




CELEBRATION PACK

Let's celebrate VE75 from home
and capture the spirit of 1945!

A field of red poppies under a blue sky. The poppies are in various stages of bloom, some fully open and some as buds. The background is a soft-focus landscape with more poppies and some greenery.

This VE Day we will be celebrating 75 years since the guns fell silent at end of the Second World War.

The war had brought devastation to Europe and nations across the world, and when the fighting came to end it was a happy day for all those who had to live through the pain that war brings.

It's important that we continue to look back and remember how terrible that time was for everyone, so on 8 May we remember all those who lost their lives during the war, but also celebrate their brave efforts to bring about peace.

With coronavirus effecting our daily lives today, we find ourselves celebrating at home, but that shouldn't stop us remembering the sacrifices that were made. So we invite you to use this pack to create a memorable VE today on Friday 8 May and celebrate with your household.

From sing-a-longs to quizzes, this pack is full of content for you make a memorable celebration at home.



WHAT TO DO ON THE DAY

The day is for you to celebrate how you like, but make sure you don't miss these nationwide events!

11am: Take a moment of reflection and remembrance as the country pauses for a two minute silence to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation.

3pm: Households across the country will be celebrating VE Day from their homes with a picnic. Grab your favourite foods, a blanket and toast our heroes who sacrificed so much.

9pm: It's time for the big VE Day singalong. We've given you the words, so bring your best signing voice! If 9pm is a little late for you, feel free to singalong earlier.

ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

We've planned some activities for you to enjoy over the day, tick them off once you've done them.

- VE Day fact-finding**
- 11am remembrance silence**
- VE Day bake-off**
- 3pm toast and picnic**
- VE 75 Quiz**
- Create-your-own bunting**
- Big VE Day singalong**



VE DAY FACT-FINDING

So what is VE Day? Use these facts to teach friends and family about the importance of VE Day and why it came about.

- On 8 May 1945, millions of people rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, signalling the end of World War Two in Europe.
- The war had lasted almost six years.
- There was such celebration because the war had brought devastation of hundreds of cities, and the deaths of at least 35 million people, most of them civilians.
- Although VE Day was strictly speaking a continental European event, it was celebrated all over the world.
- However, fighting in the Far East would continue for another three and a half months.
- In London, more than a million people took to the streets to celebrate and huge crowds gathered outside Buckingham Palace to see Churchill standing on the balcony alongside King George VI.
- Princesses Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II, left the palace in to join the public street party.
- VE Day is called different names across different countries and celebrated on different days. In Italy, for example, 'Liberation Day' is celebrated on 25 April. In the Netherlands, 'Liberation Day' falls on 5 May. But VE Day on 8 May is generally recognised as the single day that unites the vast majority of countries in Europe.



BIG VE DAY SINGALONG

Join us for a VE Day singalong. Join the nation at 9pm on Friday 8 May for a UK-wide rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. You can watch and join in on BBC One which will be broadcasting the special moment.

You are welcome to wear your uniform for this special event, make sure you are looking smart and wear it with pride!

Make sure you tag us in your household singalongs using **#SeaCadetsVEday** and we'll share the best entries to the Sea Cadets social media accounts.



WE'LL MEET AGAIN

We'll meet again
Don't know where
Don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day

Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Till the blue skies chase
Those dark clouds far away

And I will just say hello
To the folks that you know
Tell them you won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That, as I saw you go
You were singing this song

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BAKE YOUR OWN VICTORY CAKE

No picnic is complete without a cake. Create the VE cake below to enjoy with a celebratory VE toast. Due to wartime rationing, it was common to have to swap ingredients and get creative in the kitchen with what was available. You can stick to our recipe below or use one of your own.

Let's see your creations, tag us in your cake pic using **#SeaCadetsVEday**.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 3 tablespoons butter (42g), plus more for the pan
- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for the pan
- 2 cups seedless raisins
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder

HOW TO MAKE IT

- 1** Preheat the oven to 350°F (176°C). Butter and flour a 10-inch (25-cm) tube pan.
- 2** In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the butter, raisins, water, and sugar. Bring to a boil and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool.
- 3** In a medium bowl, sift together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, spices, and cocoa powder.
- 4** Add the dry mixture to the cooked raisin mixture and stir to thoroughly combine. Pour into the prepared tube pan.
- 5** Bake for 1 1/2 hours, covering with foil during the last 30 minutes to prevent burning.
- 6** Let cool slightly, then invert pan and shake gently to release the cake. Let cool completely before serving.



VE 75 QUIZ

Captain Sea Cadets invites you and your families to enjoy a special Jackspeak Naval Terms Quiz. Circle your answers and see how many you get right as a team. VE Day brought communities together to celebrate the end of the war, you could try to hold a virtual quiz with friends and family who can't come and visit due to the current situation.

You'll find the answers on the back of the pack!

Q1. If someone in the Naval service asked if you would like some of their "nutty", what would you expect them to give you?

Coal Sandwich **Walnut Sweets**

Q2. If someone in the Naval service invited you to join them in a game of "uckers", what game would you be playing?

