

VE day(Victory in Europe day)

VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day which occurred on May 8, 1945. VE day is celebrated on the 8th May. On 8 May 1945 prime minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. More than 1 million people celebrated in the streets of cities, towns and villages in the UK. VE Day did not mark the end to all of the fighting associated with World War 2. Japan didn't surrender until 15th August 1945 (or 14th August, depending on time zones). Japan officially signed surrender documents on 2nd September 1945, effectively bringing World War 2 to a close. This is celebrated as V-J Day (Victory over Japan). In 1995, to mark the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe was, May Day Bank Holiday in the UK was moved to 8th May.

People often celebrate VE day by having a street party and involving their neighbors. It is usual for people to bring different types of food and drinks to the party and to make decorations such as bunting and flags.

