

Jean Lord Remembers

On VE Day I was working at a Children's Isolation Hospital on the edge of the moors in West Yorkshire , where children with scarlet fever or diphtheria were nursed in isolation for six weeks as in those days as there was no immunisation for either of the illnesses. Our ambulance driver cum handy man had been building a bonfire in the grounds in anticipation of the end of the war . In the evening those not on duty gathered around the fire and celebrated . We danced, sang, baked potatoes and had great fun.



From my bedroom window that night I could look down into the town and see the lights from the houses as all the blackouts had been taken down - it was wonderful.

You might be interested to know that a lot of the blackout curtains in Yorkshire were made into 'Peggy rugs' for the kitchen .



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