

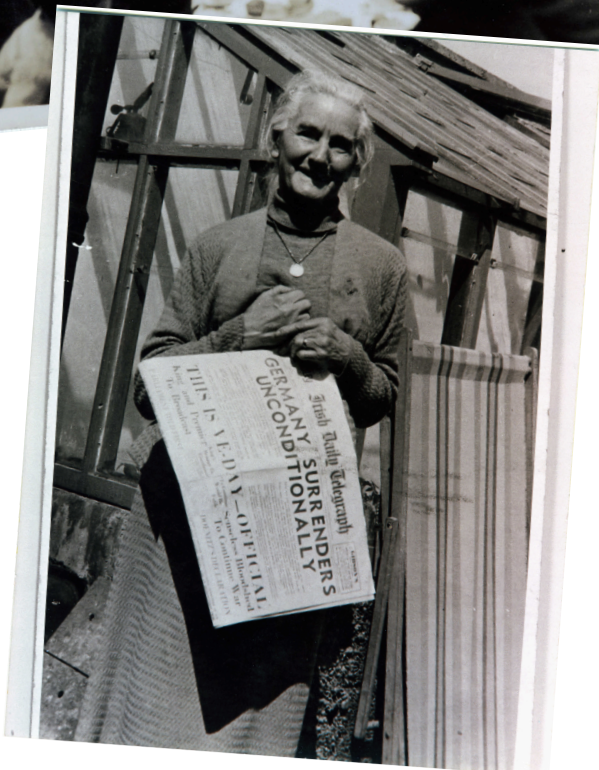


Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council



Victory in Europe Day

80th Anniversary
8th May 2025



Design a commemorative
mug competition



Museum
Services



Causeway Coast and Glens Museum Services invite you to design a commemorative mug for VE Day 80.



The winning designs will be scanned and printed onto a handmade mug. These will be presented at a special Council event in Coleraine Town Centre on the evening of 8th May. All the designs will be displayed in an exhibition in Coleraine Town Hall.

There will be 2 categories, with a winner selected from each:

- Key Stage 1 (Primary 3 and 4)
- Key Stage 2 (Primary 5, 6 and 7)

Please email all entries to:

museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk or post to Ballymoney Museum, Townhead Street, Ballymoney, BT53 6BE.

Collection of entries is possible, please contact us to arrange. **The closing date is 10th April 2025.**

Please contact us if you have any other questions.

Email: museums@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tel: 028 2766 0230

Photographs on front page:

Street party in Ballymoney, courtesy of Ballymoney Museum.

Portrush parade on VE day 1945, courtesy of Campbell College, Belfast, Archive & Heritage Collection.

Mrs McCausland holding a copy of the *Irish Daily Telegraph*, courtesy of Ballymoney Museum.



Two examples of commemorative mugs designed for VE day in 1945.



These mugs are part of the Imperial War Museum collection. You can find out more about them [here](https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/30084808):

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/30084808>
and [here](https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/30083906):

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This mug was created to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day (Victory in Japan Day) in 1995. It is part of Limavady Museum's collection.



There were commemorative mugs created to celebrate the 50th and 75th anniversaries of VE Day. There are many examples of these online.

They feature flags of the European countries that were celebrating the end of World War II in their country. There are images of the men and women who fought during the war, images of street parties held at home, churches with bells ringing to signal peace, bunting and peace doves.

VE Day in Coleraine in 1945

Extracts from the Chronicle



“Quickly all the public buildings and private houses became lavishly bedecked with flags and bunting.”

“Then, following Mr Churchill’s broadcast speech, the bells of St Patrick’s rang out their victory peal, with those of Killowen Parish Church and St. Malachy’s R.C. Church joining in to herald peace in Europe. Soon the streets were thronged with happy crowds, the people, in the absence of any official programme, making their own fun.”

“Specially effective was a “V” sign which flashed from the roof of the technical school.”

