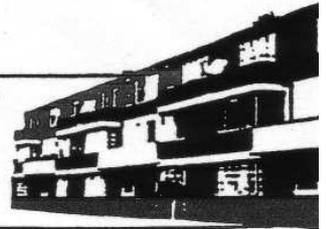


CLISSOLD COURT Residents' Association



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**Come to the VE Day Party
a celebration of peace**

Spring 1995

Monday, May 8th 1995 on the centre lawn

The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. and there will be

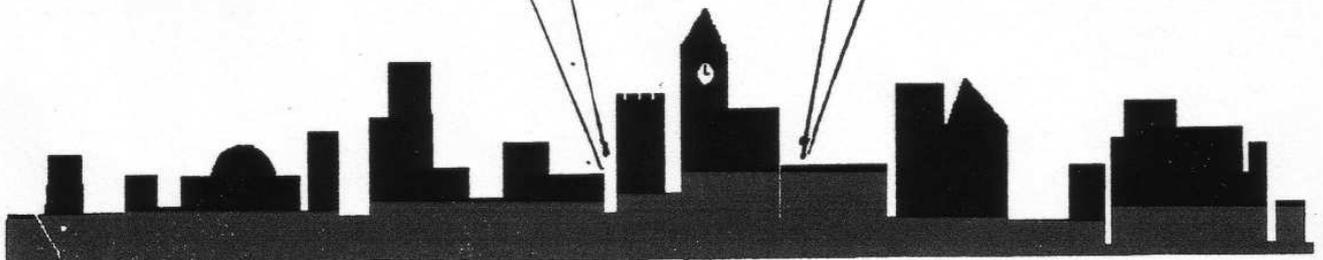
**Food
Drinks
Prizes
1940's costumes (optional)
Music
Merriment**

*There will be no
Rationing
Digging for victory
Carrot Pudding!*

Tickets (which include food and raffle entry) are only £1 and will be available from April 13th. They can be purchased from the following people:

	Flat	Tel.
Joyce Palmer	29	800 4661
Sid Isaacs	35	800 4995
Anita Willis	52	802 8932
Annette Percy	21	809 1138
Eric Solomon	3	800 3362

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ARE WELCOME!



VE Day

We hope that as many residents as possible will come to the VE Day Party on Monday, 8 May. The VE Day Party ten years ago was a very successful event and the first experience Sasa and I had of the special community spirit of Clissold Court. Our enjoyment was shared by my mother-in-law, on a visit from Czechoslovakia, and two friends from California who were staying with us at the time. VE Day was not just for the British!

There are many residents in the Court now who don't remember the Second World War, nor do they have any appreciation of the feelings of relief experienced when it ended. The older residents obviously have a wealth of very varied memories of the war, depending on the way it affected their lives. Mrs Little, who already lived in the Court, would tell you about visiting her sister in their family home in Forest Road, Dalston, and having a cup of tea and a slice of precious cake interrupted by a bomb falling on the house. Jack Fasht, who lived in Manor Road at the time, would tell you how he opened his front door to find his call-up papers on the mat and much of the back of the house missing. Other residents have memories of much worse.

VE Day was a day to celebrate the beginning of peace, at least in Europe. It heralded a period of reunions, not always easy; a time to rebuild; a time of more freedom of choice.

VE Day was also a day to remember.

I think it was somewhere on the Burma Road that an inscription was found:

When you go home
Tell them of this and say
We gave our tomorrows
For your today.

Let us celebrate but don't let us forget!

And how had the war affected the immediate area around Clissold Court? The War Damage Map 1939-45, made by the London County Council and gratefully reproduced from Jack Whitehead's book **The Growth of Stoke Newington**, presents a clear record. The areas marked in black show the widespread bomb damage. It's easy to see the strategic bombing pattern. The reservoirs would have shown up clearly in the night sky and the concentration of attacks near the filter beds show the attempt to disrupt London's water supply.



St Mary's Church, bombed 1940.

The War Damage Map

