



Education Service

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops 2015

In association with
Bewdley Museum & 'Discover History'

Suitability - All age groups

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops take a very practical look at life, hardship and disruption during the dark days of World War II. The experience is arranged 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 preparation for war. During this session there will be an opportunity for role play and to handle a range of artefacts from the 1940s era. A replica identity card and label for each child will be sent out prior to your visit. One gasmask box template will also be included.

After the museum session, it is off to Bewdley station to catch the evacuation train to Highley nestling alongside the River Severn and flowing through the beautiful Severn Valley.

At Highley the children will experience at first hand the contrast between town and country life. The evacuees will have lunch followed by a second workshop session where they will learn about everyday life in wartime and have fun playing wartime games! Undercover accommodation is available should the weather be unkind.

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

Note -There maybe an option to travel from Bridgnorth to Bewdley or from Kidderminster to Bewdley, omitting Highley. Please discuss further when booking.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

A practical classroom session at Bewdley Museum; return journey in reserved seats, usually by heritage steam train, from Bewdley to Highley with a costumed interpreter from 'Discover History', who will lead the whole day for you. Identity labels and cards are provided.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS, COSTS & TIMINGS

Blitz & Evacuation Workshops operate as follows in 2015, May, June, July and September.

	May/June September	July
Bewdley Museum arrive	10.00	09.45
Workshop 1	10.00 -11.45	09.45-11.20
Walk to Bewdley station	11.45 -12.10	11.20-11.45
Bewdley depart	12.39	12.00
Highley arrive	1.11	12.29
Lunch	1.11 -1.40	12.29 -12.55
Workshop 2	1.40 - 2.15	12.55 - 1.50
Highley depart	2.33	2.10
Bewdley arrive	2.59	2.36
Kidderminster arrive	3.10	2.47

The cost of this visit is £10.50 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.

A minimum of 20 and maximum 60, paying pupils applies to this event

BOOKINGS FOR THIS EVENT ARE CO-ORDINATED BY BEWDLEY MUSEUM (0845 6035699 or 01562 732967) NOT THE SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY.

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