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**From:** Susan Osborne <susanosborne.uk@me.com>  
**Sent:** 01 September 2024 16:21  
**Subject:** VE DAY 80 - BEACONS & LAMP LIGHTS OF PEACE - 9.30PM - 8TH MAY 2025  
**Attachments:** VE Day 80 logo.jpeg; Bruno VE Day 80 signature block 2.jpeg; Untitled attachment 00015.txt; I vow to thee my country v2.pdf; Untitled attachment 00018.txt; VE Day 80 Flag.pdf; Untitled attachment 00021.txt

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT PLEASE

Dear previous participants,

RE: VE DAY 80 - BEACONS & LAMP LIGHTS OF PEACE - 9.30PM - 8TH MAY 2025

We hope you have enjoyed the summer, and you and your colleagues have been able to find time to have a well earned break too.

Following on from our previous communication with you, encouraging your involvement in VE Day 80 - 8th May 2025, in a similar successful way to what you undertook in D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, I would like to take this important opportunity to confirm the following please.

All the information regarding VE Day 80 can be viewed and downloaded from the VE Day 80 website - [www.VEday80.org.uk](http://www.VEday80.org.uk)

(1) IMPORTANT: If you have already registered your involvement in VE Day 80 by lighting a Beacon or your Lamp Light of Peace 9.30pm - 8th May 2025, please be kind enough to ignore this email.

(2) However, and most importantly please, if you have NOT registered your participation in these two aspect of VE Day 80 - 8th May 2025, and intend to take part, please be kind enough to confirm the following, providing us with the information requested below, at your earliest convenience.

NAME OF COUNTRY:

Name of County:

Name of City, Town or Parish:

Name of Organisation:

Name of Contact:

Email:

Lighting a Beacon - YES/NO:

Lighting a Lamp Light of Peace - YES/NO:

Raising a VE Day 80 Flag - YES/NO:

Public or Private event:

On receipt of the above information, we will undertake the following with you.

(A) CERTIFICATE OF GRATEFUL RECOGNITION: Send you your Certificate enabling you to download, print, frame and display it as a permanent reminder of your participation in the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025.

(B) VE DAY 80 PRESS RELEASE: Send you the VE Day 80 Press Release, enabling you to personalise it before you send it to all areas of your local media asap - TV, Radio, Newsprint and on social media too, providing them with early

confirmation your involvement in VE Day 80. (We will send you a further release for your use nearer the time next year).

(C) VE DAY 80 WEBSITE: We will list the name of your organisation on the VE Day 80 website nearer the time - [www.VEday80.org.uk](http://www.VEday80.org.uk).

(D) I VOW TO THEE MY COUNTRY: I also have extreme pleasure in attaching the information regarding the playing and singing of this wonderful and uplifting British patriotic hymn which we would like all those taking part in VE Day 80 at 9.30pm on 8th May 2025, and indeed the whole Nation, to stop what they are doing, and sing and play this hymn, in 'tribute' to those many millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice, fighting for the freedom we all enjoy today, bringing the peoples, families and communities together at this unique and special moment in time next year, as part of VE Day 80.

(E) RINGING OUT IN CELEBRATION: We would be grateful if you would encourage your local Cathedral or Church to ring their Bells at 6.30pm on 8th May 2025, in celebration of 80 years of peace, asking them to confirm their involvement with us too.

They may wish to involve their Choir in the singing of 'I Vow To Thee My Country' too.

We do hope therefore, that you will support this 80th Anniversary of VE Day by taking part in a similar and successful way you kindly undertook for D-Day 80, and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience please.

(I am available from 7am through to 9pm six days a week - excluding Sundays, so please do not hesitate to contact me should you require and assistance or information)

My warmest regards to you as always,