



Thursday 8 May
BOROUGH EVENTS





Borough events

Flag raising

Thursday 8 May - 9am

Join us for a commemorative flag raising ceremony to mark this historic occasion.

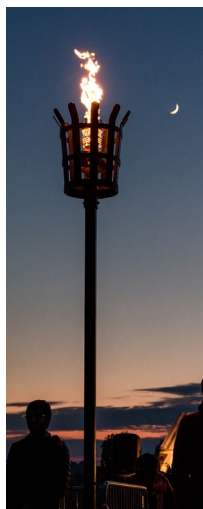
Basildon Centre, St Martins Square,
Basildon, SS14 1DL



Beacon lighting ceremonies

Thursday 8 May

Join us at one of the boroughs beacon lighting ceremonies. It is an opportunity for the borough to come together to honour and pay tribute to the Second World War generation from across the UK and Commonwealth. Beacons will be lit nationwide at 9:30pm.



Time	Location of ceremonies
9 - 9:30pm	Basildon - Gloucester Park
8:30 - 9:30pm	Billericay - Sun Corner
8 - 9:30pm	Pitsea - Wat Tyler Country Park
8 - 10pm	Wickford - Wickford Memorial Park
8:30 - 10pm	Laindon - Pound Lane
7:30 - 10pm	Noak Bridge - Wash Road
8:45 - 9:30pm	Vange - Swanmead
7 - 9:30pm	Bowers Gifford - Westlake Park



London events

5 May

A military procession from Whitehall, in central London, to Buckingham Palace. Followed by a flypast of current and historical military aircraft, including the Red Arrows.



6 May

The Tower Remembers,
Tower of London
06 May to 11 November 2025



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7 May

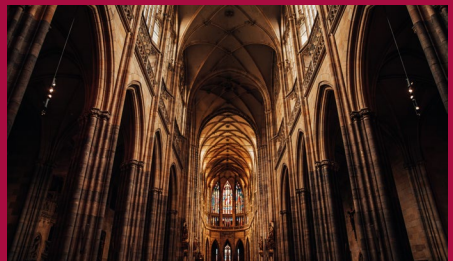
Victory in Europe Day Anniversary
Concert
Westminster Hall
The Houses of Parliament



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8 May

Westminster Abbey: Service to
celebrate the 80th anniversary of
Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)
Watch live on BBC television at
noon.



For other events that you can attend visit - <https://ve80.com/>



Other Borough events

3 May to 10 May

Basildon Borough Heritage Society - WW2 historical images and artifacts display.
The Green Centre, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea



5 May

VE Day Commemoration event -
Featuring displays and stalls.
South Green Memorial Hall,
Southend Rd, Billericay,
CM11 2PR

[Find out more](#)

8 May

VE Day Act of Remembrance
A special service at St Catherines Church, 120 Southend Road, Wickford, SS11 8EB

[Find out more](#)

9 May

VE Day 80 afternoon tea
1pm - 4pm
The Wick Community Centre,
Silva Island Way, Wickford, SS12 9NR

[Find out more](#)

