

The world takes stock:

World War 2 was the deadliest global war in history. Even now there is no exact figure for the casualties. Millions of civilians and military personnel from 30 nations were killed. Many more civilians died than members of the military, either as a direct result of the war, or from disease and famine caused by the war. The US Census Bureau estimated that around 3% of the world's population was lost.

In the United Kingdom, 384,000 soldiers were killed in combat and close to 70,000 civilians died (as opposed to 2,000 in WWI). In the seven-month period between September 1940 and May 1941, the Blitz alone saw 40,000 civilians die.

Data shows that the Soviet Union had the highest number of WW2 casualties with 11.4 million military deaths, up to 10 million civilian deaths due to military activity, and an additional 8 million to 9 million deaths due to famine and disease. More than 14 million members of the Soviet Union's military were wounded as a result of the war.

In China there were 3.75 million military deaths and as many as 18 million civilian deaths.

While these two nations saw the highest number of casualties, other countries also lost millions of civilians and military members. This list shows the total estimated deaths of all civilians and members of the military.



	Country	Military	Civilian	Total
	USSR	10,700,000	13,300,000	24,000,000
	Germany	5,533,000	3,267,000	8,800,000
	China	4,000,000	16,000,000	20,000,000
	Japan	2,120,000	980,000	3,100,000
	United States	416,800	1,700	418,500
	United Kingdom	383,600	67,100	450,700
	Italy	301,400	155,600	457,000
	Hungary	300,000	280,000	580,000
	Romania	300,000	533,000	833,000
	Austria	261,000	123,700	384,700
	Poland	240,000	5,360,000	5,600,000
	France	217,600	350,000	567,600
	Finland	95,000	2,000	97,000
	India	87,000	2,413,000	2,500,000
	Philippines	57,000	943,000	1,000,000
	Canada	45,400	0	45,400
	Australia	39,800	700	40,500
	Greece	35,000	765,000	800,000
	Albania	30,000	200	30,200
	Bulgaria	22,000	3,000	25,000
	Netherlands	17,000	284,000	301,000
	Belgium	12,100	74,000	86,100
	New Zealand	11,900	0	11,900
	South Africa	11,900	0	11,900
	Ethiopia	5,000	95,000	100,000
	Norway	3,000	6,500	9,500
	Denmark	2,100	1,100	3,200
	Brazil	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Estonia		51,000	51,000
	Latvia		227,000	227,000
	Lithuania		353,000	353,000
	Luxembourg		2,000	2,000
	Malaysia		100,000	100,000
	Papua New Guinea		15,000	15,000
	Singapore		50,000	50,000
		25,248,600	45,804,600	71,053,200

The country makes plans for celebrations



The villages started to get into action to arrange victory celebrations:

East Kent Gazette, 16th March 1946:

VICTORY CELEBRATIONS

A public meeting was held at the Ambulance Hut, Teynham, on Friday last, to consider arrangements for the Victory celebrations on June 8th. The Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, was elected chairman, and Mr. D. J. Moor was elected hon. secretary. Three committees were set up, to be responsible for sports, refreshments, and finance respectively. After a good deal of discussion, it was agreed that the celebrations should be held at "Aymers," Lynsted. This is possible through the kindness of Mr. Comyn Ching. It was stated that efforts were being made to arrange for transport to be provided to take people from Conyer and Barrow Green, and from Lynsted.

East Kent Gazette - Saturday 25 May 1946:

Teynham and Lynsted Welcome Home and Thanksgiving Fund

GRAND GARDEN FETE

At "Aymers," Lynsted

(by kind permission of R. C. Ching, Esq)

On WHIT-MONDAY, JUNE 10th at 2.30 p.m.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

Roundabouts, Swing Boats, Pony Rides, Bowling for Pig,
Darts, Hoop-la, Aunt Sally, Spinning Wheel, Pitching the Sheaf,
Artful Dodger, Produce Stall.

WHIST DRIVE : REFRESHMENTS : LICENSED BAR

Dancing on the Lawn - Ray Huntley's Band

ADMISSION - 1s. Children 6d.

East Kent Gazette - Saturday 25 May 1946:

TEYNHAM AND LYNSTED

Children's Party. In connection with the fete on June 1st at School Meadow, there will be a children's tea party. Lynsted children between the ages of three and 14 years, are asked to bring their own cups and spoons. Lynsted children will be admitted free to the fete.

