

HOLMER GREEN VILLAGE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

*70 years of
"Digging for Victory"*

*Special thanks to Stuart King for providing
many of the pictures*

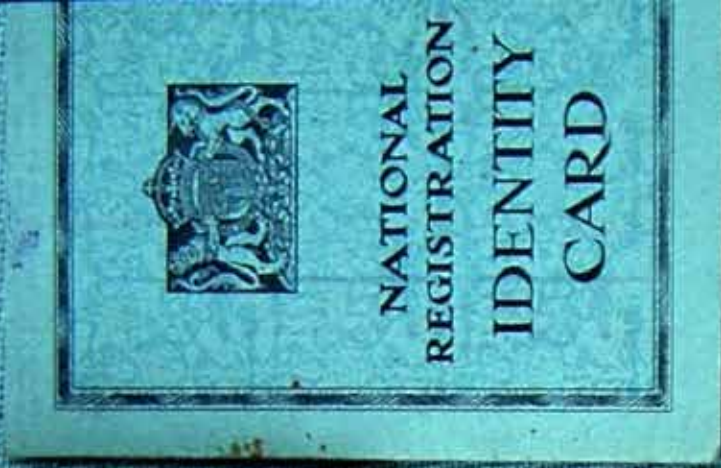
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Address WINDRUSH
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IF FOUND RETURN TO ANY FOOD OFFICE



A nation at war

HOLMER GREEN

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WINGS FOR VICTORY WEEK

TARGET £8,000 (The cost of a Beaufighter—shown above).

PROGRAMME

HOLMER RIDINGS,
HOLMER GREEN.

This year the Royal Air Force is honoured by the dedication of National Savings weeks to its name. And while the R.A.F. is the last Service to claim for itself any preponderance over the other Fighting Services, it is worthy of mention that the targets in the opening weeks of this campaign, which have aimed at bigger results than ever before, have achieved these results with a comfortable margin.

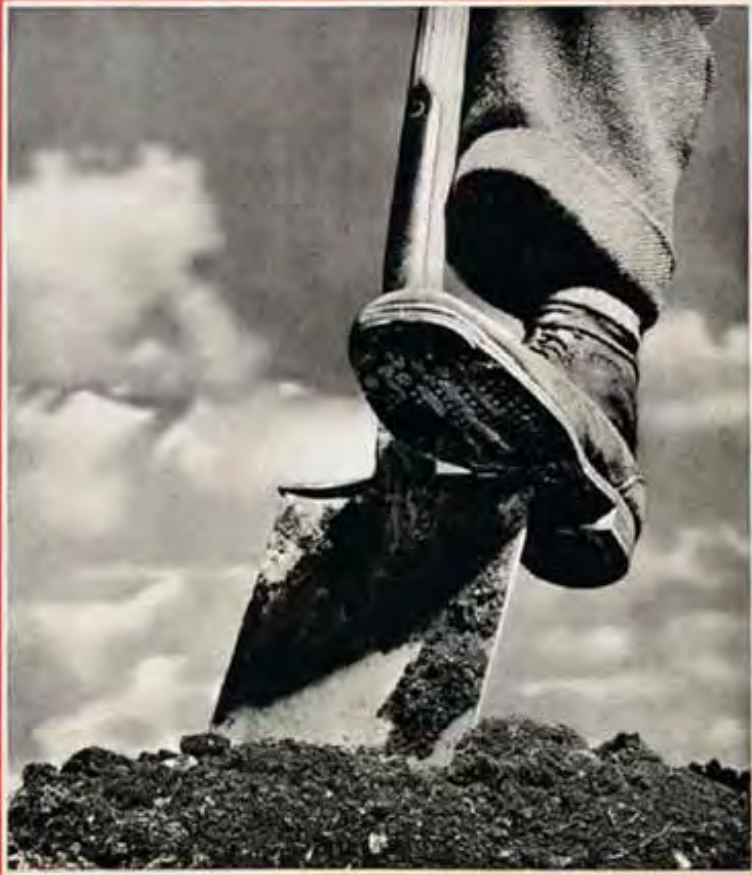
The public is never likely to forget the unique contribution to the final outcome of the War which the R.A.F. made in 1940, and which will without question go down in history as one of the decisive battles of the World.

But that is not all: the air weapon may be defensive at times, but its primary function is **offensive** and we are now witnessing the R.A.F.'s striking power in its violent and sustained attacks upon enemy territory, which will do much to prepare the way for our ultimate and long awaited invasion of the Continent of Europe. Holmer Green's target is £8,000. If we achieve it, we shall have raised sufficient for the purchase of a Beaufighter. But let us not rest at that. If London can exceed its target—so can we.

ALFRED BEIT,
Chairman.

Holmer Green contributing to the war effort

DIG FOR VICTORY



- Phrase 'Dig for Victory' launched in 1939
- Villages encouraged to set up 'Village Produce Associations'
- Aim: to grow vegetables, keep livestock and cook nutritious food
- In Holmer Green, meeting convened by local builder Syd Waller
- Inaugural meeting held in December 1944
- Bulk seed orders placed, and a ton of lime ordered to sweeten the clay soil
- Membership fee set at 1/6d (7½ pence)

28th November 1944 – VPA founded in Holmer Green



VPA founder Syd Waller



Other aspects of "Digging for victory"



An early post-war show



Harvest Home Supper, 1965 – the waiters' supper



Judging at a VPA Show, late 1960s



Footings for the new Trading Store, 1966



The Trading Store today



VPA Harvest Home Supper, 1966



Annual Show 1994 – 50th Anniversary



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Cookery demonstration, 1994

**HOLMER GREEN
VILLAGE PRODUCE
ASSOCIATION**

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BARN DANCE

TONIGHT

AN EVENING OF FUN - FOR EVERYONE

Barn dance, 1994



*Sheila Barkus,
founder member of
the VPA*

60th Anniversary tree planting, 2004



Annual Show 2004 – 60th Anniversary



Garden Party, 2009



'Birds of Bray' talk, 2014



Annual Show 2014 – 70th Anniversary

push bar to open



70 years of cups and trophies



LINDA MCINTYRE

Harvest Home Lunch, 2014