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*Back to the 40s once more!*

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE-DAY

8th-10th May 2020



**FREE**  
guide to  
what's  
on

MORE THAN **40 FREE** EVENTS & ACTIVITIES INSIDE

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# Welcome

Welcome to our guide to the celebrations incorporating events, displays and activities in Brixham between the 8th and 10th May 2020 to mark the 75th Anniversary of 'Victory in Europe' or VE Day on Friday 8th May 2020.

These celebrations follow on from our very successful D-Day events last year. We hope this occasion will be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike and each day will offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Although this is primarily a celebration we must also remember the suffering generated by World War 2 (1939-45) and the loss of 125 local people and 400,000 nationwide in the worldwide conflict.

We are celebrating the freedoms won for all future generations and hoping that such terrible events are never repeated.

We thank all the individuals, volunteers, community and commercial organizations who made these celebrations possible, not forgetting those who help fund our activities through, amongst other things, the purchase of our lottery cards, still our main source of funding.

*John Brennan*

Chair, Brixham Future CIC



## Free things not to miss

While you are visiting Brixham there will be exhibitions, events and specific activities on each day to enjoy.

Make sure you don't miss:

WW2 & Churchill Exhibition  
VE day Victory Parade  
All Saints Church thanksgiving service  
Brixham Theatre  
St. Mary's Church – Higher Brixham  
VE choirs in town  
VE Scala Hall Tea Dance  
Middle Street and Fore Street Shop displays

1940's Fashion show  
Brixham Battery Museum & displays  
Middle Street 'Princesses are Missing' Treasure Hunt  
Fore Street 'Enigma Code Breakers' Treasure Hunt  
Brixham Heritage Museum  
1940s dance displays in town  
1940s party in the town  
1940s singers & performers

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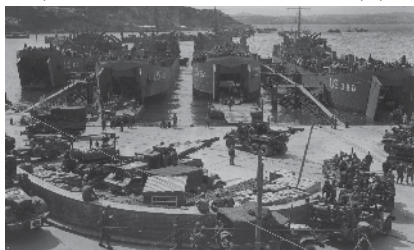
## *Brixham and World War 2 (1939-1945)*

When VE Day dawns on 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. Years of carnage and destruction had come to an end and millions of people took to the streets to celebrate peace in the hope of a brighter future.

In 1939 Brixham was a small coastal fishing port with a population of around 8,000. Over 125 local inhabitants were killed during the War and many more were injured or suffered loss or bereavement.

The War in Europe ended on 8th May 1945 (VE Day) with the formal surrender of Nazi Germany but would still continue in the Far East until Japan surrendered formally on the 2nd September 1945.

Today we can still recall this period of our history. It is there in our buildings and our streets. So as you walk around and enjoy the displays and activities, please remember our forebears who served and sacrificed during the 40s. And never forget, we owe them so much for the peace and freedom we now enjoy.



## Tribute to The Millions

Let us remember those who so selflessly gave their lives at home and abroad, whose sacrifice enables us to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of dreadful conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, sons and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen, merchant seamen, miners, brave civilians and others from Commonwealth and Allied countries who fought, suffered and died during several years of war.

Let us remember those in reserved occupation and the brave people who kept us safe on the home front - the doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the women and men who toiled in the fields, those who worked in the factories, who all played such a vital role in the war effort at home.

# CODE BREAKER CHALLENGE

The Second World War in Europe is over - shortened in part by British code breakers breaking into the Nazi's coded messages in their Enigma machines. These transcribed letters into numbers by sender and back from numbers into words by receiver.

Your task is to find the numbers hidden in shops and cafes then transcribe into a message identifying a code word. If the word you uncover is correct, then you are entered into draw for prize.

Entry booklets can be collected from Trinity Cake Shop in Fore Street, Brixham. The Challenge is free to enter and open to anyone under 16 years of age.

One entry booklet per person. The competition runs from 1st to 11th May 2020. The public draw will be held on Monday 11th May at the Trinity Cake Shop.

The winning prize is a mystery.....and the clue is yum, yum!



Olivia Sibly from Ledbury enjoyed a once-in-a-lifetime flight in a WW2 Spitfire as the winner in our D-day 75 competition.