Partner Drive. A partner whist drive held at the Y.M.C.A. Hut, Teynham, on Saturday, in aid of the Lynsted children's party, realised £2 10s. Prize-winners were: 1st, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Barry 2nd D. Matson and Mrs. Page: consolation, Mrs. Mount and partner. A competition for a parcel of groceries was won by Mrs. Matson. In view of the small response which the whist drives have met, the Committee has decided to discontinue them. One more, however, will be held for the Lynsted Welcome Home Fund.

License Refused. - At Faversham County Petty Sessions on Thursday of last week, Mr. E. A. Branch, of the Black Lion, Lynsted, applied for two occasional licences from 2 p.m. till 11 p.m. for the Victory Day celebrations on June 8th, and a Welcome Home garden fete on June 10th. Stating that the police did not oppose the application, Superintendent E. W. Cash, of Sittingbourne, pointed out that the latest time to which the Magistrates could grant licences for such events was 10 p.m. In answer to the Mayor (Alderman Phil. Johnson). Mr. Branch said he understood the fete on Whit-Monday was being held in aid of the Lynsted Welcome Home Fund. The Mayor said an occasional licence would be granted for Victory Day from 2 p.m. till 10 p.m. but the Whit-Monday application would have to be refused.

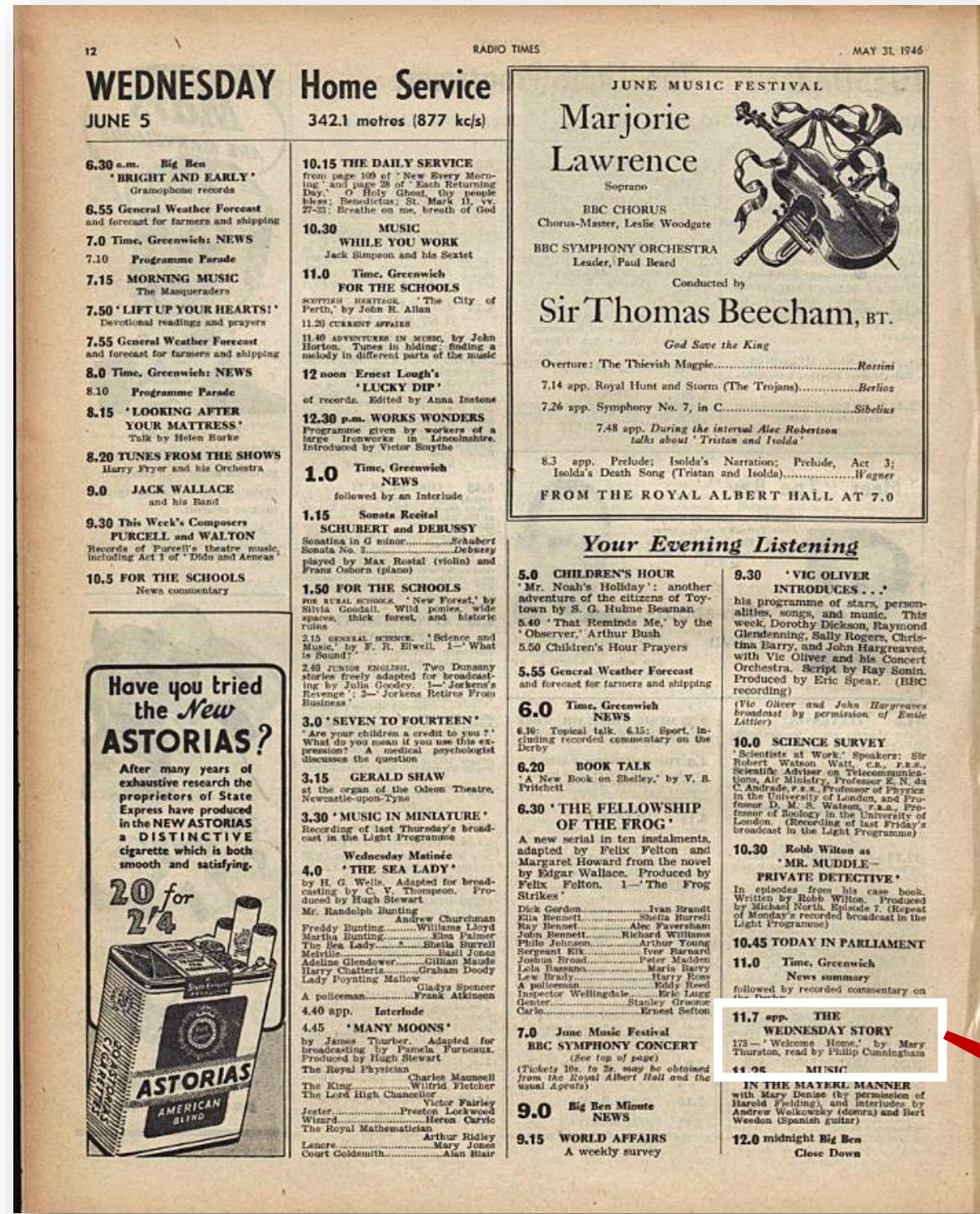
Lynsted's own Welcome Home Welcome Home Fund Closing. – Lynsted's own Welcome Home Fund is to be closed. This was decided at a recent meeting of the Committee, which also agreed to abandon the proposed August Bank Holiday fête. Mr. A. Dack (hon. secretary), who suggested June 1st as the closing date, emphasised the difficulties of making the necessary arrangements for the fête when the country people were so busy in June and July, and pointed out that, with increased transport facilities available during the summer, people would prefer to go further afield for their amusement. They hoped that the children's party on June 1st would show a small profit, and he suggested that this money be given to the Welcome Home Fund, which should then be closed, and the necessary arrangements made for the distribution of the money to the ex-Service men and women of Lynsted. Mr. Dack's suggestion was agreed to. All children below the age of 14 who have not received their tickets for the fête by June 1st should apply at Lynsted School on that date.

