225g/8oz unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing

## For the filling

- 100g/3½oz unsalted butter, softened
- 200g/7oz icing sugar, sifted
- 2 tablespoon milk
- Jam

## METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4. Grease and line two 20cm/8inch sandwich tins. You could do cupcakes if you prefer and decorate with piped buttercream.
2. In a large mixing bowl, add the flour, sugar, eggs, baking powder and soft butter. Mix the ingredients together using an electric whisk until well combined.
3. Divide the mixture evenly between the prepared tins.
4. Place both tins on the middle shelf of the oven and bake for 25 minutes until golden brown and springy to touch.
5. After the sponges have cooled in the tins for five minutes, run a rounded butter knife around the edge of the tin and carefully turn the sponges out onto a cooling rack. Leave to cool.
6. While the sponges cool, make the buttercream. Using a wooden spoon, beat the butter until soft in a large bowl. Add half of the icing sugar and beat until smooth. Add the remaining icing sugar and one tablespoon of the milk and continue to beat until smooth. If the buttercream is too thick, add the remaining milk.
7. Once the sponges have cooled, assemble your Victoria sponge. Place one cake top-down on to a serving plate. Spread the jam on the sponge and pipe the buttercream on top of the jam. Place the other sponge on the top and sprinkle with extra sugar to serve.

**TIP :** Why not add an extra special red, white and blue touch by popping some food colouring into your sponge mix before baking.



# 1940's queen cakes

## For the cakes

- 57g/2oz butter
- 57g/2oz sugar
- 85g/3oz flour
- 28g/1oz cherries
- 28g/1oz sultanas
- 1 egg
- Pinch of baking powder

## For the white icing

- 200g/7oz margarine
- 475g/17oz icing sugar
- 4 tablespoons milk
- 1 and a ½ teaspoons almond extract

## METHOD

1. Cream the butter and sugar.
2. Add the beaten egg and then the dry ingredients.
3. Bake in a hot oven in well greased, small fancy tins or in crinkly paper cases for 10 minutes.
4. To make the icing, combine all ingredients in a mixing bowl.
5. Beat on low speed of electric mixer until well blended and very smooth.
6. Pipe the icing onto the cooled cakes.
7. ENJOY!

**TIP :** Finish off by putting half a cherry on top of each cake before baking or when cold





# Patriotic ice lollies

## Red

- 454g halved hulled strawberries
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 and a ½ tablespoons of lime juice

## White

- 190g cup full-fat plain yoghurt
- 4 and a ½ tablespoons heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons lime juice

## Blue

- 454g blueberries
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 and a ½ tablespoons lime juice

## METHOD

1. Make the Red Layer: In a blender, combine the strawberries, sugar and lime juice. Puree, scraping down sides as needed. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing on solids; discard solids. Fill the ice-pop molds 1/3 of the way (you may have some strawberry puree leftover). Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.
2. Make the White Layer: Whisk together the yoghurt, cream, sugar and lime juice in a small bowl. Remove the molds from the freezer and top with the yoghurt mixture, filling each another 1/3 of the way. Freeze until firm, about 30 minutes.
3. Make the Blue Layer: In a clean blender, puree the blueberries, sugar and lime juice. Puree, scraping down sides as needed. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve into a bowl, pressing on solids; discard solids. Remove molds from freezer; insert popsicle sticks through the white layer. Top with the blueberry puree (again, you may have some leftover puree), leaving ¼-inch of free space at the top of the molds. Freeze until solid, 3 hours or more (or up to 1 week). Just before serving, briefly run molds under hot water to release the pops.



