

FREE SCHOOL VISIT



WAR AND PEACE SCHOOLS' DAY 2010

at The Hop Farm
Paddock Wood, TN12 6PY
TUESDAY, 20TH JULY 2010
Showground open from 10.00a.m. – 4.00p.m.



DAYS OF DEFIANCE

The War and Peace Show in conjunction with Battlefield Partnerships - Andy Robertshaw of the Royal Logistic Corps Museum and David Kenyon of Gunpowder Mills Museum both acknowledged historians and authors present 'Days of Defiance'.

The Schools' Day will focus primarily on May 1940 as this coincides with the 70th anniversary of the Dunkerque Evacuation and the Battle of Britain. To consolidate this period we will provide the following displays in chronological order:-

- 14th May – Local Defence Volunteers created, renamed the Home Guard 23rd July 1940: "Dad's Army"
- 27th May to 5th June 1940 - Dunkerque Evacuation: Static 1940 vehicle display
- June 1940 - South and East coast evacuation and the Home Front: Photographic display in Marquee
- July 1940 - Two 3.7 Anti Aircraft Guns in Coastal Defence: supported by re-enactors
- 9th July to 31st October 1940 - Battle of Britain Display features two Spitfires, a Hurricane and a crashed enemy ME109 supported by living history re-enactors,
- 7th September 1940 - The London Blitz Begins: Photographic display in Marquee

We are anticipating that each of these areas can cope with two groups at a time. Each group will have a lead figure who will communicate with the students and impart a brief history of each area's involvement during the period 1940.

Dunkerque and The Little Ships - two actor/interpreters in the roles of a soldier and a seaman will explain what happened at Dunkerque using the static boat as a focus for the activity. This will be in association with the British Expeditionary Forces ("BEF") group surrounded by military vehicles of the period provided by the Invicta Military Vehicle Preservation Society

On display will be an interactive map - a large floor map to show what happened in 1940 providing context to Dunkerque and the Battle of Britain; students to be guided through this period by an appropriately dressed NCO.

Dunkerque Veterans – an opportunity to meet the men of the moment depending on weather and health. The Veterans will be assisted by re-enactors throughout the day giving students the opportunity to meet Veterans of 1940.

Home Guard - an interactive area explaining what the Land Defence Volunteers ("LDV") and Home Guard did with a 'have a go' tank destruction element. This area will also include Civil Defence and Bomb Disposal. ARP precautions were critical to the Home Front and this area will introduce the measures in place in 1940 including first aid, respirators, etc. Two appropriately dressed re-enactors will man this area.

Rations 1940 - During the display the Royal Logistic Corps will use sample rations to 'feed' the display team. A cooking demonstration will take place explaining to the students the difference between civilian and military rations of the period.

Battle of Britain – Will consist of two full-sized replica Spitfires, one complete with running engine and gas guns. The students will be able to sit in the cockpit of this Spitfire and the Hurricane provided by the War and Peace Collection. Also on display will be an enemy ME109, as crash landed at Lydd in 1940. This area will be manned by approximately 22 re-enactors of the period on an airfield in Kent.

In a marquee, between the Dunkerque and the Battle of Britain displays, will be a photographic exhibition featuring South and East Coast evacuation along with the commencement of the London Blitz. The marquee will be flanked by two 3.7 Anti-Aircraft Guns manned by living history re-enactors of the period.

As each school arrives and enters the Hop Farm through admissions they will be met by a red-shirted War and Peace Official who will guide them through to the Schools' Day display area. Once through this area teachers will be encouraged to explore further aspects of the War and Peace Show with their students. Re-enactors from the Stockade at Big Monkton's will show visitors round the camp and vehicles, explaining about the battles they do for the Show. The weapons, pyrotechnics, blanks, blood and body squibs will be shown and a demonstration of the special effects used in battle re-

enactments. There will be further Living History displays - from the desert to Normandy, on to Vietnam and through to Desert Storm.

There are various areas where the schools can picnic or alternatively the Hop Farm has numerous catering outlets. Throughout the visit the War and Peace First Aid post will be manned along with our other emergency services.

Students will be provided with an evacuee-style label which by production on a return visit to the War and Peace Show between 21st and 25th July will entitle them to free admission as long as they are accompanied by a full-paying adult.

*We hope you enjoy your visit to 'Days of Defiance'
at the War and Peace Show!*