

# Commemorate Remembrance Day 14th November 2004 with Marguerite Patten OBE

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Nostalgic food and facts from 1940-1954

From favourite recipes and victory celebrations to the changing menu as foodstuffs slowly came off the ration, these three books: We'll Eat Again, The Victory Cookbook and Post-war Kitchen contained in a presentation slipcase take a nostalgic look at the recipes and food of the Second World War.

Many people look back on the days of the Second World War with nostalgia remembering how they coped with the meagre rations of meat, eggs and butter and the total absence of many foods that we now take for granted. These books are an exercise in nostalgia but more than that they are a look into the fact that the health of the nation was surprisingly good despite the physical and emotional stresses that so many had to endure at that time.

These books of recipes, illustrations and cartoons taken from the Imperial War Museum's collections of Ministry of Food material recalls how the housewives of Britain helped the war effort and kept the nation 'fighting fit'.

Marguerite Patten OBE worked for the Ministry of Food during the Second World War, in East Anglia and London. She then took charge of the Ministry of Food Bureau at Harrods, Knightsbridge; her job was to help families prepare nutritious and appetizing dishes with their weekly rations. Marguerite is now known as one of Britain's most famous cookery writers, with over 160 cookery books to her credit. She was awarded the OBE for her services to the art of cookery in 1991. In 1995 she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Guild of Food Writers and in 2000 she appeared on This is your Life.

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