

Wartime West Sussex 1939 – 1945

VE DAY and VJ DAY

Peace celebrations in West Wittering

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West Wittering was en fête on Saturday to celebrate peace. A strong committee had decided to make it a memorable day for the children. The proceedings opened with a fancy dress parade, the prize-winners being: Under sevens: Hilarie Glue, Joanna Booth, Nanette Lewis, Graham Bridger, Jack Pescott, Richard Booth. Over sevens: Margaret Rousell, Jane Wiggen, Wendy Warren, Elizabeth Lewis, Madeline Wilkin, Gloria Robinson.

There were rides in a donkey chaise, with a coster lady driving, in a pony cart for the bigger children, pony rides, a Punch and Judy show and sports. Arranged by the Home Guard, under Captain Hutcheson, a bountiful tea was provided in the Memorial Hall which was decorated with flags and flowers and afterwards the hall was crowded for the distribution of prizes by Miss L.F. Ramsey with Captain Hutcheson in the chair and the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Duff assisting. After the National anthem and the prize distribution Captain Hutcheson called for cheers for the ladies who had arranged the tea under the organization of Mrs. Shaw and for Miss Ramsey and when these had been heartily responded to cheers were called for Captain Hutcheson and Mr. Duff, also for Mr. Bridger who had been assiduous in raising funds. Everyone then settled down to enjoy the entertainment by a conjuror and ventriloquist after which it was the turn of the grown-ups for whom a dance had been arranged.

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