



Thursday 8th May 2025

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Join with us to mark the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day, joining with the peoples, families and communities of our nation to unite and celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe that so many millions paid the ultimate sacrifice to achieve.



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Morning - 11-12.30

Join in games and entertainments of the 1940s in the Netherton Community Garden such as Kerby, Tin-Can Alley, French Cricket, skipping and more.

Also listen to music of the time (dance if you want to) and explore the exhibition of the first VE day to find out why it was such a big deal at the time.

Tuck Shop available (including tea and coffee).

Join in the Fun





Afternoon - 12.30-3.00

Come together with your friends and neighbours for a street party to celebrate VE 80. To allow for the British weather this will be in the Feelgood Factory, although the gardens will be decorated and open if the rain keeps off. As well as food there will be music. If you want to dress up to look the part then feel free, or just come as you are if that is easier.

As this is an indoor event we just ask that people who want to attend let us know in advance - phone 291 8010 or drop into the Feelgood.

Indoor Street Party



About VE Day

After five years of a war that impacted everyone in this country, on 8th May 1945 the fighting in Europe stopped (although the war in the East still had three more months to go) and people were able to look forward without fear again.

V.E. Day by Patricia Denise Newman

It's over, it's finished, the war has now been won,
Thank God it's finally ended; finished; over; done!
we'll no longer hear the sirens as the bombs come falling down,
no longer hear the aircraft as they fly above the town,
no longer see the searchlights lighting up the darkened sky,
or see the burning buildings of the terraces nearby.
We can hear the people cheering as the bells peal out the news,
and we gather, dancing in the road, dispelling wartime blues.
It's victory in Europe - oh such a lovely sound,
no bombs, no incendiary fires, no more sleeping underground!
The roads are filled with happy people, celebrating victory,
the lights are on in every town, such a brilliant sight to see,
there's bonfires and fireworks, a colourful display,
we'll sing and dance and drink with cheer until night turns to day.
We'll not forget the sacrifices made by others in our name,
they gave their lives so we might live in freedom's sweet domain.

This year, the 80th anniversary, has been chosen as an important remembrance because it will be the last major opportunity we have to say "thank you" to the veterans of World War 2. The Feelgood Factory wants to join in with this event.

The Feelgood Factory is not making a charge for this event, but any donations towards the cost will be appreciated.



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