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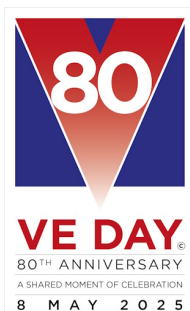
ROMANBY PARISH COUNCIL

THE ROMANBY VEDAY80 BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE ROMANBY MEMORIAL GARDEN

STORIES & MUSIC OF ROMANBY & THE WORLD IN 1945 THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

- 8.15 – 8.40pm** Residents & families gather at the Memorial Garden
- 8.40pm** - Handbell ringers perform the Romanby VEDay80 8-Bell Peal
- 8.45pm** Welcome & the VEDay80 National Proclamation
- 8.50pm** *1945* – Our village, our nation, and the events of 1945 in readings and poems with live sing-along music from the era from
A Touch of Silver
- 9.25pm** – Romanby's Tribute to The Greatest Generation
- 9.28pm** "Last Post" and a minute's silence
- 9.30pm** Lighting of the Romanby VEDay80 Beacon & "Reveille"
- 9.32pm** – "I Vow To Thee My Country"
(9.45-10pm – Disperse)



8/5/1945

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THE VEDAY80 PROCLAMATION 2025

A NATION'S TRIBUTE BEING READ AT BEACONS
ACROSS THE UK THIS EVENING

EIGHTY YEARS AGO, TODAY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ITS ALLIES FROM AROUND THE GLOBE CELEBRATED VE DAY – THE END OF THE WAR IN EUROPE.

TODAY AS WE COME TOGETHER TO COMMEMORATE WHAT CAME TO BE KNOWN AS VE DAY OUR THOUGHTS TURN TO THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE MILLIONS THAT GAVE SO MUCH TO ACHIEVE THE FREEDOM WE ALL ENJOY TODAY.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WE LOST, THOSE WHO WERE WOUNDED OR SCARRED, THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE FOREVER CHANGED BY WAR. NOBODY WAS IMMUNE FROM THE IMPACT OF THAT TERRIBLE CONFLICT.

LET US PAUSE TO REMEMBER THEIR SACRIFICE.

WE REFLECT TOO UPON THE WORDS OF OUR LATE AND GLORIOUS QUEEN, ELIZABETH – “NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER DESPAIR”.

AND SO WE OFFER THANKSGIVING FOR THE SELFLESSNESS OF THOSE WHO GAVE UP SO MUCH IN ORDER THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS SHOULD ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND PEACE.

GOD SAVE THE KING

MUSIC: WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER (1941)

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

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I - LIFE IN ROMANBY

MUSIC: DAD'S ARMY (1968)



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MUSIC: A NIGHTINGALE SANG IN BERKELEY SQUARE (1940)

THAT CERTAIN NIGHT, THE NIGHT WE MET
THERE WAS MAGIC ABROAD IN THE AIR
THERE WERE ANGELS DINING AT THE RITZ
AND A NIGHTINGALE SANG IN BERKELEY
SQUARE

I MAY BE RIGHT, I MAY BE WRONG
BUT I'M PERFECTLY WILLING TO SWEAR
THAT WHEN YOU TURNED AND SMILED AT ME
A NIGHTINGALE SANG IN BERKELEY SQUARE

THE MOON THAT LINGERED OVER LONDON TOWN
POOR PUZZLED MOON, HE WORE A FROWN
HOW COULD HE KNOW THAT WE TWO WERE SO IN
LOVE?

THE WHOLE DARN WORLD SEEMED UPSIDE DOWN

THE STREETS OF TOWN WERE PAVED WITH STARS
IT WAS SUCH A ROMANTIC AFFAIR
AND AS WE KISSED AND SAID GOODNIGHT
A NIGHTINGALE SANG IN BERKELEY SQUARE

II – VICTORY IN EUROPE – AT A COST

THE FACTS & FIGURES

MUSIC: AMERICAN PATROL (1942 VERSION)

III – THE 8TH OF MAY 1945

WINSTON CHURCHILL - RADIO BROADCAST

MUSIC: BEYOND THE SEA (1945)

SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE SEA
SOMEWHERE WAITING FOR ME
MY LOVER STANDS ON GOLDEN SANDS
AND WATCHES THE SHIPS THAT GO SAILING

SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE SEA
SHE'S THERE WATCHING FOR ME
IF I COULD FLY LIKE BIRDS ON HIGH
THEN STRAIGHT TO HER ARMS
I'D GO SAILING

IT'S FAR BEYOND THE STARS
IT'S NEAR BEYOND THE MOON
I KNOW BEYOND A DOUBT
MY HEART WILL LEAD ME THERE SOON

WE'LL MEET BEYOND THE SHORE
WE'LL KISS JUST AS BEFORE
HAPPY WE'LL BE BEYOND THE SEA
AND NEVER AGAIN I'LL GO SAILING
AH!

