

Boughton VE Day Party

2005 marked 60 years since the declaration of peace at the end of the Second World War. Various celebrations were organised throughout the country and the National Lottery Fund made money available to organisations who wanted to mark this occasion.

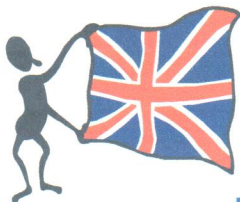
One of the ways of marking the occasion was to hold a street party involving both old and young, similar to those held throughout the country sixty years before.

Boughton applied to the Lottery Fund for a grant of £500 to enable the village to enjoy a party beside the pond to which everyone was invited. It was hoped that villagers would prepare a storyboard with details of their family's wartime experiences. They were given the opportunity to dress up in 1940s clothes, games were organised, a military vehicle of the time was on show and plenty of food and drink was available to make the afternoon enjoyable!

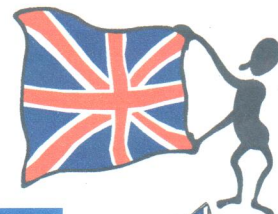
The event was very well attended and those who made the effort enjoyed themselves. Almost all the monies received from the National Lottery Fund were spent on consumables, but the village did benefit from the occasion by receiving 5 small notice boards and two folding trestle tables.

The aim was to remember and thank those people who contributed towards the war effort and to promote community spirit today.

Pauline Lee-Evans (Organiser)



LOTTERY FUNDED



Boughton VE Day Street Party

Sunday 21st August 2005
Commencing at 2:30 pm

Come down to the village pond
and join in this party to
celebrate 60 years after the
hostilities in Europe ended!

Everyone is welcome

Wartime dress optional

Food provided

Children's fancy dress competition



Boughton VE Day Celebrations



What's Occurring?

Firstly, there will be a street part on Sunday 21st August on the village green at 2:30 pm (the road will be partially closed to avoid accidents). The village green will be decked out in flags, balloons and any appropriate decorations that we can find. The National Lottery have funded our street party and so we can provide food free of charge, but you will need to provide your own beverages!

On The Day :

Street Party

Games

BBQ

Wartime vehicles

1940's Music

Fancy Dress

Storyboards

Don't miss this
event which will
never be re-
peated!

Everyone wel-
come

No charge

Come and have
fun!

At the party, we hope some people will dress up in clothes suitable for the era, but there is no need to dress up if you cannot find an outfit or just don't feel happy with the idea of dressing up. For the children, however, there will be a prize for the best outfit, so it's up to the mums and dads to help them! The food will be 21st century — so no Spam Fritters unless someone would like to provide them! There will be a BBQ consisting of burgers and sausages, but if you would like something more exotic, bring it along and put it on the BBQ! Salad and potatoes will be provided and some forms of puddings. This doesn't mean that anyone willing to reproduce some wartime fare should be put off, please make it and bring it along—the more authentic the better!

Games will be organised for the children and Paul Osler is arranging to show probably two wartime vehicles. Bill Miller has kindly offered to provide the music to set the mood.

Don't forget it's your party and everyone is welcome so come along and have a day to remember!

Wartime storyboards — your personal experiences

The lottery fund are also funding us to produce storyboards showing either what the village did and who lived here during the war — probably land army girls came to help out and perhaps there were some refugees. Hopefully, someone with a long experience of the village might be able to provide us with that information.

For the people who did not live here during wartime—and I suspect that will be most of us. You can produce a storyboard of what your family did at this time. It may be your parents or grandparents, but they will probably be only too happy to tell you where they were and what was happening to them and perhaps lend you some memorabilia to use on your board.

The storyboards will be on display in the church on Sunday morning, 21st August and probably for a few days afterwards. They can be produced by adults or children. It will be very interesting to see how the war affected the lives of ordinary people.

Storyboards will be available from Pauline Lee-Evans (500614) please ring me to order your board — funded by the National Lottery

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