Lynsted on the BBC

The East Kent Gazette carried an article in its 1 June 1946 issue, about a upcoming BBC broadcast of a story from a young lady from Lynsted:

LYNSTED GIRL'S " WEDNESDAY STORY " ACCEPTED BY THE B.B.C.

Next Wednesday at 11.30 p.m. in the B.B.C. series The "Wednesday Story," a short story by Miss Mary Thurston, of The Street, Lynsted, will be broadcast. Entitled "Welcome Home," the story recounts the experiences of a returning ex-Serviceman. It is the first story which Miss Thurston has had accepted, and only the second she has ever written. The first one she wrote was returned by the B.B.C. but obviously "Welcome Home" is of the high standard which is demanded by the ten million listeners to the B.B.C. It is interesting to note that Miss Thurston had never attempted to write a story before last December, and this augers well for her future literary career. Her father, Mr. E. H. Thurston, owns a general store in the Street, and Miss Thurston, who assists him, has little leisure, but intends to devote all the time she can to writing. For two years, she was a pupil at Lynsted School, and had also attended schools at Streatham and Norbury Manor, Surrey.



Philip Cunningham, screen and radio actor who told the story.



About the author:

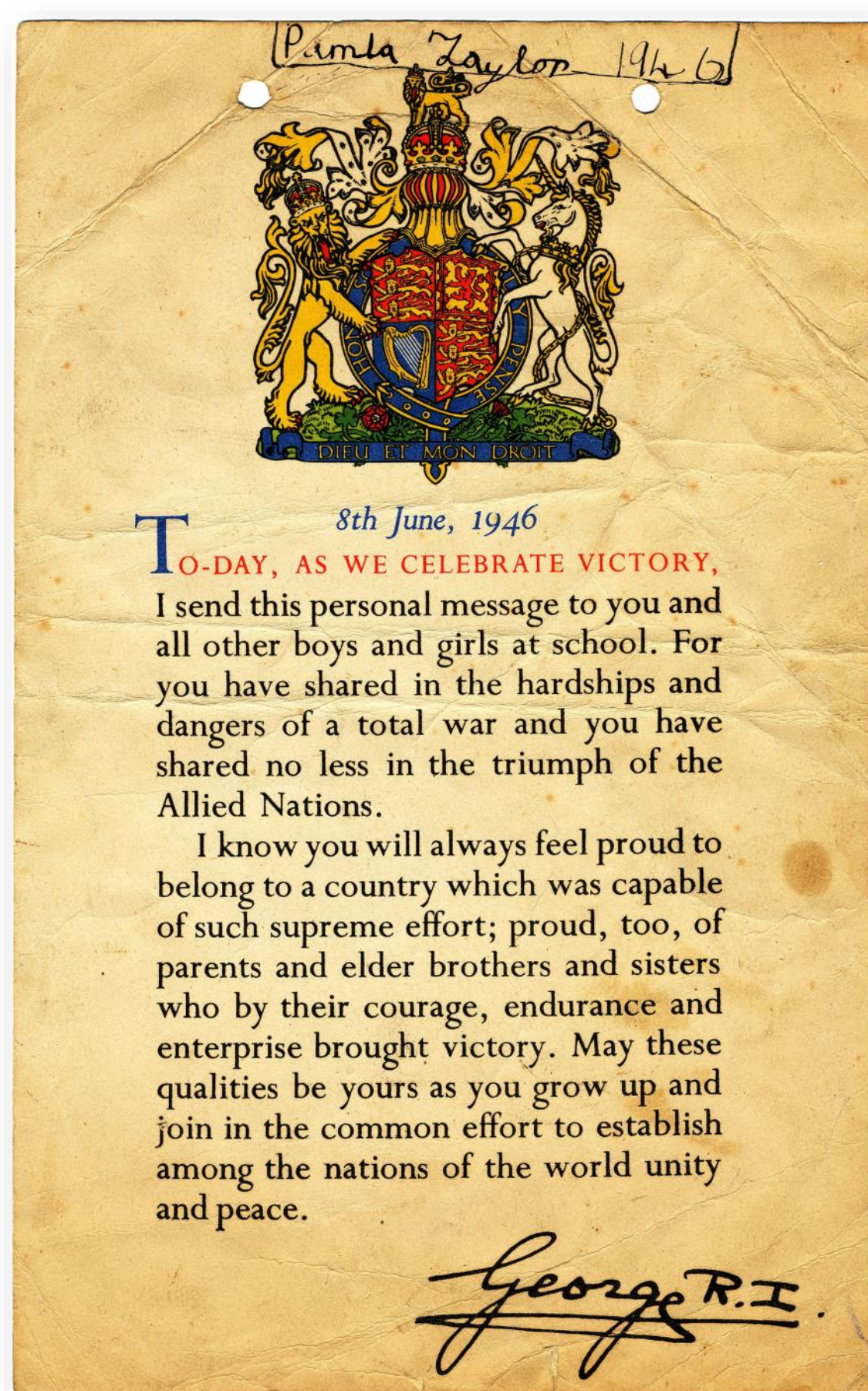
Mary Phoebe Florence Thurston was born in Croydon on 30 December 1919 to Elliott Henry and Emily Maud (nee Seagars) Thurston. At the time of the 1939 Register, Mary was living in the Forge Stores in The Street, Lynsted, which her father ran. Sadly, in 1940, Mary lost her mother at the young age of 41.


On 19 July 1948, Mary married Edwin Hole-Baker in Sittingbourne. They had two daughters, Catherine in 1950 and Patricia in 1951. Just 3 years later in 1954, Edwin died. Mary was living in the Bromley area of Kent and spent the rest of her working life in nursing. She died in 1995 aged 75. It is not known if she continued to write stories.

A message from the King

Certificate given to all school children from King George VI

Image courtesy of Pam Lewis





VICTORY DAY - 8 June 1946

Over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend, celebrations were arranged all over Swale. In Lynsted and Teynham, events were scheduled for Saturday 8 June and Monday 10 June. However, due to bad weather on Victory Day changes had to be made.

