

VICTORY CHRISTMAS 1945

Christmas 1945 promised to be a bleak time, most families still had relatives in the forces, as demobilisation had hardly started. There was also strict rationing and many food shortages. To add to the gloom, various Government departments put announcements in the local papers, giving advice and warnings on matters of all kinds :-

THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT :

Reported that there had been an increase in the number of accidents. After 6 years of almost empty streets, pedestrians were not as familiar with traffic. Many cars were in poor condition, with some drivers out of practice or new to driving. There were still war time obstacles in streets, and road surfaces had become poor and worn.

BOARD OF TRADE .

"Mrs Sew and Sew" advised on ways to care for the new nylon available in the shops (still only parachute nylon... new nylon would probably be available next year.) Also, how to repair your husband's shirt; collars, cuffs and not forgetting the shoulders where braces rubbed.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

Christmas Eve, the Light programme; Forces Favourites, The Henry Hall Band, These you have Loved and a talk by J.B. Priestley.

Christmas day.

2 o'clock " Wherever You May Be ",
the world wide exchange
of greetings.
3 o'clock The Kings message.

Boxing day, The Messiah will be broadcast from King Georges Hall, Blackburn, 7:15 -10:00pm. Soloists, Isobel Baillie, Kathleen Ferrier, Peter Pears and Robert Easton. With Blackburn Musical Society and the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

22nd Dec. PNE v Middlesborough
26th Dec. PNE v Stoke City
29th Dec. PNE v Grimsby Town

On 23rd Dec. Over 600 people attended Longridge Co-op Hall, where Fairey Aviation Band performed.



On this first peace-time Christmas our good wishes go out to those who gave up so much to make it possible; the men of the Army.

But good wishes are not enough. Thousands of soldiers are experiencing great difficulties in readjusting their lives as a result of war service. Their need, and that of their families, calls for more solid help. Government schemes of relief cannot cover the widely differing circumstances of all these individual cases. Will you help to fill the gap? Will you show the warm appreciation that is in your heart, by giving a special Christmas gift to The Army Benevolent Fund? That is the most sincere way of wishing " Happy Christmas " to the lads in khaki.

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PATRON H.M. THE KING

Donations payable to The Army Benevolent Fund may be sent to Field-Marshal The Earl of Carnarvon, 20, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1 or paid into any Bank in Great Britain or N. Ireland.

(Incorporated under the Charities Act, 1945)

December 23rd 7:30pm
Whitewell Carol Service

NEWTON INSTITUTE DANCE.

New Year's Eve
8:00pm - 2:00am
Robinsons Band
Admission 2/-



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

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