IV – AFTERMATH – THE FAR EAST

MUSIC: COLONEL BOGEY (1914)

MUSIC: WE'LL MEET AGAIN (1939)

LET'S SAY GOODBYE WITH A SMILE, DEAR
JUST FOR A WHILE DEAR WE MUST PART
DON'T LET THIS PARTING UPSET YOU
I'LL NOT FORGET YOU, SWEETHEART

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
'TIL THE BLUE SKIES CHASE THOSE DARK
CLOUDS FAR AWAY

AND I WILL JUST SAY HELLO
TO THE FOLKS THAT YOU KNOW
TELL THEM YOU WON'T BE LONG
THEY'LL BE HAPPY TO KNOW
THAT AS I SAW YOU GO
YOU WERE SINGING THIS SONG



V – ROMANBY'S TRIBUTE TO THE GREATEST GENERATION

IN A DIFFERENT TIME, A WORLD APART,
THEY ANSWERED FREEDOM'S CALL WITH
HEART.

RECOGNITION NEVER SOUGHT,
YET EARNED SO WELL THROUGH BATTLES
FOUGHT.

THEIR SACRIFICE, FOREVER KNOWN,
IN SHAPING THE WORLD WE'VE LOVED AND
GROWN.

ORDINARY SOULS, EXTRAORDINARY DEEDS,
INSPIRING US ALL TO GREATER LEADS.

FREEDOM'S GIFT, SO PRECIOUS AND RARE,
SACRIFICE MADE WITH BRAVERY AND DARE.

IN ADVERSITY, THEY STOOD SO TALL,
THE GREATEST GENERATION OF THEM ALL.

THEIR COURAGE, A SHINING BEACON BRIGHT,
GUIDING US THROUGH THE DARKEST NIGHT.
WITH STEADFAST HEARTS, THEY FACED THE
FRAY,

ENSURING PEACE FOR US TODAY.

THEIR LEGACY, A TIMELESS TALE,
OF VALOUR THAT WILL NEVER PALE.
THROUGH TRIALS AND TRIUMPHS, THEY DID
STRIVE,

THEIR SPIRIT ALWAYS AND FOREVER ALIVE.

IN EVERY HEART, THEIR STORY LIVES,
A TESTAMENT TO WHAT ONE GIVES.
FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE, THEY TOOK THE STAND,
AND SHAPED THE FUTURE OF OUR LAND.

VI – LAST POST

**A MINUTE'S SILENCE, FOLLOWED BY LIGHTING OF THE ROMANBY
VEDAY80 BEACON**

MUSIC: I VOW TO THEE MY COUNTRY (1921)

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY, ALL EARTHLY THINGS ABOVE
ENTIRE AND WHOLE AND PERFECT, THE SERVICE OF MY LOVE
THE LOVE THAT ASKS NO QUESTION, THE LOVE THAT STANDS
THE TEST
THAT LAYS UPON THE ALTAR, THE DEAREST AND THE BEST
THE LOVE THAT NEVER FALTERS, THE LOVE THAT PAYS THE
PRICE
THE LOVE THAT MAKES UNDAUNTED THE FINAL SACRIFICE

AND THERE'S ANOTHER COUNTRY, I'VE HEARD OF LONG AGO
MOST DEAR TO THEM THAT LOVE HER, MOST GREAT TO THEM
THAT KNOW
WE MAY NOT COUNT HER ARMIES, WE MAY NOT SEE HER KING
HER FORTRESS IS A FAITHFUL HEART, HER PRIDE IS SUFFERING
AND SOUL BY SOUL, AND SILENTLY HER SHINING BOUNDS
INCREASE
AND HER WAYS ARE WAYS OF GENTLENESS, AND ALL HER PATHS
ARE PEACE

MUSIC: FINAL MEDLEY

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