



**LORD** lieutenant of Northamptonshire Lady Juliet Townsend led celebrations at the weekend commemorating VE Day.

Veterans, their families, well-wishers and dignitaries from across the county turned out in droves on Sunday for the event.

Former lord lieutenant and current president of the Royal British Legion Sir John Lowther took the salute.

Lady Townsend said: "The 60th Anniversary of VE and VJ Day is not only a celebration of the end of the war but is also an opportunity to express the gratitude of this county to our veterans, many of whom are now elderly and who may be too frail to parade at later anniversaries."

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# Lighting the way

## Back to the 1940s

ABINGTON Park will be transported back in time to the 1940s this weekend.

Visitors will be able to pick over a Second World War Jeep, an Anderson Shelter and an air raid wardens' shelter.

There will also be creative workshops including a chance for youngsters to make a gas mask, paper dolls and tools or create a make-do and mend brooch. Hands-on sessions will take place giving visitors a chance to help out in a 1940s kitchen, wash clothes in the style of the era, send a Morse code message and rummage through an evacuee's suitcase.

The event will run from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, July 9. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult and admission is free.

## A TOP international artist is set to light up the centre of Northampton with a stunning high-tech installation later this year.

Mexican-Canadian Rafael Lozano-Hemmer has been chosen as the East Midlands Development Agency cultural quarters initiative artist.

His acclaimed work already graces the streets of Lyon, Rotterdam, Mexico City and Yamaguchi and he will now work on five places across the region – the other four are Leicester, Lincoln, Derby and Nottingham.

Lozano-Hemmer said: "I am delighted to have been chosen to work in the region and with its cities and towns, spaces and people.

"There is clearly a real commitment to the visual arts here and I am honoured to present a project designed to engage people and transform public space.

"The piece will help highlight the exciting regeneration of city centres, which should ideally be driven by cultural and artistic development."

The 37-year-old visited Northampton on Monday, July 4, to decide on the best placing for his latest work, Under Scan.

It will most likely take its place in a portion of Market Square and feature the world's largest projector on top of a one of the surrounding buildings to floodlight the area.

As shoppers walk through, video portraits of other people will be cast in their shadows. Up to 15 different portraits will appear at any given time.

Organisers will soon be seeking local people to become part of a huge database comprising thousands of portraits for use on the installation.

The finished article will cover 2,500 square metres in each town centre for ten days from early November making it the biggest of its kind worldwide. It is expected in Northampton next February.

Northampton Borough Council leader Phil Larratt said: "It's different and I think it's quite innovative.

"I've been shown a DVD of work he's done in other countries and it's interesting in its engagement with the public."