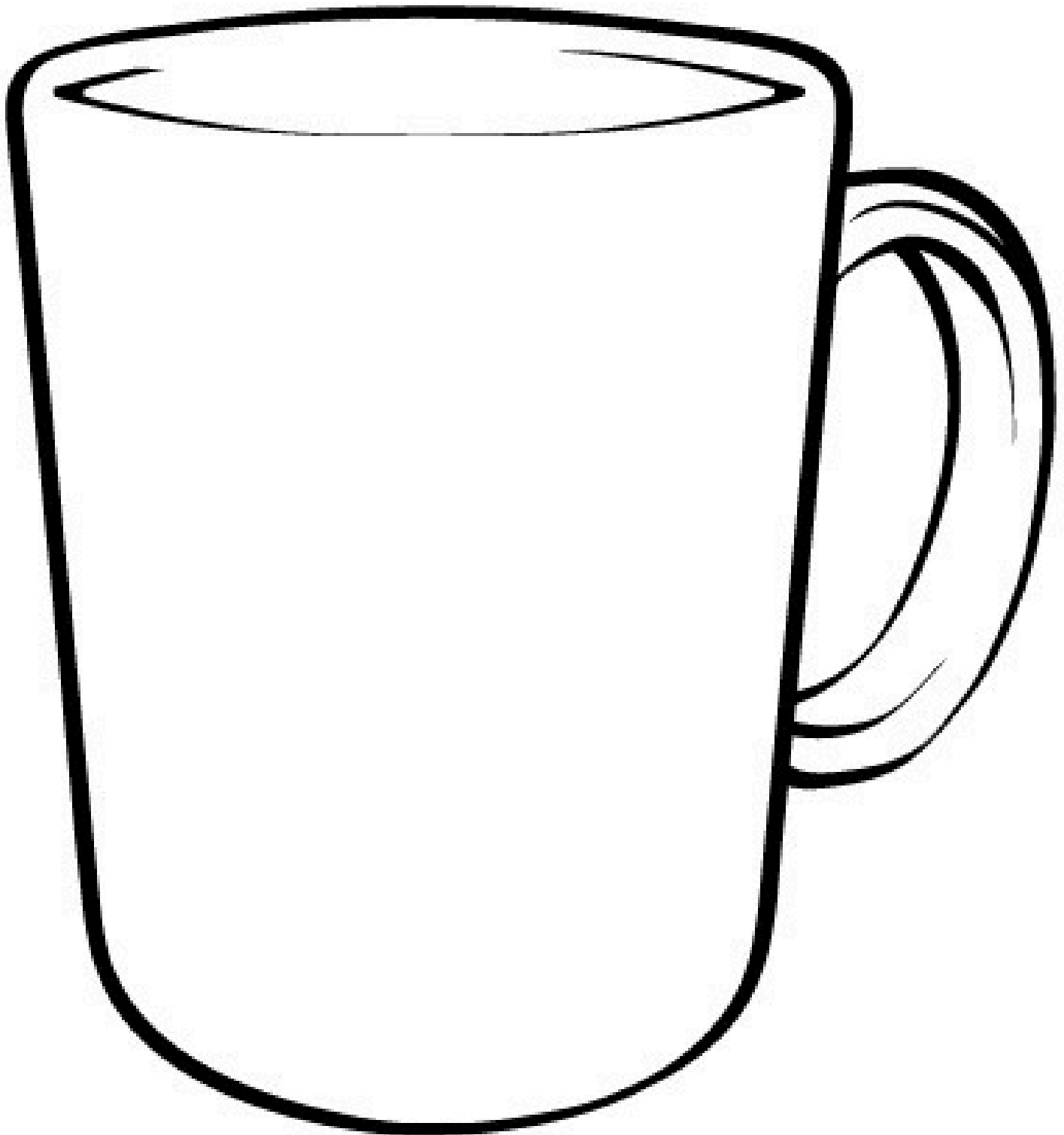
“The Town Hall was packed at a Victory Dance held in aid of the British Legion Building Fund. This function was a great success, the big crowd being exceedingly well conducted.”



Coleraine Fife and Drum band were first in the field and came “over the Bridge” followed by a great crowd of happy Killowen youngsters. Girls of Messrs. Rogers’ shirt factory formed a band of their own and the workers joined them in a joyous procession.”

Design the front and back of your mug below

FRONT



BACK

