

YOUR WEEK

EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

A new spirit of unity would be a fitting tribute

Never let it be said that we are not a resourceful lot. We may be in the second month of lockdown – and about to enter a third – but we are not going to let something like that stop us celebrating a major historical event.

Before we were overwhelmed by the coronavirus pandemic, there was a sophisticated plan for how the country would mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day from parades to street parties.

Social distancing has meant that all of that has had to be shelved.

And yet, thousands of people have still managed to mark this occasion in their own way – with “front garden” street parties and picnics, bunting, raising a glass to those who gave their lives and singing We'll Meet Again.

It's appropriate that the spirit of community which united the country during wartime has been apparent in the past months as we have tackled a new and very different threat to our lives.

The way we managed to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day was something special.

A fitting tribute to our heroes then and our heroes now would be to ensure we maintain that spirit and do not return to the divisions which almost tore the country apart in the past few years.

Edward Lee

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Judith Sweeney sent us this lovely picture of a sunset over Clitheroe Castle and Pendle Hill. Please send your favourite photographs of the Ribble Valley and surrounding area to kelvin.stuttard@jpimedia.co.uk

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WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

In an uncertain world, it's good to know there are some things you can rely on. Ribble Valley Borough Council's refuse collection service is one of them.

Our teams have been out and about throughout the lockdown collecting your refuse. And we know you appreciate their efforts, because you tell us.

As we enter the recovery phase and the lockdown starts to lift, we will continue collecting your refuse and in due course your waste paper, too.

In the meantime, here's how you can help us:

- **Put it in the bag – store your waste paper in a safe place until we can collect it**
- **Keep the way clear – our skilled drivers are brilliant at getting in and out of tight spots, but keeping the way clear on collection day helps them keep on top of the job**
- **Handles facing the highway – when the handles of your bins are facing the roadside, our lads are able to empty them safely and quickly**

We will keep you informed of any changes to our services in the local press, through our social media channels and at ribblevalley.gov.uk

And don't forget if you need assistance, such as collecting prescriptions, housing, financial and debt advice, help with shopping, or simply want to chat, contact our community hub: We're here for you.

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