

Gorleston Pavilion Theatre & Bandstand VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations 8th May 2025



The Gorleston Pavilion Trust are extremely excited to announce a unique and special collaboration with Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster, VE Day 80 to celebrate and commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May 2025.

To mark this special moment in history, the trust will be holding a series of events taking place on the outdoors Pavilion bandstand during the day, followed by a very special performance in the evening in celebration of this milestone anniversary.

The evening performance will be an uplifting celebration full of music, song and dance and will feature a special lighting ceremony of the Lamp Light of Peace at **9.30pm**, one of many hundreds being lit at this time throughout the UK, whilst singing the great, meaningful and uplifting British anthem, 'I Vow To Thee My Country', in unison with the lighting of Beacons at **9.30pm**, along with parties and all manner of celebration throughout the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.



Alex Youngs, Chief Executive of the Gorleston Pavilion Trust said of the event, "We are absolutely thrilled to be working with Bruno on the creation of a unique and special day of celebrations. Theatres are a vital part of every community and we hope our involvement

in this anniversary will inspire other theatres across the country to follow our lead in the creation of similar celebratory events. During the dark days of WWII theatres became bolder and much more popular, with many songs used in musicals becoming great hits throughout the country, with most of them being comedies to lift the spirits of those attending.

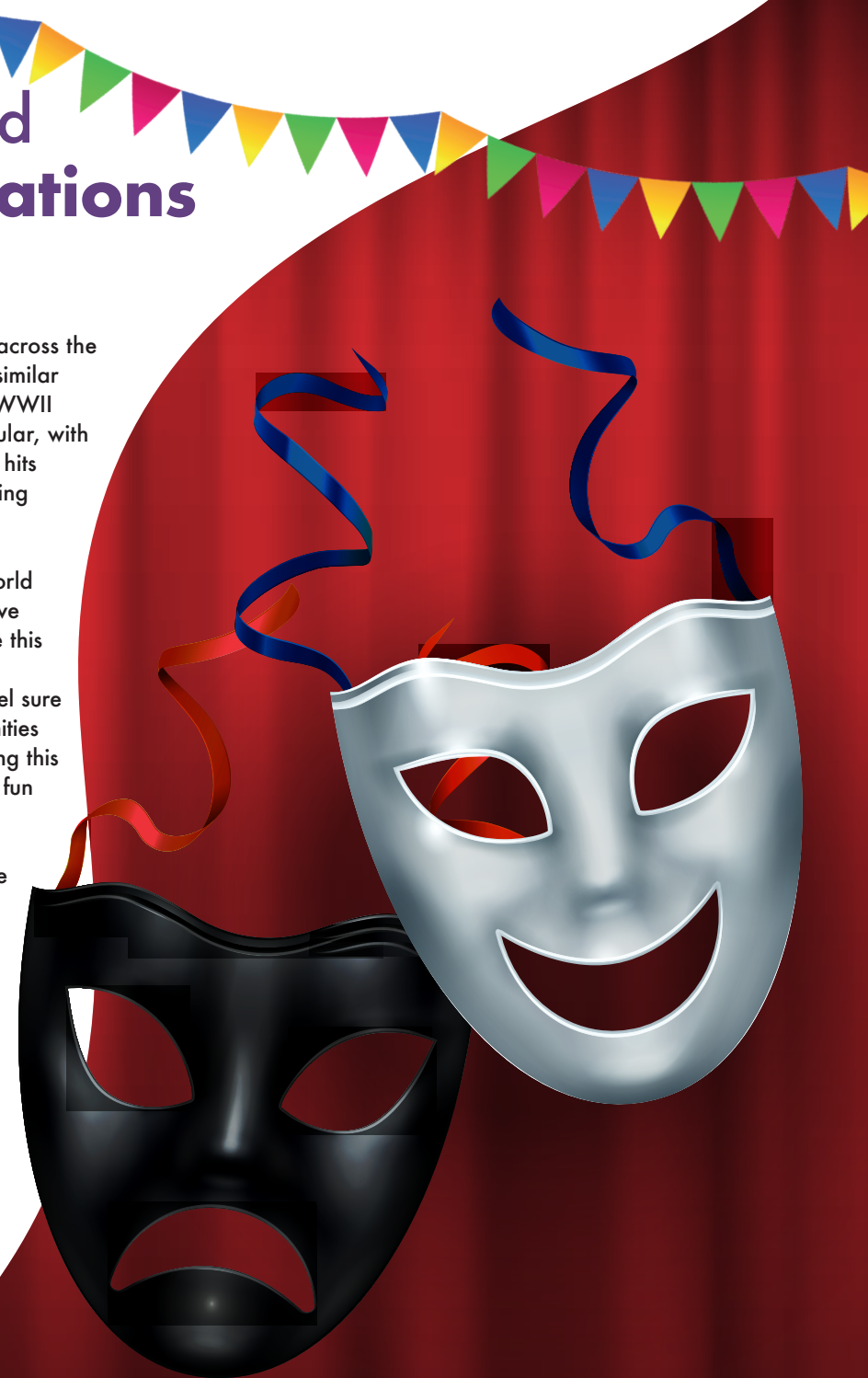
"Gorleston-on-Sea is a beautiful part of the world and is full of exceptionally talented and creative people and this is a fantastic way to showcase this talent and put our town on the map whilst celebrating such an historic occasion, and I feel sure there are many towns, cities and local communities like ours that will undertake similar events, using this opportunity to showcase their local talent in a fun and memorable way as part of VE Day 80."

The day's activities will be featured across the Pavilion's social media channels as well as being broadcast live for the commemorative parts of the evening.

Full details of VE Day 80 can be found at <https://www.VEday80.org.uk/> and on the Pavilion's website.

Alex Youngs

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"As we approach the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day, it is with great pride that I acknowledge the role that the Gorleston Pavilion and Bandstand will play in our local celebrations in the Great Yarmouth Borough.

Gorleston Pavilion has long been a treasured part of our community's rich history. It stood as a symbol of hope and resilience during the Second World War, playing a crucial part in maintaining community spirit during some of the darkest days. I am delighted Gorleston Pavilion is working closely with Bruno Peek CVO OBE

OPR, Pageantmaster, VE Day 80, by participating in marking this historic occasion in this imaginative way, continuing to bring us all together in moments of reflection and unity.

VE Day reminds us of the many sacrifices made and the resilience of our country. I therefore encourage communities across our great Nation to join with us in celebrating and commemorating this historic anniversary by involving their local theatres, cultural space and their communities. Theatres like the Gorleston Pavilion are not just venues - they are places where stories are told and hope comes alive.

I look forward to seeing the involvement of community groups and civic leaders on **May 8th 2025** as we all stand united in remembrance. Let us ensure that the 80th Anniversary of VE Day is honoured not only through words but through the participation of all our local institutions and communities."

*Her Worship the Mayor
of the Borough of Great Yarmouth
Councillor Paula Waters-Bunn*

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