

# NORFOLK AND NORWICH UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

Building a healthier future together and joining others in celebration of 80 years of peace



"We are proud to take part in the 80th anniversary celebrations of VE Day on 8 May 2025. These anniversaries are an opportunity for us to remember the many healthcare workers who risked their lives during the Second World War to care for members of the armed forces and civilians injured in bombing raids.

We will commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day to remember those who lost their lives and the veterans who served to protect our freedom.

Our hospital played an important role during the Second World War with the former Norfolk and Norwich Hospital providing treatment to locally stationed troops and American Air Force personnel and treated countless casualties in the war.

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital will raise a VE Day 80 Flag at 9am, will light a Lamp Light of Peace and sing 'I Vow To Thee My Country' at 9.30pm on 8th May, to celebrate and promote peace on this momentous occasion.

We look forward to marking this important anniversary later this year."



**Chris Cobb**  
Chief Operating Officer  
at the Norfolk and  
Norwich University  
Hospitals  
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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

Words and Music by Gustav Holst and Cecil Spring



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