



**NEWS**

Marking the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (at home)

- Commemorations – A national two minutes silence will be held at 11 am to mark the start of official thanksgiving events. The Queen will address the nation at 9pm.
- The Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport is offering a pack of information on how to hold a 1940's tea party at home, with recipes, ideas for bunting and activities. Follow the link:

<https://ve-veday75.gov.uk/>

- The BBC is inviting those with family veterans to participate in making a short film to be shown on the day. See page 2 for details of how to get involved.
- See Ralph's research on VE Day on the Society's website:

<http://www.hoolehistorysoc.btck.co.uk/WartimeHoole/VEDayCelebrations1945>



**RECORDING THIS MOMENT IN HOOLE'S HISTORY**

With so much of ordinary life changed, we think it might be interesting for future generations to hear first-hand what Hoole life is like under "lockdown". Would you be prepared to keep a note of how this has affected the daily lives of you and your family?

Here are some suggestions:

- Reflect on how your routines have changed e.g. going to the shops, working, school-life for children and young people, social activities for all ages, going to church, voluntary societies, etc.
- How we keep in touch (verbally, digitally, not literally!).
- Use of transport or not! How we take exercise.
- Provision of services by the Council.
- How social, sports, community and voluntary groups are coping e.g. local allotments, churches, pubs, etc.
- Perhaps next time you visit Hoole shops take a photograph of what looks different.



You will no doubt think of other areas of life that have changed for you or you have observed. We could, at one of the Society's future meetings, put all this together in some form so as to leave a record of this strange time for future reference.

Do let us know how you get on.

## UPDATES TO OUR WEBSITE

(<http://www.hoolehistsoc.btck.co.uk/>)

- A new piece on Coronation Playing Field completed by Linda in early April has been added (see link below). It appears that a second application for Planning Permission to build an additional permanent changing room adjacent to the Coronation Playing Field car park, and to extend car parking in the playing field, has been submitted by the Council to the Planning Committee, but it is not known when this application will be considered and how.  
<http://www.hoolehistsoc.btck.co.uk/LeisureRecreationinHoole/CoronationPlayingField>
- Work to revise, update and fine-tune the pages recording the War Memorials and Casualty details has now been completed. Do take a look! Thanks to Peter A.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DURING CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

Monty has introduced a modification to membership renewal for those members whose renewal fell due in April. He will do the same each month until restrictions begin to be lifted.

He will continue to write to each member reminding them of their renewal date, attaching a renewal form,

as usual. However, until more normal conditions return, each member will then have the choice of:-

a) renewing as usual, with a cheque or cash, by post, or through Monty's letter box by hand (neither Monty, nor Phil Cook, the Treasurer, has any objection to that)

b) deferring the actual act of renewal until such time as more normal conditions exist, secure in the knowledge that an individual's membership will be continued unbroken. The original date for renewal will, however, be used at that point for re-starting the next membership year of that individual member.



The flyer features a central banner with the text "VE DAY 75" and "BBC STUDIOS" flanked by Union Jack bunting. Below the banner, it reads: "When our nation needed them they stood together and defended our future freedom. Now it is our turn to show them how grateful we are. We need you to send us your video tributes." A red box contains the text: "To find out exactly what we are looking for and more information on how to get involved please email [ve75@bbc.co.uk](mailto:ve75@bbc.co.uk)". The flyer is framed by two vertical panels on the left and right, each with a large "75" and "VE DAY" text.

Please adhere to the safety advice issued by the UK government when recording any videos

My name is Rav Dehele and I'm a researcher with BBC.

We are currently working on some programming in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

As a part of this programming we are currently working on making a short film that involves family members of veterans sending in a short video message to say thank you, and to say how proud they are of their family members' contribution and sacrifice during the Second World War.

Please see the flyer above. It directs people to an email address. Once they have sent an email to that address, they will receive instructions on what we would like to them film, how they need to film it - and will also provide a link for them to upload their videos.

Whether their family member was a soldier, a Wren, an engineer, a pilot etc. - we think this short film would be the perfect way to honour and preserve their legacy.

We would love to try and collect as

many video messages as possible.

If you need any more information please do let me know - I am reachable by phone or the email address at any time. Alternatively, if you have any direct contacts for those who served during the war - even in munitions factories etc - we would absolutely love them to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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