

Captain Tom Moore will remember VE Day



May 8 **2020** marks the 75th anniversary of **VE Day**, which was the **day** towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany came to an end in Europe.



Mervyn Kersch is another veteran. He was an evacuee when the Second World War first broke out and he joined the army when he was 18. "Everyone stood together and people who didn't know one another rallied around". He said, "With coronavirus, there are no guarantees as to what will happen, but people will pull together and they will strengthen each other."



HOW WILL YOU
CELEBRATE AND
THINK ABOUT
THE PEOPLE WHO
LIVED AND
FOUGHT IN WW2?

Captain Tom actually fought in Burma and will share his memories of his wartime adventures for a new ITV documentary to be shown on VE Day.



Captain Tom Moore

You will have seen **Captain Tom Moore** on the news. You might have made and sent him a 100th birthday card last week (tell us if you did). A very kind eight-year old schoolgirl Reegan Davies, wanted everyone to send the hero a card in time for his birthday, on April 30. She gained support from children and adults alike and he actually received over 140,000 cards in the post, and many more through her social media site.



When we first met Captain Tom, he was a 99-year-old Second World War **veteran**. **That means he served in the war**. He wanted to raise £1,000 by walking 100 laps of his garden before he turned 100. **With service medals pinned to his uniform blazer pocket**, and clutching his walking frame, he crossed the finish line and completed his challenge, but the money kept on increasing as the public continued to donate. He has raised £33million for the NHS. The Prime Minister, Boris Johnson said "Your heroic efforts have lifted the spirits of the entire nation".



"The sun will shine on you again, and the clouds will go away." Captain Tom about the Coronavirus.

Kyle Dowling is an artist. He decided to draw a cartoon of Captain Tom. He said "This hero has fought for our country and is now fighting again for our country by raising millions for our health service," he says. "He's a true gent and really does put the great into Great Britain."

Captain Tom joined the army at the beginning of World War Two. He served in India and Myanmar, which was then known as Burma.

As a Captain, you will normally be made second in command of a sub-unit of between 50 - 120 soldiers.

Captain Tom was made an honorary colonel by the Queen to mark his 100th birthday.

He said "I'm still Captain Tom, that's who I really am but if people choose to call me colonel, well, thank you very much!"