

# “The Alley Kids Remember”

is the title of a new book to be printed about the  
**WARTIME MEMORIES OF FARNBOROUGH  
CHILDREN.**

Recent articles about wartime Farnborough published in the Parish Magazine have been so well received that many people have written additional material and submitted photographs. The authors have tried to write as if they are still around ten years of age so that the book is not only suitable for adults, but as extension reading material for Key Stage 2 (*Juniors for Oldies*) children studying World War 2 as part of the National Curriculum at Primary School.

**Jocelyn Palmer** from her home in Canada describes the outbreak of war in Bassetts Way plus the demolition of her Grandfather's cycle shop on Bromley's Masons Hill by a German bomb. **Shirley Woods**, the youngest of eight children provides the Locksbottom point of view and writes about watching dog fights high up above her home. **Christine Williams**, writing by candlelight (*just like the Blitz*) from her hurricane damaged home in the Bahamas writes of wartime evacuation, whilst **Sylvia Hodson** describes life as one of 15,000 people sheltering from Doodlebugs in Chislehurst Caves. **Pat Chivral** laughingly outlines her Dad's efforts as a firewatcher at the Ex Serviceman's Club where more pints were consumed than fires spotted. **Donald Curd** has even produced his grandfather's ration book complete with stamps from long closed Farnborough shops. St Giles Verger **Gordon Johnson** remembers when his Uncle Eddie popped in to see his grandparents who lived in Orchard Road and arrived in a tank!

*The book with over 100 pages of text and photographs never published before, includes an amazing shot of the Pitt Road VE Day street party, plus some illustrations kindly supplied by the Imperial War Museum's Photographic Archive.*

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