Lynsted & Teynham Victory Day celebrations

East Kent Gazette - 15 June 1946:

IN AID OF WELCOME HOME FUND

The organisers of the Lynsted Welcome Home Fund, who did much magnificent work throughout the winter months in aid of this deserving cause, surpassed all their previous efforts on Saturday, when they held a combined children's party and fete in the orchard adjoining Lynsted School, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. Norman Taylor.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Wells, the Member of Parliament for the Faversham Division. She was introduced by the Vicar of Lynsted (the Rev. L. E. A. Ehrmann).

In declaring the fete open Mrs Wells said she was very happy to see such an earnest desire on the part of the Lynsted people to give their Servicemen and women a real welcome home, and she felt sure that the hard times some of them had endured would be forgotten when they realised how much their efforts were appreciated.

Mrs Wells was warmly thanked for her services by the Vicar, and was presented with a bouquet by little Rosemary Stanley.

Immediately after the opening ceremony the children, who numbered about 120, were given free rides on the numerous swings and roundabouts, which had been provided for them by the committee. Such an opportunity was too good to be missed, and the youngsters had the time of their lives.

The arrival of the famous Dagenham Girl Pipers in the middle of the afternoon attracted a great deal of attention, and they gave their customary highly skilled display, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large crowd.

Bumper Tea

Shortly afterwards the children were "rounded up" for a bumper tea, and it is no exaggeration to say that the meal which had been prepared for them would have done credit to the organisers even in pre-war days. That such an achievement was possible under present conditions speaks volumes for the generosity of the Lynsted mothers, who readily contributed what they could in the way of fats and other precious commodities that are in such short supply to-day. In addition to the free tea for the kiddies, teas were on sale to the general public and were in great demand, the caterers being kept very busy until a late hour. An unexpected teatime visitor was the Dean of Canterbury (Dr Hewlett Johnson), who was much impressed by the excellent "spread" provided for the children.