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## 75th Anniversary of VE Day

- 10.30am-4pm Churchill & WW2 Exhibition - Conservative Club **1**
- 10am-4pm Princesses are Missing challenge in Middle Street (see advert for details) **2**
- 10am-4pm Enigma Code Breaker challenge in Fore Street (see advert for details) **3**
- 10am-4pm Displays and activities in Fore Street **3**
- 10am-4pm 1940's Old Fishmarket/Fore Street vehicles displays and re-enactors **10 3**
- 10am-11am 1940's Walk & Talk from Old Coaching Inn **4**
- 10.30-11am Parade assemble Man & Boy statue **5** and march to Town Square **6**
- 11am-12 Noon Church Service in Town Square with Orpheus Male Voice Choir and Town Band **6**
- 12 Noon British Legion (Brixham Branch) Reception Scala Hall (*By Invitation Only*) **7**
- 12 Noon-4pm Public 1940's entertainment in Town Square **6**
- 3.30pm 1940's Fashion show by Women's Institute in Town Square **6**
- 2.30pm-4pm 1940's Film - *The Dolly Sisters* starring Betty Grable and John Payne **4**
- 2pm-3pm VE Brixham Concert in Baptist Church **8**
- 7.30pm South Devon Players Film Brixham on VE Day at Old Coaching Inn **4**
- 7.30pm AJ's Big Band *Sounds of the 1940's* at Brixham Theatre (*paid entrance £16*) **9**

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- 10.30am-4pm Churchill/WW2 Exhibition **1**
- 10am-4pm Princesses are Missing **2**
- 10am-4pm Enigma Code Breaker **3**
- 10am-4pm Displays and activities in Fore Street **3**
- 10am-4pm 1940's Old Fishmarket/Fore Street vehicles displays and re-enactors **10 3**
- 10am-11am 1940's Walk & Talk **4**
- 12 Noon-4pm 1940's entertainment **6**
- 2-3pm Dance displays **6**
- 3-4pm 1940's Film *Yankee Doodle Dandy* with Jimmy Cagney **4**
- 3pm 1940's Fashion show by Women's Institute **6**
- 4-5.30pm VE Tea Dance **7**
- 7.30-11pm VE 1940's dance in Scala Hall (*paid entrance £10*) **7**

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- 10.30am-4pm Churchill/WW2 Exhibition **1**
- 10am-4pm Princesses are Missing **2**
- 10am-4pm Enigma Code Breaker **3**
- 10am-4pm Displays and activities **3**
- 10am-4pm 1940's vehicles, displays and re-enactors **10 3**
- 10-11am 1940's Walk & Talk **4**
- 11-11.45am Community Thanksgiving Service, All Saints **11**
- 12 Noon-4pm Public 1940's entertainment in Town Square **6**
- 12 Noon-2pm Dance displays **6**
- 2-4.30pm Toddlers & teens (upto 15yrs) accompanied party **7**
- 3pm-4pm 1940's Film *Blue Skies* with Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire **4**
- 6pm Evacuees and Belgium refugees descendants reunion **1**

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• Chris Slack

Fore Street  
• Ace Taxi's  
• Trinity Cakes  
• Costa Coffee  
• Dobles Jewellers  
• The Chart Room

And many other outlets  
• Conservative Club  
• MDL Marina  
• Coast Vibe  
• The Handyman

## Getting here

A regular bus service is available into Brixham stopping at the Central Bus Station.

There are Park & Ride facilities at Churston just outside the town.

A mobility centre is located at the main town car park.

Visitors are encouraged to use above facilities and walk around the town.

There are several town centre pay & display car parking facilities.

There are parking restrictions operating within the town.

