

MILTON KEYNES ROSE



Celebrating VE Day 80

Thursday 8 May 2025

8pm, Milton Keynes Rose,
Campbell Park

Followed by the lighting of the Light Pyramid
as a Light of Peace at 9.30 pm

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025, 8PM
MILTON KEYNES ROSE, CAMPBELL PARK

Entertainment by Alina Orchestra Brass and Choral Nova

Welcome by Mayor of Milton Keynes (Councillor Marie Bradburn)

Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Sir Francis Habgood QPM, DL)

‘Victory – The Joy and the Sadness’ – Paul Salver

Rev George Mwaura

Laying of candles while the band plays ‘Nimrod’

Silence

Ukraine Appeal: Flowers of the Soul’

Ukraine Appeal Songs

ADF Republic Dance Group

Community Singing

Process to Light Pyramid

Countdown and Lighting of Light Pyramid

Disperse

COMMUNITY SINGING

‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’

Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
There’s a land that I heard of
Once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow
Skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream
Really do come true
Someday I’ll wish upon a star
And wake up where the clouds
are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That’s where you’ll find me
Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
Birds fly over the rainbow
Why then, oh, why can’t I?
If happy little bluebirds fly
Beyond the rainbow
Why, oh why can’t I?
(Songwriters: Harold Arlen, E.Harburg)

‘Wish me luck as you wave me Goodbye’

Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye
Cheerio, here I go, on my way
Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye
With a cheer, not a tear, make it gay
Give me a smile, I can keep all the while
In my heart while I’m away
Till we meet once again you and I
Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye
(Songwriters: Harry Parr-davies, Phil Park)

‘The White Cliffs of Dover’

There’ll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see
There’ll be love and laughter
And peace ever after
Tomorrow, when the world is free
The shepherd will tend his sheep
The valley will bloom again’
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again

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(Songwriters: Walter Kent, Nat Burton)

COMMUNITY SINGING

'I Vow to Thee, my Country'

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love;
The love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest
and the best;
The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness,
and all her paths are peace.

(Songwriters: Nick Patrick, Katherine Maria Jenkins)

'We'll Meet Again'

We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day
Keep smiling through
Just like you always do
'Til the blue skies drive the dark clouds
Far away
So will you, please, say hello
To the folks that I know?
Tell them I won't be long
They'll be happy to know
That as you saw me go
I was singing this song
We'll meet again
Don't know where, don't know when
But I know we'll meet again
Some sunny day

(REPEAT)

(Songwriters: Ross Parker, Hugh Charles, Angela Anuforo)

**The Milton Keynes Rose was unveiled by the Mayor of Milton Keynes,
Councillor Brian White, on 9 November 2013.**

Designed by internationally renowned artist Gordon Young, The Milton Keynes Rose is a vast and impressive open-air circle with markings based on the mathematical beauty of a flower. 106 granite pillars of varying heights emerge from the surface, many of which are inscribed with dates of events that have local, national or international significance.

The Rose provides a place where citizens and visitors can gather to mark national, local or personal occasions, be they historical, in joy or in remembrance. It is a place where hundreds can gather to mark Armistice Day or one person can remember another in a personal moment. It is available to everyone for celebration, commemoration and contemplation.