

Scotland and its Pipers lead the Nation in the 80 Day Countdown to VE Day 80



On acceptance of the invitation from Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR - Pageantmaster of VE Day 80, for Scotland to lead the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in the 80 day countdown to VE Day 80, 8th May 2025, I have the enormous honour of leading the 20 Scottish Pipers in our country's unique tribute to the fallen of the Second World War, starting at 12 noon on 18th February 2025, culminating at 12 noon on the 8th May as part of these unique celebrations/commemorations. The twenty pipers will be playing all over Scotland, including locations such as Crathes, Inveraray, Edinburgh, Balmoral, Scone, Eileen Donnan, Blair, Ardvreck, Castle of Mey, Delegate, Lochranza on Arran, Caerlaverock and many more.

Many of the pipers have very personal reasons for playing while others are playing purely as a tribute to the men and women who sacrificed their lives for the freedom we all enjoy today. Both my parents served during WWII and it is of them that I will be thinking during my first rendition of 'CELEBRATUM', the tune especially written for this historic, 80th anniversary of VE Day, by the world's most famous piper, Stuart Liddell MBE. Stuart, Sabine and their son will make up three of the twenty pipers playing for this historic occasion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jane Macrae'.

Pipe Major Lady Jane Macrae
Banchory Pipes and Drums

