



School Education Service

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops

In association with
Bewdley Museum & 'Discover History'

Suitability - Years 2 - 7

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops takes a very practical look at life, hardship and disruption during the dark days of World War II. The experience is organised jointly by Bewdley Museum, 'Discover History' and the Severn Valley Railway.

The day begins at Bewdley Museum with a very practical look at life during World War II. The children, who we hope will be dressed appropriately for the period, will learn about such issues as air raids, rationing and food shortages. During this session there will be an opportunity for role play and to handle a range of artefacts from the 1940s era. Replica gasmask boxes, stringed identity labels and identity cards will be provided prior to the visit for the children to assemble and bring with them on the day.

Then, after the session at the museum, it's off to Bewdley station to catch the evacuation train to Highley or Arley nestling along side the River Severn flowing through the centre of the beautiful Severn Valley .

Here the children will experience at first hand the contrast between town and country life. The evacuees will have lunch (will it be rationed?) followed by a second workshop session where they will learn about rationing, food shortages and have fun playing wartime games! Cover is available should the weather be unkind.

At the end of the experience your group will return by train to either Bewdley or, if you would like a longer train journey, to Kidderminster where your coach will have re-located.

National Curriculum - Britain Since 1930

Children should study the impact of the Second World War or the social and technological changes that have taken place since 1930 on the lives of men, women and children from different sections of society.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

A practical classroom session at Bewdley Museum; return journey in reserved seats, usually by heritage steam train, from Bewdley to Highley or Arley with Paul and Helen from 'Discover History', who will lead the day for you. Replica gasmask boxes, strung identity labels and identity cards are also provided.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS, COSTS & TIMINGS

'Blitz & Evacuation Workshops' operates as follows in 2008:

FROM BEWDLEY	May 6 - June 20 Sept. 1-26	June 23 - August 29
Bewdley Museum arrive	10.00	10.00
Workshop 1	10.05 -11.05	10.05 -11.05
Lunch	11.05 -11.45	
Transfer to Bewdley station	11.45 -12.05	11.05 -11.25
Bewdley depart	12.13	11.32
Arley arrive		11.49
Lunch		12.00 -12.40
Highley arrive	12.40	
Workshop 2	12.45 -1.50	12.40 -1.40
Highley depart	2.10	
Arley depart		1.58
Bewdley arrive OR	2.33	2.13
Kidderminster arrive	2.46	2.24

The cost of this visit is £9.00 per pupil. On the Severn Valley Railway 1 adult travels free per 10 (or part of 10) paying pupils. Any additional adults, above the free allocation, are also charged at the child rate.

Please note - In the interests of safety schools must, at least, take up the free allocation of places. A minimum of 20 paying pupils applies to this event.

BOOKINGS FOR THIS EVENT ARE CO-ORDINATED BY BEWDLEY MUSEUM (01299 403573) AND NOT SVR.

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