Tea was followed by a first-class entertainment by the talented pupils of Mrs D. M. Carter's School of Dancing. Their fine performance was greatly appreciated, and the committee are indebted to Mrs Carter for her generosity in putting on such an attractive show.

When the fun was at its height the attendance must have been in the neighbourhood of 700 people, and there was something to cater for all tastes. A number of well-stocked stalls and entertaining side-shows had been arranged, which with the various competitions attracted a generous measure of support. Those in charge of the stalls and side-shows were as follows:-

Spinning wheel, Mr J. Wood and Mr Seagars; competition stall, Mrs Bunting; nail in plank, Mr D. Seagars; darts, Mr R. Bunting; hoop-la, Mr Boorman; bowling for pig, Mr E. Seagars; refreshment stall, Mrs Mitchell and Ken Day; hidden treasure, Mrs Roberts; bottle shies, Mr T. Marsh; penny on square, Mr Philpott.

Competition winners

Following is a list of the winners of the competitions:-

Tea service, Mrs Baker, 9, Station Row, Teynham; bottle of rum, Mr B. Smith, Whents Farm; bottle of ginger brandy, Mr E. Gambell, 19 Station Road, Teynham;

bottle of gin, Mr Button, 69 Borden Lane, Sittingbourne; iced cake, Miss K. Apps, Lynsted; coconut, Mrs F. Bunting; bowling for pig, Mr J. Woods (who very kindly returned the pig and afterwards sold it himself for £1 10s. for the benefit of the Fund).

One of the biggest attractions of the afternoon was a baby show, for which there were some very fine entries. The judging was kindly carried out by Dr. T. I. Jardine, and the results were as follows:-

Class 1 (up to 12 months)- 1st, Sheila Carey; 2nd, Baby Woodfine; 3rd, Margaret Wyles.

Class 2 (1 to 2 years)- 1st, Anthony Neaves; 2nd, Mervyn Caress; 3rd Bryan Apps.

Class 3 (over 2 years)- 1st, Barbara Longhurst; 2nd, Roger Carpenter; 3rd, Desiree Cork.

There was no entry fee, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes of 10s., 7s., and 5s. respectively, were awarded in each class. Consolation prizes were awarded to Patricia Mowbray and Heather Beagley.

Ankle Competition

Another very popular event was an ankle competition – for ladies, of course! Mr W. Warner bravely undertook the delicate task of judging, and carried out his duties in a most admirable fashion. After much careful study he announced the winners as follows:- 1st (10s.), Mrs Moseley; 2nd (7s.), Mrs Taylor; 3rd (5s.), Mrs Beagley.

Mr L. Newby's radio van supplied music during the afternoon, and also rendered good service in connection with loud-speaker announcements.


In the evening the school play-ground was floodlit for dancing, which was enjoyed by a large company until nearly midnight to the music of Ray Huntley's dance band. The weather, although not at its best, remained fine, and enabled the whole of the organised programme to be carried through without a hitch.

Mr C. Ruck, Mr R. Ruck, and Miss M. Ruck did duty as gate stewards at one entrance, and Mr A. Pilcher at the other. They were kept very busy indeed for long periods, the gate money amounting to nearly £25.

The lady members of the committee who, together with their numerous helpers, did such fine work in preparing and serving teas and refreshments, were Mrs E. Broad, Mrs C. Ruck and Miss L. Pilcher. The gentlemen on the committee were busily engaged in a variety of ways, and special mention should be made of the fine work accomplished by Mr H. Marsh and the indefatigable hon secretary, Mr A. Dack.

The committee would like to extend their grateful thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the event such a great success, both financially and socially.

At a meeting of the committee held on Wednesday evening, when the method of distributing the Welcome Home Fund was discussed, it was announced that the fete realised the magnificent sum of £138 7s. 3d.



WHIT MONDAY - 10 June 1946

East Kent Gazette – 15th June 1946

TEYNHAM AND LYNSTED

A full programme of peace celebrations on Saturday, followed by a grand fete in aid of the Welcome Home Fund on Monday, had been arranged by the joint Teynham and Lynsted Committee, and it seemed that only favourable weather was necessary to ensure the success of both days.

Unfortunately, the weather on Saturday was far from favourable, and as a result the children's sports were held over until Monday. The weather had improved sufficiently by the evening, however, to permit a programme of adults' sports being carried through as arranged.

