



# 'It's about time'

In this term's edition of the newsletter, we bring you exciting news about a new resource on the rôle of the United States Army Air Force men in Norfolk during the Second World War.

## What was the impact of the Second Air Division in East Anglia during the Second World War?



Photograph of mission de-brief.  
NRO, MC 371/910

This resource enables pupils to find out about the history of the 2nd Air Division, United States 8th Army Air Force in East Anglia during the Second World War, and the impact this 'friendly invasion' had on local people and communities. It uses documents from the 2nd Air Division Archive and artefacts from the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library, along with additional material, to look into the aeroplanes and equipment, places the American servicemen visited and where they worked, missions and incidents that occurred during the war and the differences in culture and relationships between the American servicemen and the local residents.

The resource is split into five separate, easy to use categories, and contains large-scale versions of the documents, teachers' notes, containing contextual information about each document, example lesson plans and a glossary of terms. Each section is also accompanied by a number of sound clips, recorded in the 1980s, of the experiences of life in England at the time.

In addition, the resource includes a card game, entitled *Beat that Plane*, in which pupils can learn about British, American and German planes, and the tactics used.

To access the resource, please visit <<http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/e-Resources/Teaching-Packs/>> and select Key Stage 2 Downloadable Resources. Some of the items in the resource are included in our school workshop looking at USAAF in Norfolk. The workshop can be used as a springboard into using the resource in the classroom (please see overleaf for details).

De Havilland 98 Mosquito  
'Wooden Wonder'

Two-engine, fighter and fighter bomber

**Strengths**

- Light and small compared to other fighter-bombers
- Its long range also made it good for missions to gather military information
- Hard to detect on radar

**Weaknesses**

- It had fewer weapons than other fighters but the Mosquito relied mostly on its speed for protection

Number built	7,781
Engine Power	1,480 hp each
Crew	2
Bomb Load	907 kg
Wing Span	16.5 m
Top Speed	380 mph
Normal range	1,650 miles

One of the playing cards from the *Beat that Plane* game.

## Tracing the History of Your School

Since the article about our workshops to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Firside Junior School in the last edition of *It's about time*, we have been inundated by requests for information from a number of other schools looking into their history.



Pupils outside Tunstead School,  
1928. NRO, MC 2416/4/1

We are currently working with Dereham St Nicholas Primary School for their 200th anniversary. In the Autumn Term, we are visiting Tunstead to run a workshop for their year 5 and 6 class, to celebrate their 100th anniversary. In June, we visited Diss C of E Primary School to provide four workshops for their year 5 and 6 classes, looking into the history of the school for their 150th anniversary.

We have also sent some material out to Hillside Avenue for them to use in looking at their 75th anniversary. (continued overleaf)

## Commemorating the life of Edith Cavell

2015 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Edith Cavell. Born in Swardeston, Norfolk, Cavell became famous the world over for her work in helping allied soldiers escape during the First World War.

Here in Norfolk, planning has already begun into events to commemorate this anniversary. At the Record Office we are planning school holiday activities, and an exhibition on nursing during the First World War. We are also working with Norfolk Libraries and Information Service to investigate a resource pack for schools. We are still deciding what format the resource would take and what information should be included.

We would love to hear from schools who have suggestions on what they would like included. Please contact us using the details below.



Photograph of Edith Cavell with her mother and sister. NRO, MC 304/12, 699x7

## Tracing the History of Your School (continued from front page)

Unfortunately, we don't hold material for all schools, so we are very sorry to those of you who have contacted us, for whom we are unable to provide resources.

If you still have your log books, don't forget you can deposit them with us. Please see leaflet 63 on our website for a list of school records we keep.



Pupils at Diss C of E Primary School looking at how to handle documents

## Workshops looking at the United States Army Air Force during the Second World War

As part of the 'Norfolk's American Connections' events taking place all over Norfolk we are offering a number of workshops for years 3-6, in conjunction with the 2nd Air Division Memorial Library. The workshops use documents, photographs and artefacts to look at both local children's and American Service personnel's experiences during the war in Norfolk. Workshops can take place on:

19, 22 October, and 22 November  
at The Archive Centre, or

29 November, 3 and 4 December at your school.

We are also available to deliver workshops on other dates at request. For more details, or to book a workshop, please contact the Norfolk Record Office Education and Outreach team using the details below.



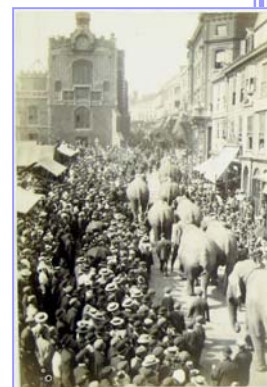
If you need '*It's about time*' in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format

or in a different language, please contact the County Archivist on 01603 222599 and we will do our best to help.

## Norwich Market Place

In July 2012, staff at Norfolk Museums and Archaeology Service applied for HLF funding to develop a resource and workshop with ourselves and the Integrated Advisory Service, looking at Norwich Market Place. If successful, the project will establish a new workshop at Bridewell Museum, a resource pack for schools, a trail of the Market Place and a space for pupils to upload their own work to a website, to be used as a case study.

We will find out in October whether the application was successful and will keep you posted.



Elephants parade in the Market Place for Barnham's Circus, 1870s. NRO, MC

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