

NEWHAVEN FORT

THE HOME FRONT

1939 - 1945

Britain at War



My name is Elizabeth

I am standing here with my mum and my brother James

I am 11 and he is 10

We lived in Newhaven at the start of the war

*Use this booklet to explore the Home Front Exhibition and
find out about life in war time Britain*

Women at War



What is this woman's job?.....

Write down three of the services that the WVS undertook

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By 1945 how many women were in civilian war work?.....

Home Fronts Cabinets (next to Women at War Display)

What was the stirrup pump used for?.....

At the start of the war, Elizabeth and her brother James were given gas masks. Everybody thought that the Germans would drop poison gas.

Why was important to black out lights at night?.....

*Find the case with the gas masks in it and make a **sketch** of one*

From these cabinets and the posters on the walls identify three civil defence/ARP jobs

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Food shortages and rationing

During the War, many of the things that you take for granted would have been rationed, that is you would only have been allowed to buy a certain amount.

Find out how much Elizabeth and James would have been allowed of the following items:

ITEM	QUANTITY
Milkpints
Sweetsg
Jamg
Sugarg
Cheeseg

Prices

How much would you have paid for the following:

Sausages (450g)p
Sweets (450g)p
Butter (450g)p
Fresh eggs (6)p

*When you get back to school **find out** how much you would pay now*

Find out what the difference is between the money we use now and that used during the War

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Radio and Progaganda

What is your favourite TV programme?

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In Elizabeth and James' house the radio or wireless was just as popular as television is now



What is the name of this man?

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Who is this?

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Find out what he did in the War



What were these comedians called?

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Radio Stars

Listen to the radio broadcasts and fill in the blanks

'Run.....'

'Run.....'

Run, Run, Run'

'Germany.....'

Germany.....'

Germany.....'

Find out what the initials BBC mean

From the posters on the wall complete the following

'Careless talk costs.....'

'Keep.....she's not so dumb'

'Make.....and.....'

'Is your.....really necessary

.....for victory?'

Go to the Bomb Site

If you stand in the Bomb Site you will get a good idea of the dangers that Elizabeth and James faced

Make a list of the sounds you can hear

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Describe where Elizabeth's brother James is in this scene

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What is the name of the shelter that their mother is laying in?

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What is the official title of the men in the black uniforms?

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Casualties

How many Newhaven civilians were killed in the War?

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How many civilians were injured?

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How many times did the air raid siren sound in Newhaven

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The Air Raid Shelter

One day when Elizabeth and her brother were at school, an air raid took place and they had to go down into the air raid shelter.

Sit quietly and listen to the speaker

Write down six words that describe how you felt when the bombs were dropping

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Go the Evacuation Display

Newhaven was thought to be too dangerous for children Elizabeth and James were evacuated, that is they were sent to live in another part of the country with strangers

Examine the display on evacuation and fill in the missing blanks:

I was put on a train with aon my coat.

When we arrived we were lined up in the.....

There was no organisation, people just came along andyou out

I was the.....one left standing there

'I remember thinking 'this is good, because if no one picks me I'm.....back.....'

Leaving home

Make a list of the things you think Elizabeth and James would have taken with them when they were evacuated

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The end of the War

Victory in Europe Day.....

Victory over Japan Day.....

We hope you have enjoyed your visit to the Home Front Experience at Newhaven Fort.

Some ideas for you to think about doing after your visit:

Interview somebody who has lived through the War years

Are their memories of the period 1939 to 1945 the same as those of Elizabeth and her brother James?

You might want to make a display about your visit to the Fort and include the memories of the person you have visited.