

Press Release

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The new evacuee display at Yesterday's World in Battle

## **Yesterday's World in Battle unveils new wartime display**

A new display has opened this week at award winning Yesterday's World in Battle which focuses on what life was like for evacuees during World War II.

The new display coincides with 2009 being the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War II.

As visitors enter the display they can view a short film about life as an evacuee in Wartime Britain as well as see a recreated railway station scene typical of this

time in history. Interesting pieces of wartime memorabilia on show include ration books, gas masks and medals donated to the museum by local war veterans.

Children will enjoy discovering what's inside a series of concealed boxes with holes just large enough for little hands to explore and guess what they can feel inside.

Yesterday's World in Battle, widely regarded as one of the best loved family attractions and places to go in the South East of England, is home to one of the largest social history collections in the UK made up of 21 shops and displays from the past 100 years.

At some displays children can answer questions and push buttons to see things work and hear from narrators talking in character of life in their period.

As well as wander through the intriguing backstreets of Victorian England and listen to the sounds of the past including the clip-clopping of horses up the cobbled streets of Victorian England, you can also go back to the year of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation in the exhibition centre which adjoins the medieval Hall House located opposite Battle Abbey.

The 1930's style tea room 'Nippys' leads out onto seating and a terrace overlooking a beautifully tended English country garden complete with a play village with model school, castle and church; perfect for the children to enjoy while you relax with a cup of tea or bite to eat.

The child friendly secure gardens also have play equipment suitable for very

small children.

Yesterday's World is an all weather attraction, providing great family days out all year.

The gift shop has a range of unique nostalgic gifts including a traditional sweet shop.

Yesterdays World is open 7 days a week (except 25 and 26 December and 1 January) 9:30am – 4:00pm (The shop closes at 5pm) Admission: adults £7 concession £6 child £5 (under 5's are free) family ticket £20 garden. Entry to the gardens and tea room only is £3 [www.yesterdaysworld.co.uk/battle](http://www.yesterdaysworld.co.uk/battle)

### **Notes for Editors**

Yesterday's World was founded in the late 1980s when Annette Buckley realised there was a great deal of interest in her personal collection of artefacts, nostalgia, memorabilia and antique furniture. What began as a temporary window display in a local newsagents became a basement museum, before eventually moving to its own premises in a 600-year-old house where it is still located today, having also expanded into the building next door.

A change of ownership in 2003 resulted in a relaunch, the addition of the royalty exhibition and a new exhibition centre on the site.

Shops recreated include: The Grocer, Post Office, Allwork's Store, Jeweller, Chocolate Shop, 1930s Wireless Shop, The Chemist Shop, Doll & Toy Shop, Cobblers, Lace maker, Pawnbroker, Ironmongers, J Bull Tea & Coffee Purveyors, Edwardian Drapers, Domestic Bazaar, Judges Camera Shop, Laundry, Laird's Electrical Shop, G Granvilles General Store, and Peppers Boutique.

Domestic rooms recreated include: 1941 Wartime Kitchen, Victorian Kitchen, Nanny's Room, and

Children's Playroom.