



# 'It's about time'

## Norfolk and London During the Second World War:



### Your chance to take part in a video conference with a London School.

What was life like in the Second World War? The Norfolk Record Office has joined forces with Westminster Archives and the Imperial War Museum to offer children a different way to work on the QCA Unit 9 question: What was it like for a child in the Second World War?

The aim is to encourage a variety of work between partner schools in Norfolk and Westminster which will give children the opportunity to uncover how the Second World War affected people in other areas of the country as well as their own (QCA Unit 9, Section 9). The children will be able to use original material held by the archives to compare what a typical day would be like in both areas during the Second World War and find out about the lives of children evacuated from London to Norfolk.

Children will initially be asked to write a pen pal letter to a pupil at their partner school. Once contact has been made a video conference will be held in which each pupil will get the chance to talk to their pen pal face to face. There will also be a chance to work on a drama project using a story about a boy from Woolwich who is evacuated to Norfolk.

A large amount of interest has already been registered by London Schools. If you would like your school to take part, or would like to know more details please contact either:

**Peter Daniels**, Education Officer, Westminster Archives,  
on 020 7641 5182 or

**Frank Meeres**, Education and Outreach Officer, Norfolk Record Office,  
on 01603 222677.



London evacuees waiting at  
North Walsham Station, 1939

## Family History Day: Sunday 5 December 2004

As the climax to the Norfolk Record Office's Archive Awareness Month and the BBC's Programme *'Who Do You Think You Are?'* we are holding a family history day at the Archive Centre on 5 December. Both BBC Radio Norfolk and the Norfolk Record Office will be running a number of events throughout the day. Several exhibitions will be on display including a touring exhibition by the Norwich and Norfolk Racial Equality Council. There will also be stands run by various family history groups. If you teach history and would like to know more about what's available please come along for what we hope will be an entertaining and informative day.

**The Archive Centre will be open from 11 am to 4 pm!**



The Norfolk Record Society intends to initiate an annual prize (precise form and value still to be decided) to be awarded to a Young

Researcher for some kind of project involving work on original source material. We have not yet agreed on any particular age range, or age limitation, nor come to a firm view as what kind of work would be the most appropriate for the receipt of the prize, but we are particularly keen that the prize should encourage young people to get involved in archival research. We would welcome the ideas and advice of local teachers, and in particular would like to recruit one or two to join the panel setting up the scheme and subsequently to assist in adjudicating the entries. Our intention is to make the first award in 2005 at the launch event for the annual Norfolk Record Society volume, which we hope to hold at a country house in Norfolk in November and which will be attended by the society's patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester, who may well be willing to present the first prize.

If you are interested in joining the panel please contact Frank Meeres, on 01603 222677, who will pass your details on to the Norfolk Record Society.

## THE VICTORIAN CHILD

Just to remind you our latest study unit pack: The Victorian Child came out in the final weeks of the summer term last year. The pack consists of county wide images and text to explain what it was like for both the rich and the poor in this area. The pack includes many aspects of daily life including at school and in the home through a series of photographs, pictures, writing, and printed information.

If you would like to buy the pack for your school please contact the Education and Outreach Department on 01603 222677. It is priced at £14.95.



Sketch of Heacham National School, c1840

## Norfolk Record Office Working Group

The Norfolk Record Office Working Group is made up of teachers who meet once a term to discuss what the Record Office can provide schools.

Although we have 16 members on our Key Stage 1 and 2 working group we do not have enough teachers interested to form a Key Stage 3 Working Group, and are therefore on the look out for more. This is not a huge commitment, as we only meet after school once a term. However, it is a great way to get *your* views across. If there is anything that you feel the Record Office could be providing to your school, and others like it please contact us to find out when the next meeting is due to take place, and how you can get involved.

(Contact details are at the bottom of this page).



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.

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