

Phyllis Rowden's VE Day Memories

Phyllis Rowden was 18 years old and living at Lower Bugford Farm at the time of the war and VE Day. The family consisted of Phyllis, her two brothers, John and Wilfred and her mother and father. Her two sisters Blanche and Margaret were living and working at Ash House at the time. The family were gathered in the kitchen to listen to the 9 o'clock news on the radio when Winston Churchill announced the end of the war in Europe. There was great joy and relief in the house that night. The celebrations the following day took place in Blackawton village and Wilfred and the bell ringers rang out the church bells and family, friends and neighbours gathered for great conversations and joy. It was lovely not to hear the sound of the German aircraft going overhead.