

# Our VE Day Celebrations

## **MERCHANT NAVY ASSOCIATION**

From Ship to Shore ..... From Past to Present

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. At 11.00 am, the Merchant Navy Association, alongside the Royal British Legion, is calling on our members to take part in a national moment of Remembrance and pause for a Two Minute Silence to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation and particularly the many seafarers.

There is no right or wrong way to take part in this Silence, some may wish to stand at their windows, step outside their homes (while remaining distanced from others), watch the broadcast on television, or simply sit in a quiet moment of reflection.



The dummy run with 98-year-old John B



Connie G getting our 'BIG' Union Flag



Whilst going out once this week to get some 'essential' shopping, I happened to be on the Buttercross as the VE Day commemoration was taking place – I happened to get a few pictures. There was around 8/10 Councillors/Officials/British Legion. Some 20 or so other people observed the 2 minute silence. I was somewhat amazed again by the amount of non-stop traffic transiting the town.



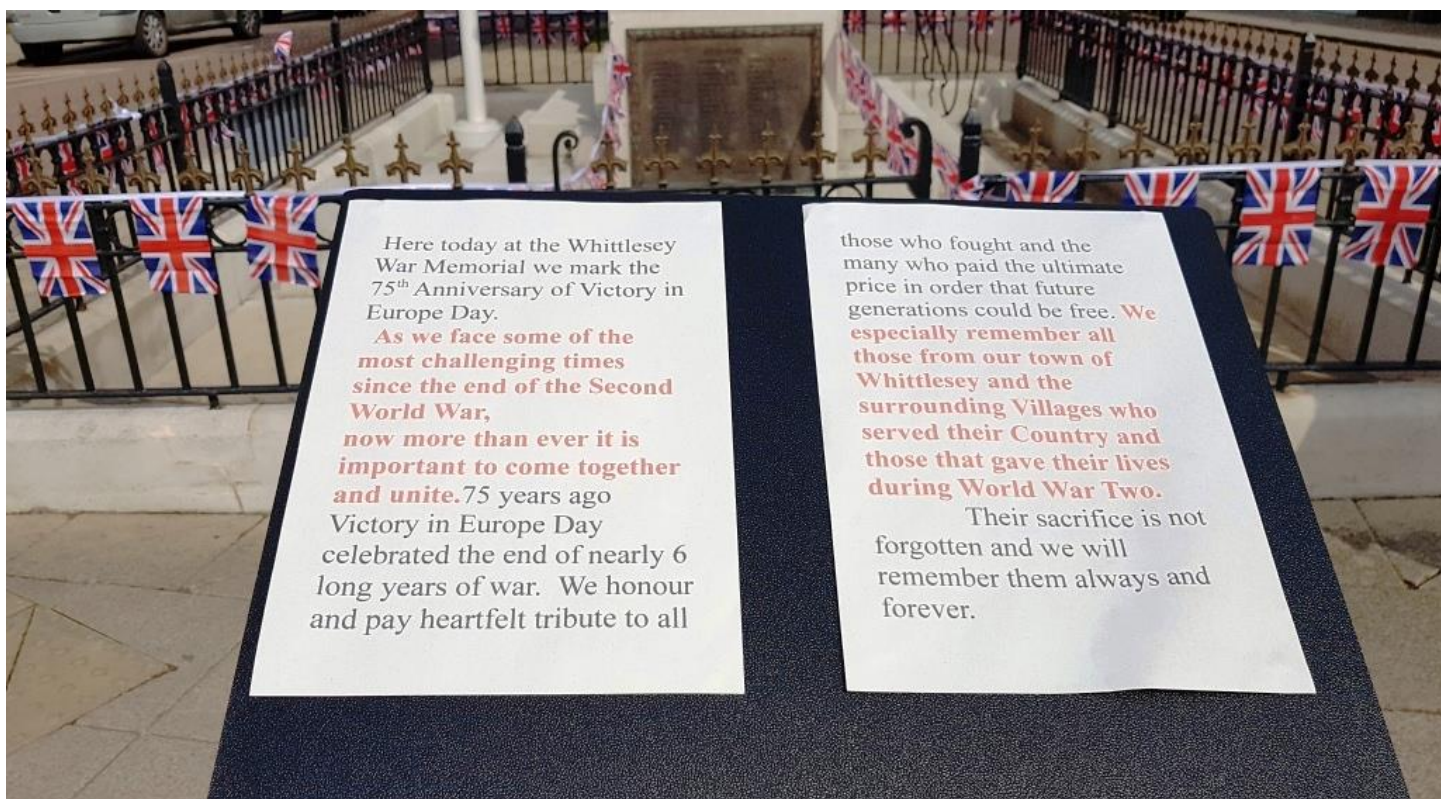




Aliwal House Whittlesey



Mayor Mrs Julie Windle & Consort Robert Windle











On a beautiful sunny Friday morning – at the War Memorial Whittlesey 08<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Preparations for the celebration marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
world war in Europe.



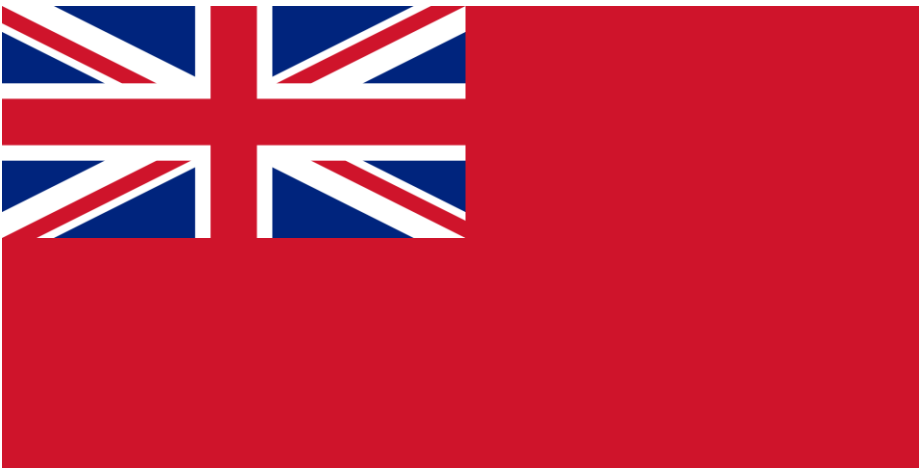


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Some 30,248 merchant seamen lost their lives in World War Two, a death rate that was higher proportionately than any of the armed forces.