# VE Day whit salad

## Mock potato eggs

- 225g grated carrots
- 50g grated Mature Cheddar cheese
- 450g cooked mashed potatoes (Desiree)

## Salad

- 450g cooked, diced potatoes (Charlotte or Maris Peer)
- ½ small cabbage, grated (or celeriac)
- 2-3 carrots, grated
- baby gem lettuce leaves
- 12 small (cherry) tomatoes, halved
- fresh chives, snipped

## Salad dressing

- ½ teaspoon salt
- pinch of white pepper
- 1 teacup of milk (about 120ml)
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ½ teaspoon English mustard powder
- 1 teaspoon sugar

## METHOD

1. To make the potato eggs, mix the grated carrots and cheese together to form balls, like egg yolks; add a little of the mashed potato to bind them if necessary. Wrap the balls with a layer of mashed potato, and then cut in half, so they resemble hard boiled eggs.
2. Arrange the salad ingredients on a large serving platter - lettuce first and then the carrots, cabbage (or celeriac), diced potatoes with snipped chives; arrange the tomatoes and mock egg halves around the outside of the salad.
3. Make the dressing by whisking all the ingredients together and drizzle over the salad.
4. NB: Any root vegetables can be used in place of the cabbage and carrots, and salad cream can be used too. When watercress is in season, decorate the salad with watercress.





# Lemonades

## Old-fashioned lemonade

- 338g sugar
- 1 pint fresh lemon juice (about 10 lemons), plus 2 lemons, sliced
- Berries and fresh mint sprigs, for serving

## Frozen lemonade

- 120ml freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 113g sugar
- 1 pint water
- 1360g vanilla ice cream
- sliced lemons, for garnish



## METHOD

1. In a small saucepan, combine sugar and 1 and a 1/2 cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until the sugar dissolves, 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and cool completely.
2. In a large pitcher, combine lemon juice, 1 and a 1/2 cups sugar syrup, and 4 cups cold water (add remaining sugar syrup to adjust sweetness, if desired).
3. Refrigerate until chilled.

## METHOD

1. Mix lemon juice and sugar together in a pitcher until the sugar is fully dissolved.
2. Add water to dilute and chill.
3. Into a blender, add lemonade and ice cream.
4. Blend until smooth and divide among 3-4 glasses.
5. Garnish with slices of lemon and serve.



**TIP :** Freeze some blueberries, chopped strawberries or raspberries in water or other beverage choice to make some tasty ice cubes to add to your drink

# Links to more information

## VE Day e-reading

Want to read more on the topic of VE Day and World War II? We have an extensive e-reading list of materials available at **[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-ebooks)**.

From fiction to non-fiction, we have it all, so get yourself a cuppa and dive in...

## eMagazines:

BBC History Magazine - May issue includes Memories of VE Day and Victory – Why the Allies triumphed in WW2

## eBooks:

### Non-fiction

Bomb Girls – Britain's Secret Army by Jacky Hyams

T Force – The Race for Nazi-War Secrets by Sean Longden

Blitz Kids – The Children's War against Hitler by Sean Longden

Austerity Britain 1945-1951 by David Kynaston

Voices from D Day – Eyewitness Accounts of the Battle of Normandy by Jon E Lewis

Once a Land Girl by Angela Huth

Churchill 1940-1945 by Walter Reid

The Secrets of Station X – How Bletchley Park helped win the war by Michael Smith

Arnhem – The Battle for the Bridges by Antony Beevor

Architect of Victory by Walter Reid

Battle Story – Arnhem 1944 by Chris Brown

Engines of War – How wars were won & lost on the railways by Christian Wolmer

Operation Mincemeat by Ben McIntyre

Double Cross – the true story of the D-Day spies by Ben McIntyre

Spitfire Girl by Jackie Moggridge

### Fiction

To Die but Once by Jacqueline Winspear

Chocolate Cake with Hitler by Emma Craigie

Miss Carter's War by Sheila Hancock



# Links to more information

## More online resources can be found here...

**[ve-vjday75.gov.uk/get-involved](https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/get-involved)** – How to get involved with VE Day celebrations

**[ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit](https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit)** – Toolkit including a special VE Day bunting template

**[ve-vjday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party](https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/plan-your-ve-day-party)** – Plan your party including a 1940s playlist

**[www.english-heritage.org.uk/ve-day](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/ve-day)** – English Heritage VE Day at home pack

**[wiltshire.nml3.naxosmusiclibrary.com/catalogue/CDC008](https://wiltshire.nml3.naxosmusiclibrary.com/catalogue/CDC008)** – Take some time out to listen to some music to celebrate VE day using Naxos Music. All you need is your library card.

