

# WHEN THE WAR IS OVER ....

When Victory in Europe was announced in May 1945 celebrations were held all over the country. One resident of Chipping recalls a street party held in Talbot Street, which all who were able to attended.

The following events were reported in the Preston Guardian.



## CHIPPING AN OLD FASHIONED VILLAGE

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It was victory weather indeed that we experienced on VE-Day plus one, when in the afternoon, I found myself (more by accident than design) enjoying, after a break of several years, the delights of the old-world village of Chipping. When the 'bus arrived in the village and we alighted at the Sun Inn, it was to find much excitement for we had come at the hour of a village wedding. Little would the young couple have thought when they settled on the date of their marriage that it would fall on such an auspicious day--the day on which the war in Europe really ended for the British and American forces, for it was at one minute past midnight on VE-Day plus one that the surrender of Germany officially took effect. The ancient church was full for the ceremony, with a congregation of hikers and other happy holiday folk added to the invited guests, and I am sure that Richard and Joyce will always have the happiest of memories of the beautiful bright day and the victory crowd that joined them at their nuptial ceremony.

### VICTORY DINNER AND DANCE

The workers at Tweedy's foundry had been working extremely hard during the War years, it seems fitting that the following item was reported in the Preston Guardian of June 2nd 1945.

Messrs George Tweedy & co Ltd of Chipping gave a victory dinner and dance to their employees on Saturday of last week in the Odd Fellows Hall. About 140 persons sat down to dinner and were afterwards entertained by song and musical items from their fellow workers implemented by conjuring and comedy items by Mr A Mills and the Band of the Cleveland Troubadors, who later played for dancing. The managing director stated that the celebrations that night coincided with his having been with his firm for 25 years and emphasised the support he had received during that time from not only the staff and work people but from the many personal friends present.



Joyce and Richard Seed, who celebrated their marriage on VE- Day plus one, which was an official holiday. The above photograph was actually taken on the day after their wedding.