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VJ Day 80: Street parties and concerts as Royal Star & Garter veterans mark the end of WWII

Residents at Royal Star & Garter have celebrated the 80th anniversary of VJ Day and the end of WWII.

Concerts, street parties and tea parties, quizzes and cakes were enjoyed by veterans in each of the charity's Homes in Solihull, Surbiton, High Wycombe and Worthing, on Friday 15 August.

The Homes also observed the national two-minute silence at midday, as the country paid tribute to the service and sacrifice of those who fought in the Far East.



Stuart, a resident at Care for Veterans – A Royal Star & Garter Home, is visited by his wife Sylvia on VJ Day

VJ Day, or Victory over Japan Day, is marked on 15 August – the date in 1945 when Japan surrendered to the Allied forces, bringing an end to WWII.

Royal Star & Garter provides loving, compassionate care to veterans and their families from its four Homes, as well as other services reaching out into the community.

At the charity's Home in High Wycombe, local dignitaries joined residents for an afternoon tea party, which was accompanied by live music from singer Fiona Harris. Among the guests at the Home were High Wycombe Mayor Majid Hussain, Chair of Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Sarfaraz Khan Raja, Royal British Legion County President Cllr Lesley Clarke OBE, Royal British Legion High Wycombe Chair Tony Green, and the Secretary of RAF Association High Wycombe Ian McEnnis.

At Care for Veterans – a Royal Star & Garter Home, in Worthing, the Swingtime Sweethearts sang for residents while they enjoyed a street party. Volunteers



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from long-time supporters Bower & Wilkins helped serve food and drinks, and joined residents for the singalong. The Home was also given scones for its residents to enjoy thanks to Melanie Peters aka The Social Media Rocket and energy networks firm Hemiko.

The Home in Surbiton was decorated with flags and bunting, with residents enjoying a VJ Day singalong. At Royal Star & Garter in Solihull there was a quiz, followed by afternoon cakes and a VJ Day talk by David Knowles.



RAF veteran Richard celebrates the 80th anniversary of VJ Day

Royal Star & Garter is welcoming new residents in all its Homes. For more information on this, its other services, or to work for the charity, go to www.starandgarter.org

Care for Veterans is also welcoming new residents. For more information on this and other ways to fundraise and support, please go to www.careforveterans.org.uk

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About the Royal Star & Garter group

Founded in 1916, Royal Star & Garter provides care, support and friendship for veterans and their families so that they can live well. The charity delivers nursing and dementia care through Homes in Solihull, Surbiton, High Wycombe, and now in Worthing, having recently merged with the military charity Care for Veterans. It also offers a range of services reaching into the community, including Lunch Clubs, Day Care and a national Telephone Friendship Service.

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