## For more educational resources you can visit

**[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)** – The Royal British Legion's Teaching Remembrance covers a range of Remembrance topics, with resources designed for Key Stages 2-4

**[www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ve-day-How-did-the-british-plan-to-celebrate](https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ve-day-How-did-the-british-plan-to-celebrate)** – BBC resources for KS4 WW2: How did the British plan to celebrate VE Day?

**[Click here to watch](#)** – The BBC and Imperial War Museums' KS2 History VE Day video

**[Click here to listen](#)** – Julie Davis, County Local Studies Librarian at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, shares some VE Day memories as recorded in her book 'From Blackout to Bungalows'

## COVID-19 advice – #StayHomeSaveLives

**[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)** – gov.uk advice

**[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus)** – Wiltshire Council COVID-19 advice

# Quiz answers

1. 5s per adult and 3s per accompanying child.
2. Clothes and shoes for evacuated children.
3. The Bore War or the 'Funny War', or as Chamberlain put it, 'this strange war'. The term Phoney was begun by the Americans.
4. They were WAAF nursing orderlies who suddenly found themselves transported by plane to France to help bring back the injured just after D-Day, often sitting on bombs on the way out. The very first flight was from RAF Blakehill near Cricklade.
5. Westwood Quarry near Bradford on Avon.
6. US troops.
7. Boscombe Down. The first jet was the Meteor.
8. RAF Lyneham, in the specially fitted Liberator VIP plane called "Commando".
9. Salisbury, Southwick, Trowbridge and Keevil airfield.
10. 5,750,000 acres.
11. Canvas for tents and parachutes, plus netting. Flax was grown in Wiltshire during WWI and processed at the flax mill in Devizes. School children and voluntary groups throughout the county turned it into netting.
12. An underground wireless Auxunit Control Station, part of the inner network of Army Southern Command based at Wilton House. It was situated at Hare Warren near Wilton and was the largest of its type to be built, classed as a 'super station'. It was constructed by the Royal Engineers and was accessible via a vertical shaft.
13. This duty was made compulsory after the fire that engulfed St. Paul's Cathedral on 29 December 1940. Everyone from factory and shop workers, to teachers and local residents were tasked with protecting houses and businesses, to be on hand to put fires out straight away. They were initially called 'Fire Watchers'.
14. Aluminium. It was known as the 'Great Aluminium Scare'. "We will turn your pots and pans into Spitfires and Hurricanes, Blenheims and Wellingtons".
15. Melksham, who's committee had raised almost £114,000 in their wings for Victory campaign, beating their target of £75,000 and 'must easily constitute a 'per capita' record for almost any town in England.' They received a presentation plaque for the Town Hall.
16. Temporary floodlights could be used and it was hoped the military would assist. Bonfires were allowed, and many Wiltshire towns hung up lights and coloured lanterns which the children particularly enjoyed, not being used to seeing lights outside at night.
17. Eric Walrond.
18. Answer £43.44.
19. Highworth Post Office after getting off the train at Swindon Station. The Postmistress phoned Coleshill to say they had arrived and a car would be sent to pick them up.
20. 7 May 1945 at Allied Headquarters in Reims, France. 2301hrs on 8 May 1945.



# Share your celebrations and creations with us!

VE Day is about celebration, so share your celebrations, creations and memories.

Whether it's taking part in a sing-a-long, dance, fun games, craft activities, at home garden parties, decorating your home in union flags or red, white and blue. Show us how you're celebrating!

Share your photos with **@WiltsCouncil** and **@WiltshireCouncil** on Twitter and Facebook using **#VEDayWilts**.

Don't forget to also share your World War II stories, family histories and messages of remembrance on social media using **#VEDay75** to join the conversation now.



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# Template designs to get you started

## Included

- A4 postcard
- A4 poster
- Colouring in sheets
- Union jack paperchains
- Union jack bunting
- Create your own bunting





# Join in the VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations

We'll be celebrating safely at home to commemorate VE Day on 8 May.

Why not do the same? Decorate your house red, white and blue and celebrate with members of your household.

