

VE DAY 75 IN HARSTON

The Harston Residents' Group was planning to celebrate VE Day 75 on 8 May with a village picnic. That will now have to wait, but ideas have been buzzing around about how to mark the day – at a safe distance. Here are some of them:



**FRIDAY
8th MAY**

**VE
DAY**

**75TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

*Join your neighbours
in a nationwide 'stay
at home' street party!*

Prepare for the day by decorating your house in red, white and blue.

11am
2 minutes silence on your doorstep

3pm
Churchill speech shown on BBC

Then grab your picnic blankets or garden table and head to your front garden for:

4pm
Tea & scones (or coffee & cake)

6pm
Dinner and raise your glass to your neighbours

9pm
Nationwide sing-a-long to 'We'll meet again' with Royal British Legion after the Queen's address

Please remember to follow the social distancing rules.

Put out the flags and bunting – and look for decorated houses around the village if you are out for a walk.

Phone someone over 80 and ask what they remember about the end of the war.

Have a cup of tea, or raise a glass, and talk (or sing) with your safely distanced neighbours.

If you want to learn more about the history, go to English Heritage :
VE Day Peace in Europe –
History Uncovered

VE Day Party Pack – for WW2 recipes, dance and music ideas

The Harston History website has great local information:
www.harstonhistory.org.uk –
look under menu/
topics/wartime/World War 2

We are continuing to make history ourselves during this strange time. As a future record for Harston, take a photo of how you celebrate VE Day 75 and send it with a brief explanation to Hilary Roadley harstonhistory@gmail.com