

NEWHAVEN FORT

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Battle of Britain took place in the skies over Britain during the summer of 1940, when the Royal Air Force defended the country from attack by the German air force, known as the Luftwaffe. Take a trip round the Fort and learn more about the Battle of Britain by answering the questions below.

Start in *The Fort and Newhaven*

Boats like this one were based at Newhaven. What was their important task?



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In the display to the right of the door is an anti-aircraft shell. What was the name of the type of gun that it was fired from?

Now head to the *Theatre*

The Battle of Britain had to be won to prevent a German invasion; Listen to the film and pick out how many men were attached to the Fort “ready for action 24 hours a day”. Write the number here

Walk up to the *Home Front*

The Home Guard was formed to defend against an invasion but before July 1940 it was known by another name. What was it?

Spitfire funds and Wings for Victory were ways to raise money to buy aircraft for the Royal Air Force – what trophy was the parish of Rodmell and Southease given to recognise their fundraising efforts?

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To get away from areas that might be bombed children were evacuated – roughly how many were evacuated from Newhaven?

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Find two objects used to deal with incendiary bombs and write their names below.

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- 2.

Go into the Air Raid Shelter and listen to the commentary. What was 'ack ack?'

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Head into the **Royal Observer Corps - Second World War**

Who was the Commanding Officer of the Royal Observer Corps during the Battle of Britain?

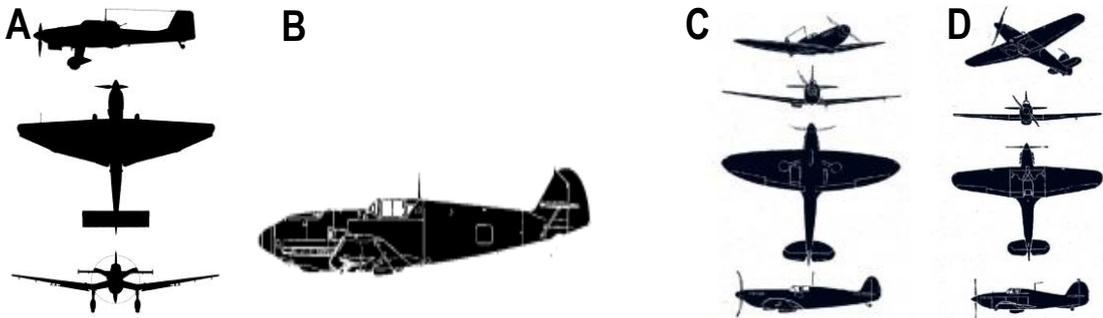
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The Royal Observer Corps reported enemy aircraft to which two organisations?

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Britain was divided into "groups" of Royal Observer Corps posts. Each group had a number. Sussex came under the control of which group?

Look at the silhouettes on the wall and identify these aircraft.



- A
- B
- C
- D

Next, go to **Sussex Land Sea and Air**

What was a Mae West?

Which Newhaven Company purchased a Spitfire for the Royal Air Force and who flew it?

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What was a Heliograph for?.....

You will find the answers to these questions in the **School Room**

The Battle of Britain began in the month of and ended in the month of

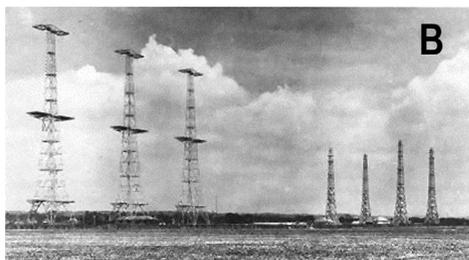
There were two main fighters in the Royal Air Force, the Spitfire and the Hurricane – which one shot down the most enemy aircraft?

Tick the correct answer to this question. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill referred to the RAF fighter pilots as;

“The Few”

“The Many”

“The Bold”



The pictures above show two important elements of air defence – what are they?

A.

B.

Before you leave the School Room find a picture of a crashed German bomber. Read the label and finish these sentences.

A “meacon” was a false.....

To confuse enemy bombers and draw them away from attacking Newhaven, a false harbour was built on the mouth of the River.....