

# VE Day 80 Proclamation

## Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

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



Principal Town Crier Mrs Jane Smith from Bognor Regis has written the VE Day proclamation - judged by three independent judges anonymously who all agreed on her submission.



(left) Mr Christian Ashdown, Ex Household Cavalry and Chair of The Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers.

On this significant occasion we would like to recognise the achievement of the Crier who proclaims from the most unique location at **0900hrs** local time to initiate the day's proceedings. There will no doubt be considerable media interest.

If you think your location qualifies send an email to [secretary@ahgtc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ahgtc.org.uk) before VE Day and you will be entered into the competition (for which a modest prize will be awarded).