



## VE day in libraries

Library service	VE day 75 commemorations
<p><b>Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special '<a href="#">2020 Remembering</a>' web pages on our site with local heritage images and information and links to other community and national virtual activities</li> <li>• Online <a href="#">Poetry Wall</a> for local people to share their creativity</li> <li>• <a href="#">YouTube video of council staff and elected members</a> singing 'We'll Meet Again' with our own backing track and local heritage images ready for VE Day and the national singsong with Royal British Legion/BBC1 on 8 May.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cumbria</b></p>	<p>Allerdale: Gathering stories and photos from our customers and staff about WWII and posting them on <a href="#">social media</a>. We are hoping to get stories/photos/images (of medals, soldiers, people at home keeping calm and carrying on, street parties, etc).</p> <p><a href="#">Copeland Libraries on Facebook</a> will have content all week around the VE day commemoration and theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World War II related book reviews from Borrowbox</li> <li>• Video sing-along with song/s from wartime</li> <li>• Links to online West Cumbrian archive resources, such as World War II archive exhibition</li> <li>• A series of posts to go out about World War II in general, posters about saving coal, Air raid shelters etc, sourced from West Cumbria archives.</li> <li>• Newsletter on how west Cumbria celebrated VE day taken from historic local newspapers.</li> </ul> <p>We are also working with local radio who have asked to share some of this content.</p> <p>We are contacting local care homes with links to what we are offering so they can signpost these to interested residents or print off copies of items to stimulate discussion.</p> <p>Carlisle: focusing on an oral history project, Memories of VE Day, to ask for people's recollections of VE Day. We will record phone transcripts on paper and then add them to a shared document. The project will be on our social media channels including <a href="#">Facebook</a>, <a href="#">Twitter</a> and ITV &amp; Cumberland News contacts have both covered the story. Memories of VE Day project was launched on 16 April and reactions have been positive, the memories fascinating and valuable.</p>



	<p>Barrow: Risedale Retirement Home residents are taking part in an oral history project that they will record to share on social media. This will include singing and war poetry readings. We are showing a slideshow designed for school children on WWII and putting it on social media. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/barrowlibrary">https://www.facebook.com/barrowlibrary</a></p> <p>Kendal &amp; South Lakes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A power point presentation on the <a href="#">Kendal Library Facebook page</a> showing how VE day was celebrated in Kendal.</li> <li>• Documents and photographs from Kendal Local Studies Library and Kendal Archive Centre have been used including extracts from an amazing VE Day Magazine made by the children of Castle Street School in 1945. The children’s accounts of street parties, building bonfires and seeing the Town hall lit up really bring it to life and make us realise what it must have been like for them after the long years of the Second World War.</li> <li>• An extract from an oral history interview from the Kendal Oral History Group Archive so that we can hear the experiences of a Kendal resident on that day.</li> <li>• How the war still went on for some people despite VE day as rationing continued and it took a while for the Home Guard and Land Army to completely disband.</li> </ul> <p>Penrith &amp; Eden: A power point display relating to VE Day on the <a href="#">Penrith Library Facebook</a> pages using documents and photographs from local studies collections and Kendal Archive Centre. This includes information on local Eden resident, 93-year-old Zandra Armstrong, who was a Land Girl working in Eden during the war.</p>
<p><b>Gateshead</b></p>	<p><b>4 - 8 May</b> we'll share an album of VE day images held by Gateshead Archive on <a href="#">Facebook</a> and asking people to share their stories and family memories of the day.</p> <p><b>Friday 8 May, 7pm, Gateshead Libraries Facebook page</b> - The end of a long march: Join local author and historian John Sadler as he talks about Gateshead prisoners of war and their return home in 1945</p> <p><b>Friday 8 May, 8.30pm, Gateshead Libraries Facebook page</b> - Victory Fashion: A talk from costume historian Lucy Adlington with some examples and great stories about what people wore on VE and VJ Day</p> <p>Videos will also be made available on our YouTube channel.</p>
<p><b>Gloucestershire</b></p>	<p>Digital books We will be buying some new titles for our <a href="#">online collection</a> and featuring them in a carousel on our front page</p> <p>Social media <a href="#">Tweets</a> and <a href="#">Facebook</a> posts scheduled to go out w/c 4th May containing following messages:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make bunting to display at home (BBC link)</li> <li>• VE Day poem</li> <li>• Cry for Peace poem</li> </ul> <p>With colleagues in Cheltenham Borough Council, we will be sharing some WWII images from the Chronicle &amp; Graphic showing Cheltenham at War. We will also do some 'how to' posts around how to trace WWII relatives on social media.</p>
<b>Havering</b>	<p>We are sharing WWII poetry, key speeches including those from Churchill and George VI and lyrics from famous songs of the time on our <a href="#">Facebook</a> page. We also have a <a href="#">make your own bunting</a> craft activity.</p>
<b>Kent</b>	<p>Our <a href="#">Archives team</a> is planning a special digital talk to include excerpts from historical material, memoirs and newspapers from the time. We will also be promoting our library e-material on VE day and hope to encourage customers to share any family memories from the time.</p>
<b>Leeds</b>	<p>Two of our librarians have produced presentation for social media using images from our Leodis historical photographs database played over a soundtrack of short interviews from the Imperial War Museum's Sound Archive. We'll be encouraging residents to share any images or stories they may have too.</p> <p>The presentation will go live on @LeedsLibraries social media (Facebook and Twitter) at 10am on Friday 8, followed by links to activities people can do at home.</p>
<b>Newcastle</b>	<p>Planned events around Our Story: World War II in Newcastle – sharing stories and themed discussions based on memories from local people from 1-8 May. More information on these and other events and activities will be shared in the VE Day 75 Newcastle group on Facebook.</p> <p>Newcastle and Tyneside in the Second World War: The People's Story Neil Storey is also available from our in-house publishers, Tyne Bridge Publishing.</p>
<b>Norfolk</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Imperial War Museum have made available poster templates to showcase images from our collections – we will create posters to share on social media over the weekend highlighting images from <a href="#">Picture Norfolk</a> and the <a href="#">American Library collection</a> with information; aimed at children/young people</li> <li>• Our <a href="#">Friday Heritage Highlight video</a> on Friday 8 May will feature our Local Studies Librarian, Rachel Ridealgh, talking about images from Picture Norfolk on the topic of VE Day</li> <li>• On Tuesday 3 May, the <a href="#">Norfolk Heritage Centre Podcast</a> will have a talk from our American Library Librarian, Orla Kennelly, about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Division that was based in East Anglia in the Second World War</li> </ul>



