## HARLESTON HOUSE CARE HOME

## Lowestoft, Suffolk



"I was both delighted and inspired by the news of Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster of VE Day 80 asking the nation to come together for the 80th anniversary of VE Day and sing I Vow to Thee My Country on May the 8th. How simple but very effective and poignant.

After reading about this, I felt empowered to get involved but also, I could identify the

importance of people across the UK, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man in embracing this and to register their involvement in this event.

This is a simple and free way to get involved and would create a special celebration, especially with it being the 80th anniversary. Working in a dementia care home we always find, through the power of music, that the residents can connect well with music, and this help unlocks the dementia. So naturally, this is a very fitting thing to do to support our residents In all 28 of our care homes. We also urge other care homes, hospitals, and daycare centres to get behind this and register their participation, and we will be doing what we can to encourage and promote this over the next few weeks.

We, at Harleston House and Greensleeves Care, will be leading the way for other care homes to join us on the day by singing I Vow to Thee My Country and light Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm. As an organisation we feel it's important to be part of this but as a nation it is important for us to celebrate and promote peace and what better time but on the 80th anniversary of VE Day."

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