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Coalville Surrenders to VE Day Joy *"The nightmare has passed-we can breathe again"*

The children and families of Belvoirdale Primary School, will stand proudly alongside the Coalville Community today, in the beautiful surroundings of the school garden to celebrate 80 years since the victory in Europe gave peace to the wider world. The delighted children will be joined by local dignitaries and representatives of the Royal British Legion and the National Heritage Society, and will speak of reconciliation and thanks for the sacrifices given to secure this monumental agreement. Songs of hope will be sung for the world to hear and the message of inclusion and kindness will ring out across the Coalville Community from the children of the Belvoirdale School Council and the school's Kindness Committee. How lucky we all are to be surrounded by such optimism. The crowds and the entire community will leave with the words of Dream it, Learn it, Live it, echoing in their ears.

Article by War Correspondent: Field Marshall Richard Dax

The name's Beaumanor-007 Hall



Beaumanor Hall is near Loughborough and not far from Coalville. During the war, it became a secret listening station. People listened to enemy messages sent in Morse code (dot-dash signals). These were taken by motorcycle each day to Station X at Bletchley Park, where codebreakers worked to understand them. Beaumanor Hall did this important job for the whole war as part of the War Office 'Y' Group. Article by Cedar Class



"We kept our faith with ourselves and with one another"



On VE Day 1945, King George VI delivered a victory speech, broadcasting his message to the nation and the Commonwealth. His speech acknowledged the victory in Europe, thanked the nation for their courage and resilience, and acknowledged the continued conflict in the Far East. *"We kept our faith with ourselves and with one another."* Article by : Royal correspond ant Mary Tiara -Crown

VE Day connection to Belvoirdale Family



For over 50 years Isobel Boam's family (Great Grandparents, Grandparents, Parents and now Isobel) have been holidaying at Bacton on Sea, Norfolk. The original wooden sheds on the holiday park, were used to house soldiers and officers of the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry during the war. Their role was to protect the North Sea Coast Line against attack by German forces. The soldiers were billeted (housed) eight men to a nine foot square room! The chalet (pictured) now in 2025, is a far cry from the original wooden hut used for the soldiers, but still stands and has allowed the four generations of the Boam family to enjoy the peaceful beaches and Norfolk coast for many years. The same coast that was kept peaceful by those brave men and women eighty years ago. Article by holiday correspondent: Janice Boam



Picture by Art correspondent Lyla Dean



Not Home and Alone

To commemorate VE DAY 80, Rowan class are looking to see how children were affected. Children



who lived in cities were evacuated to the countryside away from their own homes. This was called Operation Pied Piper. Evacuees did not know where they were going or for how long they would be staying. How would you feel if this happened to you? Article by Rowan Class

Birch discover a Royal Secret

Birch class have been researching facts about the celebrations for VE Day. The day was declared a national holiday so many people went into their street for parties and food. People did lots of singing and dancing too. People waved flags and covered their homes in decorations such as bunting. Even Princess Elizabeth (Queen Elizabeth II) and her sister Princess Margaret joined a street party in London. They had to dress in a disguise though and they did the conga through a famous Hotel called the Ritz! People were filled with joy that the war was over but they still took moments to remember all the people they had lost throughout the war.



Piece of Cake



Churchill's fruit cake. This cake was one of Winston Churchill's favourites. It was baked by his longstanding cook, Georgina

Landemare, who catered for him during the Second World War at Downing Street and then at his family home, Chartwell in Kent.

Article by Oak & Chestnut class



Five Facts from Maple Class

VE Day wasn't the end of WW2; the war didn't end until Japan surrendered!

In England, Winston Churchill joined the Royal family on their balcony to celebrate VE Day!

In London, huge crowds gathered in places like Trafalgar Square and outside Buckingham Palace. Even the Royal Family came out to join the celebrations.

It was such an important event that schools closed so everyone could join in the VE Day celebrations and remember the end of the fighting in Europe.

King George VI spoke to the nation from Buckingham Palace, thanking everyone for their bravery and encouraging hope for the future on VE Day.

Potato, Potato, Potato

Potatoes were not generally rationed in the UK during World War II. While the government initially categorized potatoes



as a staple food, they remained uncontrolled. However, at the end of the war, due to poor weather conditions and harvests, potatoes and bread were rationed for the first time in 1945. A favourite pudding became Baked Potato Pudding which used raspberry jam, swede juice, pastry and of course; potatoes!

Article by Oak & Chestnut class



Ladybird: Farm visit

Bumblebee: Farm visit

Cherry: Luna-Rae & Olivia O

Palm: Bonnie B & Oscar D

Oak: Isla B & Sophia G

Chestnut: Evie J & Brandon R

Apple: Holly M & Erlis T

Birch: Anson A & Jeremiah B

Maple: Ava B & Mia N

Rowan: Casey M & Danny J

Juniper: Austin C & Amelia P

Hazel: Lucien W & Josh M

Cedar: Nancy W & Mitchel C

Kindness

Kindness is never wasted: Last week we thanked the following for their kindness: **Nevaeh & Isla**