

# Tewkesbury's Own Slave Labourers of the Japanese

15 Aug 2025 Talk at the Methodist Church

*The People of Tewkesbury Did Remember Them!*



The Congregation of families of those from Tewkesbury who endured and made such sacrifices for the final Victory of **VJ-80**



**Rod Gurney** of Tewkesbury RBL read the poem about the **Kohima Memorial** and the audience stood in honour for the **Epitaph**

We were delighted that so many people attended this presentation so that we could honour the sacrifices of the **Prisoners of War** and the **"Forgotten Army"**, which defeated the Japanese at such great cost to themselves and their families.

It was so good to meet representatives of the families and we now ask them to contact [presidentths@gmail.com](mailto:presidentths@gmail.com) with **written accounts and photographs** so that we can make further tribute, via our website [www.tewkesburyhistory.org](http://www.tewkesburyhistory.org), to this remarkable generation.

Perhaps the least we can do is to lobby the government to restore the award - now posthumously - of the **Burma Star** to the families of the **Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees**.

We are very grateful for the work of the **THS Committee** and the **Methodist Church** to make this **commemoration of VJ-80** possible.