The response to the decorated classes was disappointing, and most of the sideshows had to be washed out. Dancing on the lawn, which was due to take place in the evening, was also out of the question.

The one thing that saved Saturday from being a complete disaster as far as the children were concerned was the magnificent tea provided for them in a large marquee at "Aymers," Lynsted, where the spacious grounds were kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr. L. R. C. Ching. Nearly 400 kiddies from the two parishes sat down to the meal, and the large band of lady helpers were kept very busy indeed replenishing plates and cups which seemed to empty almost as soon as they were filled! The scene was one of noisy enjoyment, and the contented expressions on the faces of the children as they finally streamed from the marquee bore witness to the wonderful time they had had.

Adults' Sports

These were run off in the evening, complete results being as follows:-

Tug of War.- Railway Tavern beat Black Lion and Swan beat Brunswick Arms.
Final.- Railway Tavern beat Swan.

220 yards, boys, 12-15.- 1st R. Banks; 2nd, G. Mitchell; 3rd, R. Miles

440 yards, boys, up to 15.- 1st, R. Banks; 2nd, G. Mitchell; 3rd, B. Court.

100 yards, Men, open.- 1st, P. Baker; 2nd, G. Mitchell; 3rd, G. Macey.

Slow bicycle race, men open.- 1st, P. Butt; 2nd, R. Wyles, 3rd, C. Sampson.

100 yards, ladies, open.- 1st, M. Beagley; 2nd, B. Revell; 3rd, Mrs Tilling.

220 yards, men, open.- 1st, L. W. David; 2nd, J. Hunter; 3rd, N. Boorman.

Three-legged race, 100 yards, ladies open.- 1st, Mrs Beagley and Mrs Knell; 2nd, K. Beacon and B. Revell; 3rd, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Neaves.

Blindfold race, open.- 1st, Mr. Boorman and Miss Chapman; 2nd Mr and Mrs Tilling; 3rd, Mr Bartlett and Mrs Hollands.

440 yards, men, open.- 1st, D. Read; 2nd, B. Banks; 3rd, R. Tumber.

One Mile, open, 1st, D. Read; 2nd, B. Banks; 3rd, C. Knell.

Valuable cash prizes were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all these races.

Decorated Classes

Of six classes for the best decorated bicycle, tricycle, motor cycle, and pram, only one entry was received. This was in the class for the best decorated bicycle or tricycle for boys up to 15 years of age, and won a prize for Brian Baker. The judges appointed for the decorated events were Mrs P. French, Mrs Roberts, and Mrs A. Gates.

Winners in the class for the best decorated house in the parishes of Teynham and Lynsted were as follows:- 1st, Mrs F. W. Dalton, "The Hollies," London Road; 2nd, Mr. Miles, "The Eames," London Road; equal 3rd, Mrs Baker, Jordan Cottage, Barrow Green, and Mrs Phipps, Batteries Terrace, Lynsted Lane. Entries in this class were judged by Mrs Dixon, Mrs A. Pilcher and Mrs Davies.

The only side-show run on Saturday was Mr. G. Macey's popular spinning wheel.

Lynsted & Teynham Grand Fete

East Kent Gazette – 15th June 1946

WELCOME HOME FETE

The improvement in the weather on Monday drew large crowds to "Aymers," and the holiday spirit was much in evidence. Quite a number of spectators watched the children's sports, which were held in the adjoining meadow, and the various stalls, sideshows, and competitions were very well patronised. During the afternoon teas were served in a large marquee, to which long queues were attracted from an early hour.

Owing to the increased programme the organisers were anxious to make an early start, and a very brief and informal opening ceremony was performed by Mrs Davies, of Dadmans. Immediately afterwards a start was made with the children's sports, which had been held over from Saturday. These attracted a very good number of entries the full list of results being as follows:-

60 yards, boys, 5-7.- 1st, Colin Baker; equal 2nd, Michard Miles and Teddy Godden.

60 yards, girls, 5-7.- 1st, R. Huntley; 2nd, Enid Jemmett; 3rd, Norman Nethercoat.

75 yards, boys, 8-10.- 1st, Neville Amos; 2nd, Tony Roberts; 3rd, Brian Tumber.

75 yards, girls, 8-10.- 1st, Margaret Court; 2nd, Mardine Mills; 3rd, Jessie Attwood.

100 yards, boys, 11-12.- 1st, Robert Miles; 2nd, Peter Butt; 3rd, Brian Baker.

100 yards, girls, 11-12.- 1st, Margaret Read; 2nd, Mary Bradley; 3rd, Jean Gates.