Chess Cards **Deck hockey Ludo**

Q3. Which of these Royal Naval ratings would be called a "killick"?

Leading Rate Able Rate **Petty Officer Warrant Officer**

Q4. What in the Royal Marines is referred to as "blues"?

Royal Marines favourite pair of jeans
Royal Marines daily ration pack
Royal Marines best uniform
Royal Marines pint of lemonade

Q5. What part of the Royal Navy sailors No1 uniform is believed to bring good luck?

Layard Silk **Cap Tape**
Blue Jean Collar

Q6. What, in the Naval service, is piping the side?

A cake decoration
A piped call to welcome a senior officer
A dogwatch
A firefighting hose team

Q7. Why would a member of the Naval service be pleased if they were awarded a "gong"?

Would have the afternoon off
Would earn a long service badge
Would be given a medal
Would be joining a new ship

Q8. Who on board a Royal Navy ship is known as "Chief Stoker"?

The Padre
The Laundryman
The Engineer
The Medical Assistant

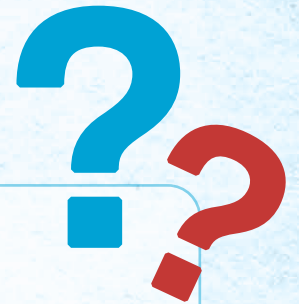
Q9. Where would you expect to see a Royal Navy frigate's "paraffin pigeon"?

On the bridge
On the fore deck
On the flight deck
On the galley flat

Q10. What do members of the Naval service do with a "oggy"?

