

# My Granny, Jenny Barbour's VE Day memories

From Megan Shaw

My Granny, Jenny Barbour, shared her memories of VE Day with me.

She was at Keswick in the Lake District on VE Day in the Junior house at Roedean School. The school was evacuated there for the war from Brighton and they were on the other side of the Greta river from the main school. The school, like the rest of the country, had a holiday for VE Day and they went on expeditions. They went on a riverboat on Derwent Water and looked from there at the mountains all around. My Granny said it must have been a clear day because often there was a lot of rain! Just near the lake, there was Latrigg, a hill that is rounded on top, and there was a huge bonfire there in the evening to celebrate. She thinks she remembers finding a squirrel nest there too!

She remembers it being a very special day with no lessons and a picnic lunch. She also remembers that it was exciting to be allowed to stay up and outside for a long time.