100 yards, boys, 13-15.- 1st, G. Mitchell; 2nd, Colin Smith; 3rd, Norman Gage.

100 yards, girls, 13-15.- 1st, Vera Court; 2nd, Joan Revell; 3rd, June Read.

Egg and spoon race, 50 yards, girls, 6-8.- 1st, Maureen Mills; 2nd, Rosemary Huntley; 3rd, Barbara Thorn.

Egg and spoon race, 50 yards, boys, 6-8.- 1st, Edward Godden; 2nd, Dail Knell; 3rd, Gurry Sherwood.

Sack race, 60 yards, boys, 9-15.- 1st, Tommy Roberts; 2nd, Peter Butt; 3rd, Neville Amos.

Sack race, 60 yards, girls, 12.15.- 1st, Margaret Read; 2nd, Ivy Thorn; 3rd, Greta Smith.

Flower pot race, girls, 12-15.- 1st Beryl Gilbert; 2nd, Greta Smith; 3rd, June Read.

Three-legged race, girls, 11-15.- 1st, Vera Court and Betty Jemmett; 2nd Yvonne Tilling and Freda Gates; 3rd, Mary Bradley and Beryl Gilbert.

50 yards, boys and girls, under 5 years.- 1st, Geoffrey Cook; 2nd, Carl Holland; 3rd, Roger Holland.

Mr. M. H. Huntley was the efficient hon. Sports secretary, and the judging both on Saturday and Monday was carried out by Messrs. D. J. Moor, A. Pilcher, F. Brice, A. Wigg, A. Smith, A. Manser, M. H. Huntley, A. Wildash, R. G. Eacott, B. French, W. Wood, L. Nethercoat, A. Dack, S. R. Dixon, H.W. Carpenter, C. P. French, and R. R. Dixon.

Although officially there were separate committees for the peace celebrations on Saturday and the fete on Monday, generally speaking the arrangements for both days were in the hands of the same enthusiastic officials, backed up by the efforts of a very large band of willing helpers. Both committees were under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Teynham, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, with Mr D. J. Moor, as hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. T. Davies as hon. Treasurer.

East Kent Gazette - 22nd June 1946:

COMPETITION WINNERS

Following are the results of the various competitions organised at the Teynham and Lynsted Welcome Home fete, held at Aymers, Lynsted, on Whit-Monday:- Bottle of whisky, Mr R.C. Boorman, 6, The Crescent, Teynham (ticket No. 462); bottle of sherry, Mr A.T. Davies, Dadmans, Lynsted (ticket No. 415); six pullets, Mr G. Harris, 22, The Crescent, Teynham (ticket No. 27); £1 for sealed number, Mrs A. Smith, Elmley, Oak Lane, Upchurch (No. 125). The winner of the pullets is requested to collect them from Mr B. R. French, Castle House, Teynham. The remaining prizes will be delivered this week.

Peace Celebrations

The Committee of the Teynham and Lynsted Peace Celebrations thank Mr. L. R. C. Ching and Mr F. C. Brice for allowing the event to be held in such ideal surroundings. Thanks are also due to all those who contributed gifts, either in money or kind, to make the occasion such a success. The sweets given for the children will be distributed at the Schools. The lucky number programme was No. 251, and the holder should apply to the Hon. Secretary (Mr D. J. Moor) before June 30th. At the conclusion of the adults' sports the prizes were presented by Mrs L. R. C. Ching, and among others present were Mr Percy French and Mr F. W. Dalton, chairman of the Teynham and Lynsted Parish Councils respectively, who sponsored the celebrations.

Welcome Home Fete

Among the many helpers at the fete held at Aymers, Lynsted, on Whit-Monday, in aid of the Teynham and Lynsted Welcome Home Fund, were the following: Mr G. Macey (spinning wheel), Mrs Roberts (hidden treasure), Mrs A. Pilcher and Mrs Dixon (produce stall), Mrs Lawler and helpers (hoop-la), Mr T. George and helpers (penny on square), Mr Trigg, Mr Carpenter, and helpers (bowling for pigs). Mr W. T. Wood and Mr A. Manser (pitching the sheaf), Mr Maurice Huntley (coconut shies), Mr Waters and Mr Malcolm Huntley (pony rides), Mrs G. Macey, Mrs A. Wigg, and helpers (refreshments). Valuable assistance in connection with the children's sports was rendered by Messrs A. T. Gates, P. Sykes, A. Wigg, and members of the Committee. Competition winners were as follows: Mrs A. Pilcher's bowl of fruit, Mr F. Sherwood; hidden treasure, Mr F. R. Bunting; bowling for pigs, Mr Ruck and Mr Austin. The results of the competitions for a bottle of whisky, some pullets, and the sealed number will be published in a later issue. A whist drive and snooker tournament, organised by Mr and Mrs L. R. C. Ching, proved a great success. The prizes for the children's sports were presented by Mrs Ching, and the competition prizes by H.H. Princess Andrew of Russia who was accompanied by H.H. Prince Andrew. The thanks of the Committee are extended to Mr Ching and Mr Brice for kindly allowing the use of their grounds and for their very ready assistance, and to all who gave their help in making the fete so successful.