Salute it **Sail on it**
Clean it **Eat it**

How many did you get right? /10





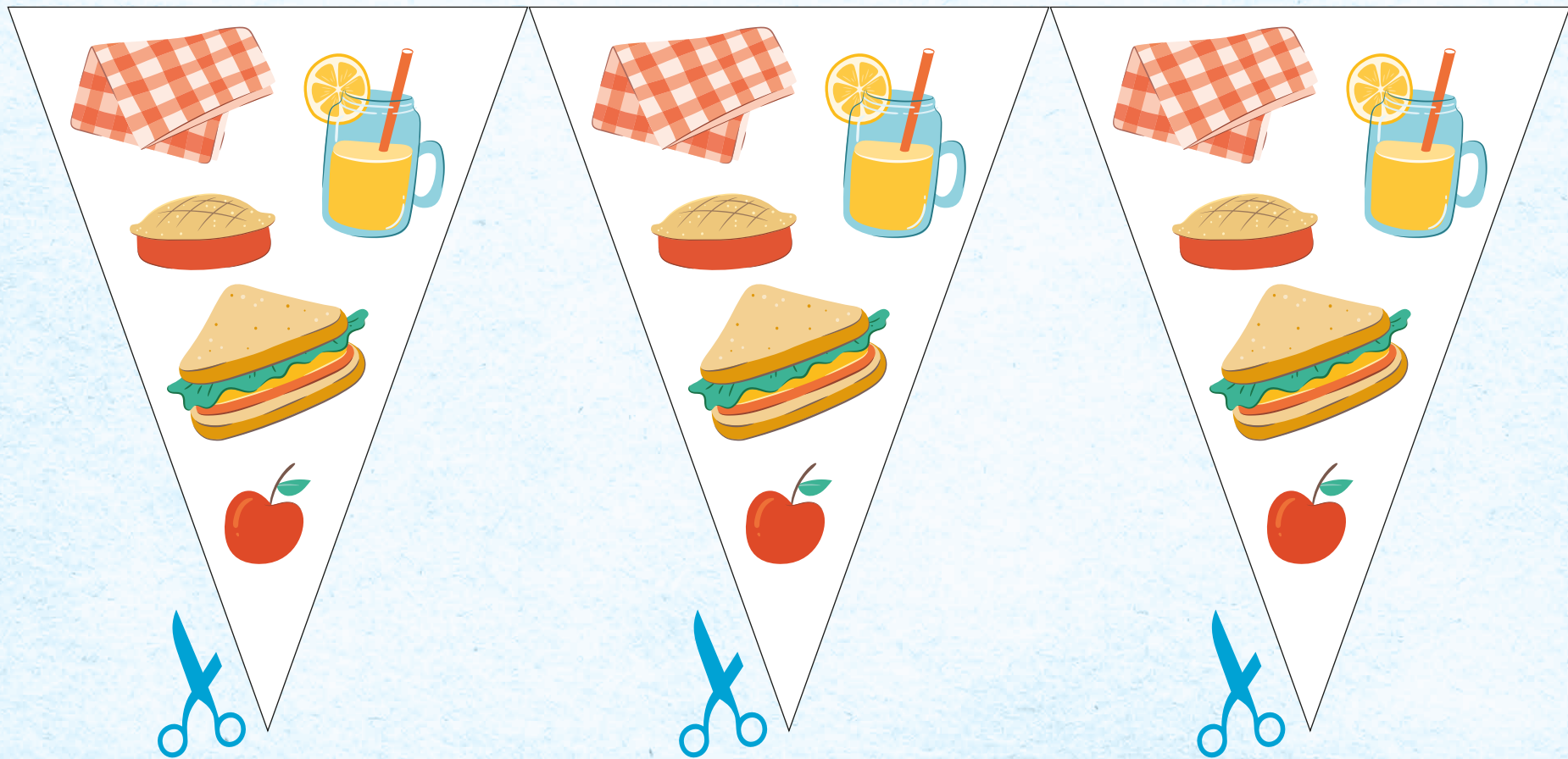
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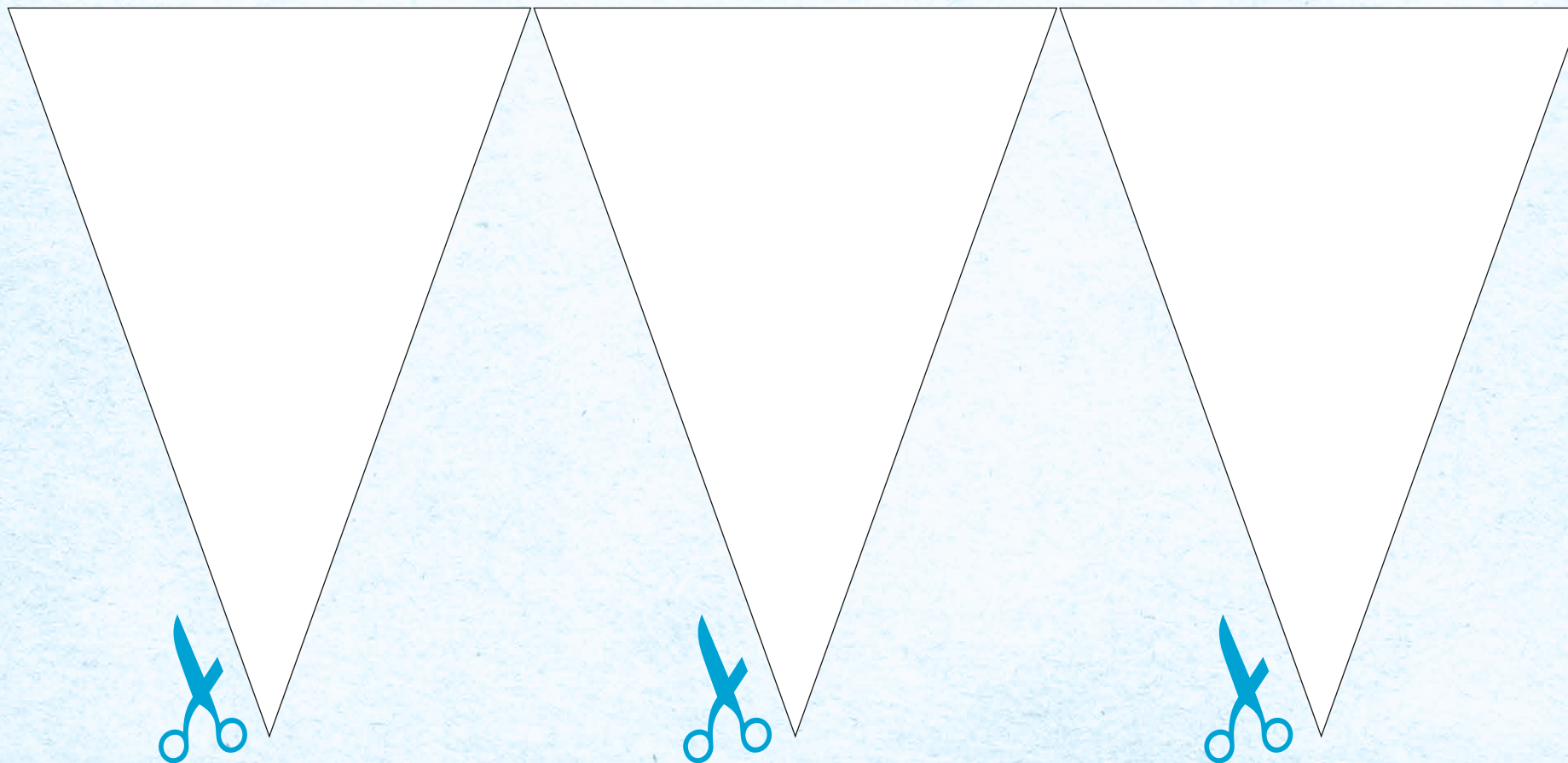
Use these bunting templates to create a bunting for your house this weekend. Put them up inside or out to show your support for our heroes.

We've included blank designs too, get creative and show us your designs on social media using **#SeaCadetsVEday**











ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- 1 Sweets
- 2 Ludo
- 3 Leading Rate
- 4 Royal Marines best uniform
- 5 Blue Jean Collar
- 6 A piped call to welcome a senior officer (Pipe on a Bosun's call)
- 7 Would be given a medal
- 8 The Engineer (Chief Petty Officer Marine Engineer)
- 9 On the flight deck (it's a helicopter)
- 10 Eat it (It's a pasty)