

seen at any time! We spent the night in our tents next to a patch of woodland well out of the way. After the war I realised if there had been American guards on duty we could so easily have been shot. However, we got our camping badges!! I continued in the Scouts and after the war formed a Rover Crew, still camping at home and abroad. Camping has given me great pleasure ever since up to the age of 90!

Something else I have not mentioned is that we went everywhere we liked on our bicycles. We were able to leave them anywhere and they were always there when we came back. The front door of our house was never locked. We came and went as we pleased subject to Mum knowing what we were up to!

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My mother was in the Women's Volunteer Service, W.V.S. She did trojan service helping to run the National Savings and being involved with the evacuees during the war. She was rewarded by being chosen to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace after the war. I think it was the highlight of her life.

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