



**ALTON  
TOWN COUNCIL**

# THE ALTONIAN WEEKLY

**WEEK 8**

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## The Nation's Toast

**'Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2'** at 3pm on Friday 8th May, from the safety of their own home. Stand up and raise a glass of refreshment of their choice and undertake the following 'Toast':

**"To those who gave so much, we thank you."**

Use this unique opportunity to pay tribute to the many millions at home and abroad that gave so much to ensure we all enjoy and share the freedom we have today.

Join Alton's Town Crier (live feed from our [facebook page](#)) at 6.55pm when he will be taking part in a special 'Cry for Peace Around the World'.

## Message From The Town Hall

Welcome to this weeks Altonian which is focused on VE Day. The commemorations look very different to those planned only a few months ago, but we hope that you are able to take part in some way either by having a picnic in the sunshine in the garden, decorating your home with bunting and flags or tuning in to watch the various programmes on the television across the day on Friday. Whatever you do, never has it been a more appropriate time to reflect on the fortitude and endurance of our community both then and now. We would recommend reading the new book by Tony Cross, "Here's to the men of Alton WW2 stories of courage and sacrifice".

Next week, we will be focusing on climate change but for now if anyone would like to hear the presentation which Alton Climate Action and Network were due to give at the Annual Electors Meeting [visit their website](#) for more details on how you can join their meeting on 13th May.

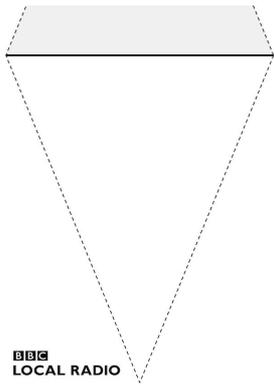
## Picnic At Home

Please stay home this Friday and celebrate VE Day in you own garden or house. There are plenty of ways you can still get involved, why not host a special [VE Day celebration picnic](#) or afternoon tea with your household and decorate the house with flags and bunting.

Why not try whipping up some [VE Day-inspired](#) retro snacks and baking treats - and, even if you're not, you can't go wrong with a [strawberry cheesecake](#). All washed down with a glass of fizz. We would love to see your decor and baking ideas for VE Day celebrations in lockdown.



## Make Your Own Bunting



The BBC are encouraging the public to make their own bunting to display in their homes over the weekend.

They've even created a step-by-step guide to making your own bunting, as well as a template for you to print out. [Discover all of their resources here.](#)

## VE Day Whilst Self Isolating

Just because we can't get together and mark VE Day it doesn't mean there aren't ways to celebrate within the safety of our own homes. Dedicated programmes will be broadcast to help you get involved in the celebrations.

- 11am | BBC One | The Nation Remembers  
BBC One will lead two-minute silence to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.
- 2.45pm | BBC One | The Announcement of Victory  
Winston Churchill's historic speech will also be broadcast.
- 8pm | BBC One | The People's Celebration.  
Tune in to a special programme on VE Day on BBC One, which will see some of the UK's biggest stars (Katherine Jenkins, Beverley Knight), sing a rendition of the iconic 'We'll Meet Again', by Vera Lynn.
- 9pm | BBC One | The Queen's speech: The Queen herself will be giving a special address to the nation at 9am on 8th May - which is the exact same time that her father, King George VI, spoke to the UK 75 years ago, on the actual VE Day.

## Public Gardens

Please note Alton's Public Gardens will be open from Thursday 7th May.

The playground will remain closed.



## Hampshire County Council

Have created a short film which will be broadcast on their website and [social media channels](#) at 10.30am to mark this important date

## Royal British Legion

Join the [Royal British Legion](#) as they pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation, from British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces to evacuees and those who served on the home front.

## Special Radio Broadcasts

[Wey Valley Radio](#) at 18:00pm 101.1FM

[Absolute 40](#) - All day playing music from the decade and news bulletins