Why not enjoy:

- a garden afternoon tea party
- baking, crafting or playing games
- sing-a-long or dancing



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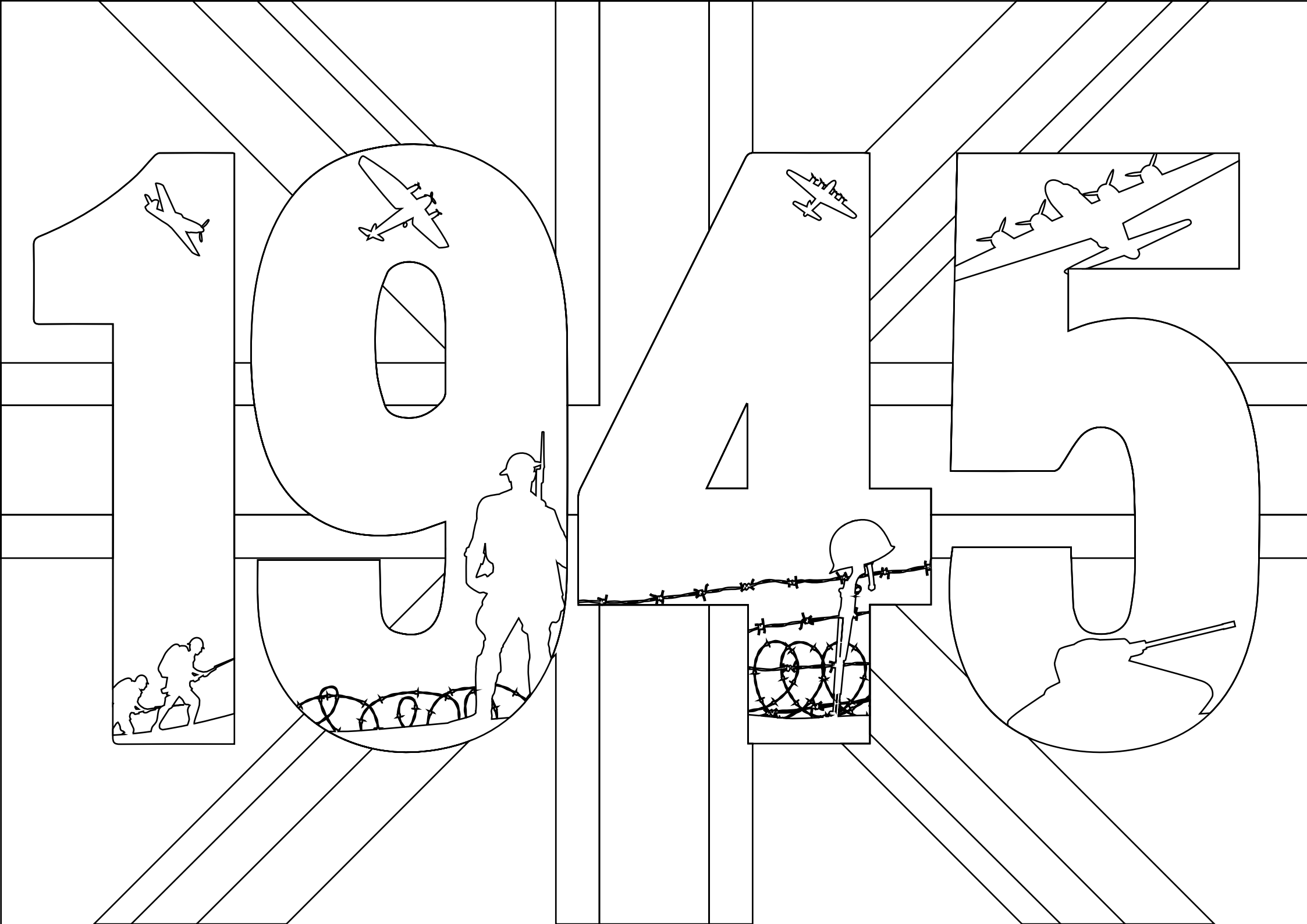
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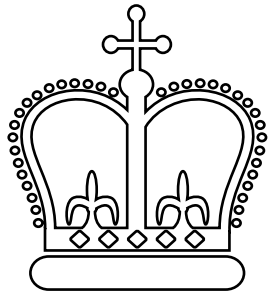
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