

BERWICK CELEBRATES VE-DAY ANNIVERSARY!

Saturday May 9th and Sunday May 10th 2015

Powered By Cake is a community group who have come together to support Berwick 900 celebrations in organising a 1940's weekend on May 9th and 10th to mark the 70th Anniversary of VE day (May 8th)

The 1940's weekend includes:

- an exhibition in the Guildhall illustrating life on the Home Front in Berwick Tweedmouth and Spittal during WW2,
- a rally of vehicles from the period,
- recreation of an Air Raid Shelter and
- a variety of talks, demonstrations and interactive performances.
- The programme ends with "We'll Meet Again", a themed evening that provides the opportunity to get your glad rags on and dance or listen to the music and songs from the period.

Admission(11.00 -16.00) to the Guildhall events is free both on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday there will be craft and produce stalls all day and wartime lunches served (12.00-14.00) complete with costumed waiting staff and menu cards showing current as well as wartime prices.

On Sunday there will be demonstrations of **Make-Do-And-Mend techniques** (recycling is not new!), **weekly wartime rations** and we will make and bake our famous **vinegar cake**. **Toys and games of the period** will be on display plus stalls selling crafts, produce and memorabilia.

We have devised **Knitting For Victory** and had a wonderful response from groups and individuals when we asked for volunteers to knit up vintage patterns. The knitters have adapted the patterns for modern yarns and sizing and have created unusual and interesting items. You might say we have created a **Great Knitting Bee of the North East** – and very eco-friendly and topical at that, as many of the articles are made from donated or re-cycled yarn! All the garments are for sale and profits will go to charity.

At 3pm on Sunday 10th May, in St Aidan's Hall, Church Street, Lucy Adlington from **The History Wardrobe** will be giving a costumed presentation of 'A Wartime Wedding: From Landgirl to Bride'. Inspired by memories of brides and land army women, it features authentic costumes and many anecdotes of the trials and triumphs of getting married when fashion was strictly rationed. We will be welcoming a 92 year old wartime bride as our guest of honour! There will be an exhibition of the history and memorabilia of weddings, brides, land army girls and lumber jills. Tickets £8 (available from SmithsGore, 8 Castlegate 01289 333030)

includes a wartime tea and an opportunity to chat to Lucy Adlington who is currently researching a book of 1940's fashion.

Finally a 1940's style dance will be held in St Aidan's Hall on Sunday 10th May 7.30pm – 10pm, when you can put on your glad rags and listen and dance to the music and songs of the era. Lindy-hopping and jitter-bugging will be demonstrated by expert re-enactors (and then you can have a go!) Raffle, best costume, wartime quiz and spot prizes waiting to be won! Tickets £10 including refreshments available from SmithsGore, 8 Castlegate 01289 333030.

Please come in costume, if you like!
All profits will go to the Air Cadets

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