Conyer Regatta revived ... Eventually!

East Kent Gazette – 20th July 1946

REVIVAL OF (CONYER) REGATTA

For the first time for 25 years, a regatta is to be held at Conyer in August. This will be the finale to the programme arranged by the Teynham and Lynsted Welcome Home Fund, and it is hoped it will be the most successful event of the season. The Regatta Sub-committee has held three meetings recently, the last on Tuesday evening, and the programme for the afternoon, which is August 17th, has been drawn up. Starting at 2.30 (about 45 minutes before high water) the first event will be a sailing dinghy race for all boats, 14ft. and under; and there will be a sculling race; swimming for men, women and boys; and also an open 440 yards swimming race. There will be other attractions such as a race for dinghies with outboard motors, greasy pole, pillow fighting, and a swimming race for dogs. After the



regatta a fete is being held at Messrs. Eastwood's sports ground, adjoining the creek, and there with all the attractions well-known to people who have visited Teynham fetes will be in operation. Dancing will complete the day's entertainment.

Once again the weather was against the organisers. Due to gales, the regatta took place a week later than planned in September.

There was still work to do to bring the war to a legal conclusion. You can see from the table below that it would be a very long wait!

1946:	
14 August – 9 May 1947	“Operation Keelhaul” The Allies' forced repatriation of displaced persons came into force. These included: Families, anti-communists, White Russians, former Soviet Armed Forces POWs, foreign slave workers, soldier volunteers and Cossacks, and Nazi collaborators to the Soviet Union. Up to five million people were forcibly handed over to the Russians. On return, most deportees faced imprisonment or execution; on some occasions the NKVD began killing people before Allied troops had departed from the rendezvous points. Allied Control Council created to implement their assumed joint authority over Germany
13 December	Cessation of hostilities between the United States and Germany was proclaimed by US President Truman.
1947:	
10 February	Paris Peace Conference ends with the signing of peace treaties by the wartime Allies with the former European Axis powers.
1949:	
23 May	The Federal Republic of Germany (FRG) founded.
20 September	First FRG government formed.
7 October	German Democratic Republic (GDR) formed.
22 November	Signing of the Petersberg Agreement, an international treaty, intended to end the “state of war” and extend the rights of the FRG (West Germany) with regards to the occupying forces of Britain, France, and the USA.
1950:	
12 September – 19 December:	At a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of France, the UK, and the USA, it was agreed the Western Allies “end by legislation the state of war with the FRG” to strengthen West Germany's position in the Cold War
1951:	State of war ended with the FRG Germany with:
9 July:	United Kingdom, South Africa and Australia
26 July:	Canada, Italy, New Zealand and the Netherlands
19 October:	USA
1955:	The state of war between Germany and the Soviet Union was ended.

1989:	
9 November	The East Berlin's Communist Party announced a change in this city's relations with the West. Starting at midnight on 9 November 1989, citizens of the GDR were free to cross the country's borders.
1990:	
3 October:	The reunification of Germany was made official. The 1945 Potsdam Agreement had specified that a full peace treaty concluding World War II, including the exact delimitation of Germany's post-war boundaries, required to be “accepted by the Government of Germany when a government adequate for the purpose is established”. The FRG had maintained that no such government could be said to have been established until East and West Germany had been united within a free democratic state. Now the “Treaty on the Final Settlement with Respect to Germany”, the UK, USA, France and the Soviet Union renounced all rights they formerly held in Germany.
1991:	
15 March	Germany became a fully sovereign state.
1994:	
	In accordance with the Final Settlement Treaty, all Allied occupying troops were withdrawn.

By the end of World War II Britain had amassed a **debt of £21 billion**. In today's money that is over £885 billion (more precisely £885,300,391,607.94)

On **31 December 2006**, Britain made a final payment of about \$83m (£45.5m) and thereby discharged the last of its war loans from the US.

The Office of National Statistics have said that, as of May 2020, the current Covid19 crisis may leave us in debt to the sum of £1950 billion!