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<b>Oxfordshire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting Naxos Music Library online with specially created playlists for folk to 'plug' into their speakers and have a blast of band music</li> <li>• Promoting eBooks and eAudio titles that chime with the era – gritty history and softer fiction</li> <li>• Working with our heritage services to share photos digitally of how VE Day was celebrated in Oxfordshire – some great photos rarely seen have come to light. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Oxfordshirelibraries">https://www.facebook.com/Oxfordshirelibraries</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/Oxonlibraries">https://twitter.com/Oxonlibraries</a></li> </ul>
<b>St Helen's</b>	<p>We will be hosting VE day themed story and rhymetimes on our during the week on our <a href="#">Facebook page</a>. On Friday we'll be releasing a video that includes the experiences of a lady called Grace Armstrong Sherwood who walked the streets of St Helens in 1945 to witness the VE Day celebrations.</p>
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Facebook Book Chat</a> discussion on war novels</li> <li>• War Poetry Readings</li> <li>• Encouraging people to have a tea party at home and sharing recipes and craft ideas, such as make your own bunting</li> <li>• Videos of footage of VE Day celebrations over the years</li> <li>• Link to the speech Churchill made. <a href="https://twitter.com/StaffsLibraries">https://twitter.com/StaffsLibraries</a></li> </ul>
<b>Trafford</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Local Studies library will be curating an <a href="#">online VE Day exhibition</a></li> <li>• We will run an <a href="#">online writing group</a> with the theme of VE Day.</li> </ul>
<b>Westminster</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will be posts marking the day with images from our archive collections of the celebrations 75 years ago</li> <li>• We will have crafts and cooking activities people can join in with</li> <li>• We will highlight some of the VE Day stories from our <a href="#">West End at War website</a>. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/wcclibraries">https://www.facebook.com/wcclibraries</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/WCCLibraries">https://twitter.com/WCCLibraries</a></li> </ul>
<b>Wiltshire</b>	<p>Wiltshire Libraries have worked with council colleagues to create a <a href="#">VE Day activity pack</a>, including an eBook reading list and a link to our Naxos Music Library subscription for appropriate music. Titles from the eBook reading list can be found in our <a href="#">VE Day eBook carousel</a>.</p> <p>Kathryn Arthur, Senior Library Assistant, will be holding a special VE Day rhyme time live on <a href="#">Malmesbury Library Facebook</a> page at 11am on VE Day.</p>



	<p>A VE Day page is also being added to the <a href="#">Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre</a> website and this will include a video of Julie Davis, the County Local Studies Librarian, <a href="#">reading</a> from her WWII book plus a <a href="#">film</a> Julie's made using Wiltshire images and describing experiences on the Home Front during the war.</p>
<b>Windsor and Maidenhead</b>	<p>We have a collection of letters that were written by one of our colleague's Grandfather to his wife towards the end of the war when he was posted in Italy. <a href="#">We will read one letter a day during VE day week</a> and on VE day we will post a reading of the final letter.</p> <p>Recordings of several 1940's songs from the Lu lala's a local 1940's band. While at the same time showing a montage of local people's photos of what Windsor and Maidenhead looked like on that day.</p> <p>We are also putting a book list together of all the best WWII books for children and adults. We plan to do some readings from some of these to finish our event off.</p>
<b>Wokingham</b>	<p>We are planning to mark VE Day on <a href="#">our blog</a> and social media sites with activities that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An illustrated piece by our local history volunteer about how Wokingham celebrated VE Day</li><li>• Recommended books from our digital library about WWII and how it ended</li><li>• A music playlist of contemporaneous available on our free music streaming service Freegal</li><li>• A 'Bake along' with wartime recipes being posted throughout May. One of our members of staff will be baking the cakes and posting pictures of the results on our blog</li><li>• Virtual Lego Club: Amazing Animal Adventures. An animal heroes theme in celebration of VE Day.</li></ul> <p><a href="https://www.facebook.com/wokinghamboroughlibraries">https://www.facebook.com/wokinghamboroughlibraries</a> <a href="https://twitter.com/WBC_Libraries">https://twitter.com/WBC_Libraries</a></p>