

# Memory From Ruth Smith

From Laya Y6 Churchfields

Memory from Ruth Smith Born Jan 1939. She was living in Shirley.

Neighbour of Laya Yr6 Churchfields Primary school.

The only thing I can remember is the big victory party we had in our neighbourhood and how I wore a dress that was red, white and blue, the colours of the British flag. There were plenty of flags around I remember and bunting too. As kids we used to get bored because the adults were always talking about the war which they did for many years afterwards. I remember Churchill booming on the wireless and it seemed like a new era without the bombing and evacuees began to return.

Everybody was very happy at the party and one of the local ladies got so drunk she climbed a lamp post and was singing at the top of her voice.

Can't remember what we ate though rationing was still in place so we were probably a bit short on cakes. Unless you kept chickens, as many people did, eggs were in short supply though we had dried eggs. There were recipes at the time for eggless cakes. I seem to remember jelly and blancmange.



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