

VE DAY - May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945

VE (Victory in Europe) Day gave rise to huge rejoicing that at last the war was over



Vera Lynn, the 'Forces' Sweetheart'



Gracie Fields



Tommy Handley, with script in hand, and some of his ITMA (It's That Man Again) gang - Tony Francis, Derek Guyler and Molly Weir



Britain's own glamour queen, Margaret Lockwood



Henry Hall and vocalist in a war time dance hall



Dances were an enormously popular form of entertainment, especially when the American GIs arrived to spread the 'jitterbug' craze



A children's street party to celebrate VE Day



Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in 'Gone with the Wind' the film industry's greatest war-time blockbuster

### Sources of information shown in this exhibition:

'The Home Front' by Guy de la Bedoyere  
'World War Songs' by Michael Leitch  
'The Forties' by Alison Maloney  
'Emma's Secret' by Barbara Taylor Bradford  
The Daily Telegraph  
The Internet  
Deddington-on-Line, where more information about life in Deddington during the war, can be found



Welcoming home the boys who came back