

## CELEBRATIONS

A VE-Day celebration bonfire was built on the waste ground where St Martin's was later to be built. Sheila



I'm not sure if these photos were of the VE- or VJ-Day celebrations in Templecombe Way – I was only a year old at the time! *Peter* 



I was unable to celebrate VE Day, having joined the Army on 3 May 1945 and having received vaccinations and inoculations on the 8th! On being demobbed on 27 March 1948, I managed the shop for 10 days while my parents had their first-ever holiday. At the end of my demob leave I returned to my former employers and was in trouble for failing to apply directly on returning to civilian life! The good old days??



Ken

I do remember the Templecombe Way street party to celebrate the Queen's coronation in June 1953. My Dad made me a Household Cavalry uniform from silver painted lino! My sister was dressed as the Queen, and Dad made her a crown, sceptre and orb. At school we were all given a coronation cup, saucer and plate – I've still got the cup! Peter



More recently, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 was celebrated at the official level by Merton's mayor, David Williams, lighting the Jubilee beacon in Morden Park, and in less formal street parties and garden parties, as shown here in Greenway.





St Martin's celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016 with a tea party for friends and neighbours. Peter

> But Morden doesn't need the excuse of royal anniversaries to celebrate. Lower Morden Lane has become renowned for its Christmas lights, in support of local charities. *Peter*

