

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **GODALMING MARKS 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY WITH SCHOOLS' PROJECT AND SPECIAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

Thursday, 8 May 2025 marks 80 years since Victory in Europe (VE), when the guns fell silent and World War II came to an end in Europe. To honour this historic occasion, Godalming Town Council has launched a commemorative programme aimed at educating younger generations and providing the community with a moment of reflection.

As part of the commemorations, the Council has funded a series of engaging workshops and drama performances in local schools under the theme "Homing in on the Home Front". These interactive sessions give schoolchildren a chance to explore what life was like for families during wartime Britain—learning how to "make do and mend", grow their own vegetables, and adapt recipes in the face of rationing.

To mark the anniversary itself, Godalming Town Council will host a special service of remembrance at the War Memorial at 9:00am on Thursday, 8 May. The service will include:

- a reading of the VE Day Proclamation by the Mayor of Godalming;
- a short commemorative service hosted by Godalming Minster;
- lowering of the Union Flag;
- laying of wreaths; and
- the playing of the Last Post.

All are welcome to this important occasion to honour those who served and sacrificed during the Second World War.

The bells at Godalming Minster Church of St Peter & St Paul will ring out between 1830 and 1930.

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