

Lamp Light of Peace

Message from the Ambassadors

Chelsea Pensioners, Colin Thackery and Roy Palmer



Old soldiers like us know only too well how conflict can affect the lives of men, women and children and communities. Both our dads served during the long years of WWII, and like many other families we too paid the price.

But VE Day 80, on 8th May 2025 is to be the day when, from the horrors of the Second World War, we

celebrate the peace which emerged and has lasted for 80 years. That's why we were delighted to have been asked to be Ambassadors of the Lamp Light of Peace by Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster, VE Day 80, representing the Veterans.

The flames from the Lamps symbolise the 'light of peace' that emerged from the dreadful darkness of war, and we all need every opportunity available to promote peace in our troubled world.

Once used for VE Day 80, these simple lamps can be lit at 11am on Remembrance Sunday every year in 'Remembrance' of those at home and abroad who sacrificed so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.

We would encourage families, communities, organisations and others throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man to buy and light Lamp Lights of Peace at 9.30pm on 8th May 2025, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons that night.

To order and pre-pay for your Lamp Light of Peace, please go to: www.lamplightofpeace.co.uk



COLIN, formerly a WO2 in the Royal Artillery:

"Singing, as everyone knows, is my passion and it won me Britain's Got Talent final five years ago. I love the idea that as the Lamp Lights of Peace are lit at 9.30pm on 8th May 2025, coinciding with the lighting of the Beacons at that time throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories, the nation is being asked to come together in song and music - to sing the wonderful and uplifting British Anthem, 'I Vow To Thee My Country', on this most iconic and patriotic of nights."

ROY, formerly a WO2 in the Royal Pioneer Corps:

"I was the town crier for Mablethorpe in Lincolnshire for many years and I've been given the honour of becoming the Royal Hospital's first herald, which means that I will be keen to join the hundreds of town criers across the land who, at 8am on 8th May 2025 will be proclaiming the celebration of peace."



Colin (left) with Roy holding a Lamp Light of Peace at The Royal Hospital Chelsea.