

## WORLD WAR TWO LIVING HISTORY DAY SUGGESTED PROGRAMME

### Day 1

- **Introduction:** The Declaration of War: Neville Chamberlin's broadcast. The causes of WW2
- **Back in Belgium:** The role of the BEF; the start of the Blitzkrieg and the evacuation at Dunkirk.
- **Britain out on its own:** Defending our Island from invasion. Gas masks for everyone; rationing.
- **The Battle of Britain, the Blitz and the Black-out:** What precautions were taken, problems moving around at night? Air raids & their effect on morale. The role of an Air Raid warden
- **The Home Front:** The role of the Home Guard. The weapons used to attack German paratroopers before they hit the ground. A bit of foot drill.
- **Build up to D-Day:** the arrival of the Americans.

An opportunity to see the following uniforms and equipment:

- **British paratrooper of the 6th Airborne:** Why was it important they dropped at midnight on the 5th / 6th June?
- **British Commando:** The beach landings & linking up with the paratroopers
- **Canadian Officer:** The different equipment & role of an Officer
- **An American Officer on Omaha beach**
- **Germans soldiers defending the Atlantic Wall.**
  
- **The end of the war:** the Cost & Remembrance

**Close Presentation.**