

EVACUEE EXPERIENCE

For Home Educators

Date - Thursday 17th May 2018

We invite you all to come dressed as a 1940s family.

Our Evacuee Experience visit is designed to support your child's learning of WWII and to experience the atmosphere of the evacuation trains with a journey through the Hampshire Countryside behind a restored steam locomotive.

Your visit will be led by our Education Department. The round trip train service to Alton departs from Alresford Station at 11 am prompt. The two, half hour led sessions will take place after lunch during your 2 hour stop over at Ropley Station. You return to Alresford by train at 14:35.

Everyone will be issued with replica National Identity Cards to fill in on arrival and a post card to write during your train journey.

You can choose 2 activities:

- I. **Make Do and Mend** how to make your ration coupons go further and how the country was taught to conserve scarce resources.
- II. **Wartime Railways** –How important were the railways during the war and how were services maintained despite the bombing, call-up of railway staff and the demands of military transport. Find out how our bridge had a very close shave!
- III. **Ethel & George take part in Operation Pied Piper.** Work in groups to pack the luggage for 2 typical evacuees. Who were Ethel and George? Read the letters sent by their mothers. At the end of the session we spend a quiet minute thinking about the feelings of children who had lost their homes through bombing. *



Timetable for the day.

	10.30	11	1130	12	12.30	1.00	1.30	2.00	2.35
Arrive and park	Meet and Greet at Alresford Station	Alton			Lunch	Activity sessions at Ropley 2 X 30 mins			Arrive back at Alresford

Train Travel	Station visit

To Book:

Full details available on our web site: [Plan your visit/Education Visits /Home Education at the Railway](#)

Payment required at time of booking. To reserve your place. Ring 01962 733810 and pay by card.

Prices: An Evacuee Experience, including education sessions and travel - £9 / child; accompanying adults £14. Siblings under 2 are free. 2-4 but not participating in the led sessions £7.

Extras: Franked postcards to write and post and Watercress Line badges are available to order.

*Some led sessions take place in an upstairs room but rest of site is accessible without steps.

For more information contact the Education Department on 01962 733810. Email education@watercressline.co.uk