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Peace and Restoration

With peace came the urgent need to rebuild and reconstruct city centres, an enormous task since in London alone 700,000 homes had suffered damage from bombs. But Britain, her resources all but exhausted, was described by the economist JM Keynes as facing a 'financial Dunkirk'. Crippling shortages meant that ration books were still to be found in every home and the depressing wartime 'utility' clothing, specially designed to make the most of scarce resources, was to remain in vogue.

Even the coinage did not emerge unscathed. Silver, for so many centuries an essential element of the currency, seemed an extravagant luxury in the years of austerity that would follow the War; indeed, to repay the eighty-eight million ounces borrowed under the wartime Lend Lease arrangement with the United States, there was no choice but to draw on the vast reservoir of silver contained in the coins in circulation. The old coins were accordingly replaced by cupro-nickel, to be greeted by critics as a 'drab, dreary, utility coinage' appropriate for the difficult years of economic recovery.



People gathered in the streets of London on VE Day, and on VJ Day gathered in their thousands outside Buckingham Palace to celebrate over again.



Ministers at St Paul's, survived the destruction. By the early 1950s reconstruction around the former Cathedral was well underway.



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The Second World War £2 Coin

The End Of The War

The greatest outburst of joy in the history of mankind. With these words Winston Churchill captured the world's reaction to the happy news that, after almost six long years, the War in Europe was finally over and that all hostilities were to cease after midnight on 8 May 1945. VE Day. Jubilant crowds sang and danced in the streets of London, New York, Paris, Moscow and in cities and towns throughout the world. In the Far East, however, the War continued. There the end came just three months later on 15 August, VJ Day, with the unconditional surrender of Japan, and Allied nations the world over were again able to unite in joyful celebration.



John Mills

The £2 Coin

On the reverse of the £2 coin commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the War, John Mills has depicted mankind's desire for a peaceful world, featuring in his own words 'a symbol of expiring peace, the calm, beautiful and optimistic image of a Dove'. Peace is emphasised, too, in the edge inscription (945 IN PEACE GOODWILL 1995, part of the well-known 'moral' that prefaces Churchill's history of the Second World War:

In war: resolution. In defeat: defiance.
In victory: magnanimity. In peace: goodwill.

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