

Stewart Orr presents

# THE HOME FRONT

## Evacuees Rationing Dig for Victory! Women and Children at War

Relive life on **THE HOME FRONT** through the newest medium of that day - **WIRELESS!** Listen to the radio reports and news *as we heard it during the war.*

In our multi-sensory presentation for **HISTORY KEY STAGE 2** we tell the story *as it happened* - through the eyes and ears of the many reporters working for the wireless, and your pupils hear it as it was heard in countless homes during the war years.

We will promote discussion amongst pupils on the burning issues of the day, and there will be a resource pack for teachers giving full details of the points that can be used for future class study.

Topics raised by the presentation will include

- \***PROPAGANDA**\*
- \***CHILDREN IN WAR**\*
- \***MAKE DO AND MEND**\*
- \***DIG FOR VICTORY**\*
- \***CHANGING ROLES OF WOMEN**\*
- \***END-OF-WAR CELEBRATIONS**\*
- \***THE ATOMIC BOMB**\*

For the afternoon we will arrange a variety of activities from the period. Thus your pupils may be sending each other signals in Morse code, logging short wave radio programmes, taking part in a Beetle Drive, or even drawing up the schedules for The Home Service. They will be working in groups on average of 8 to 10.

The day is aimed at Year 6 Keystage 2, and up to 100 pupils can be accommodated.

We arrive at 8.30, and after setting up, will be ready to start at 10.00. The morning's activities take about 90 minutes, and the afternoon a little more, although the timing here is more flexible.

On the first run-through to a limited audience at Beyton Middle School, Phil Anderson, humanities teacher, made this unsolicited comment . . . *brilliant and very needed in schools.*

**THE HOME FRONT** costs £275 with no extras for travel in Norfolk and Suffolk  
(SPECIAL OFFER until Christmas 2008 - £250!)

## What others say about **THE HOME FRONT**

Children from Beyton Middle School:-

*I didn't know that Hitler died during the war. It was a great feeling! My favourite part was listening to the report about the dogfights in the sky.*

*. . . the blackout was very exciting and it was very funny when Mrs. Anderson couldn't see the paper! Thanks a lot.*

*Thank you for spending the morning with us on Wednesday. It's that kind of thing that makes learning fun and makes us want to learn.*

Hilary Pegum, Advisory Teacher for History

*This sensitive presentation makes pupils question their vision of people, their attitudes and values, during the great events of the 1940s. The wireless broadcasts create an authenticity which attracts and holds pupils. A teacher may take her pupils as deep as she dares after this.*

**THE HOME FRONT** has featured on Anglia Television and BBC Radio Suffolk.

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