

# VE Day

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## Victory in Europe Day!

This report will be looking at the origins of VE Day and the reasons why it is celebrated in this country. The bank holiday was actually on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May but because of VE Day it was move to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate.



## What celebrations are planned for VE Day 2020?

A range of celebratory events will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. A 2 minute silence will take place at 11am and a toast at 3pm. For the toast, people should decorate their homes in red white and blue and hold a ‘stay-at-home street party’. People can have picnics in their gardens. Stanley Northeast, a 99 year old war veteran from Littlehampton, wants the nation to ‘clap for victory’ at 7.45pm too.



## What happened in the build up to VE day in 1945?

In World War 2, Adolf Hitler in Germany wanted to rule Europe. Europe fought back during 1939 – 1945. On 30<sup>th</sup> April 1945, Adolf Hitler realised he could not win the war and so he killed himself so he would not be captured and punished. Once their leader was dead, Germany surrendered at 02.41 on 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is VE Day, the day we won the war.

## How was VE Day celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945?

In Britain, Winston Churchill marked the occasion by declaring 8 May a public holiday. People held parties, danced and sang in the streets. Huge crowds gathered in London, both on Whitehall to hear Churchill speak and outside Buckingham Palace where king George VI and the Royal Family appeared on the balcony.

## Report Summary.

This report has looked at why we celebrate VE Day, and the celebrations that will go on this year for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I think that it is important to remember the day we had victory in world war 2 and remember all the people that died to save us.