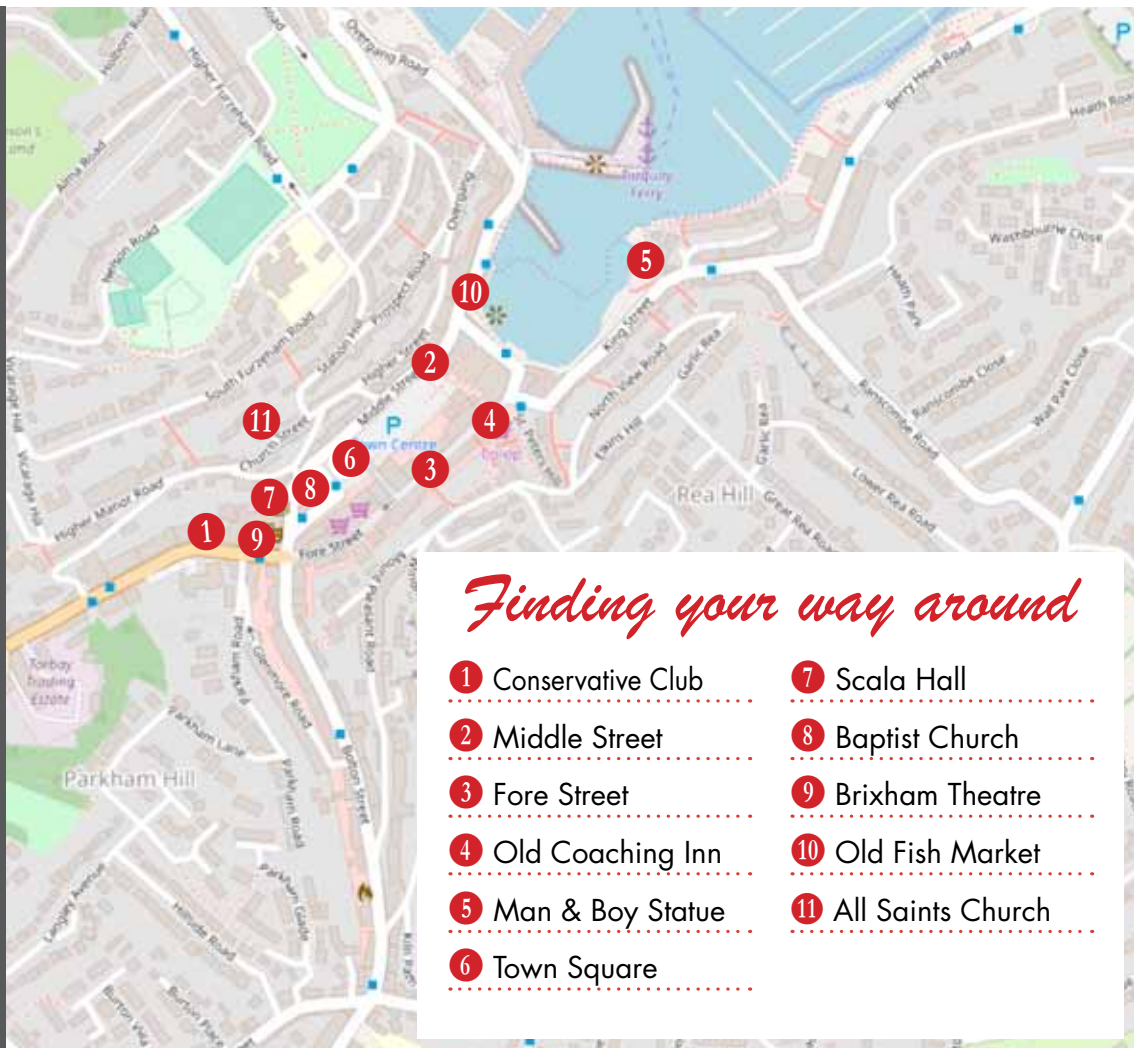
## Staying safe

Please keep all children under supervision.

Secure personal belongings at all times.

In event of any emergency please contact one of our Yellow Viz Jacket Marshalls.

Please follow directions given to you by our Marshalls for your own and other people's safety.



## Finding your way around

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Conservative Club | 7 Scala Hall         |
| 2 Middle Street     | 8 Baptist Church     |
| 3 Fore Street       | 9 Brixham Theatre    |
| 4 Old Coaching Inn  | 10 Old Fish Market   |
| 5 Man & Boy Statue  | 11 All Saints Church |
| 6 Town Square       |                      |

# The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion is a UK charity providing lifelong support for members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families and dependants. It is best known for its national and local 'Festivals of Remembrance' on the 11th November each year and for the annual poppy appeal.



*The Royal Naval Association*

With over 20,000 members across 300+ branches in the UK and overseas, the Royal Naval Association is a family of current and former Naval Service personnel, relatives and supporters of our country's Royal Navy.



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# Many thanks...

...to the Brixham Future organisers and volunteers and to all the statutory, voluntary and commercial organizations whose selfless contributions make this event possible.

We thank in particular the Royal British Legion, the Royal Naval Association, the Women's Institute, the Middle Street Traders, and numerous Brixham shops and businesses who give their support freely. We are hugely grateful to [www.imsmarketing.co.uk](http://www.imsmarketing.co.uk) who donate countless hours in the design and production of our printed and online promotions.

Many thanks also to everyone who helps sell our lottery tickets and to the following for their generous financial contributions:



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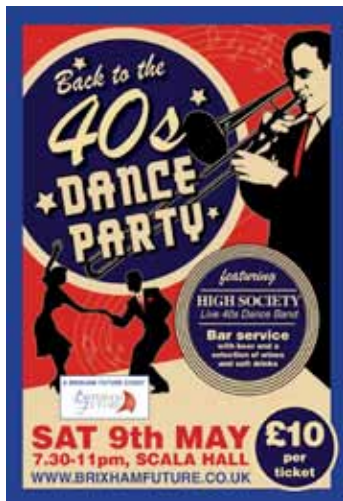
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and ensure their safe return to the palace.





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**Events**



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