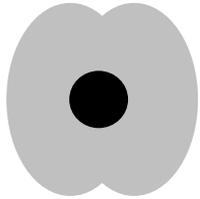


Pupils and staff from Abbey Grange CofE High School have been researching the history of Leeds during two world wars. They have been inspired to share some of their thoughts with you.



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We hope you will investigate our website. You can discover more about the wartime Leeds and activities we have taken part in. We have been inspired by people who gave their lives for us.

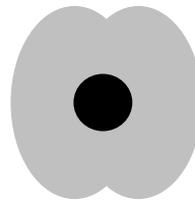
We will remember them.

Here are some of the memories collected from our local community.

More can be found on our website.

“Mum once told me about when the air raid siren went and it meant down to the cellar again. All the neighbours were down in their own cellars and if it sounded as a bomb had dropped near to them, the bottom house of the row knocked on the joining wall and slowly the knocking went to the top and then returned back down. That way everyone knew all was well. This was in the Winfield Mount, Blackman Lane, area of Leeds.” *Janet W*

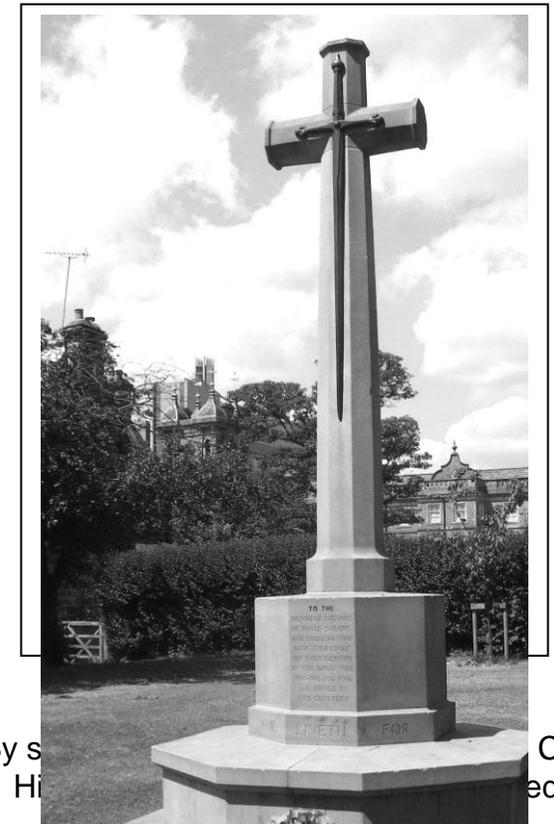
“One day the telegram boy stopped at our house, my brother Bernard had been killed in the fighting.” *Jim E*



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City Museum

Wartime Displays



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1 World War One – Soldiers Life

In 1916 over 500 Leeds Pals fought at the battle of the Somme. Only 50 survived. In our World War One display cabinet you can see a photograph of some of these men. Amongst many objects is a tin which saved a soldier from being killed by a bullet in 1917. Search for a relative on our interactive computer database.

“The database is really interesting. I found using it a very moving experience” Mary

2 World War One – Home Front

Leeds used its Industrial strength to support the war effort. A massive ammunitions factory at Barnbow, east Leeds, employed 16,000 people. 90% of these were women. 37 women were killed in a explosion. Find out why they were called the ‘Barnbow Canaries’.

“Leeds contributed so much to the war effort” Leopold

3 World War Two – Home Front

Discover where the Prisoner of War Camps were in Leeds on our interactive map. During World War Two over 7,600 buildings were damaged. 197 were destroyed and 77 people killed. Also find out who was awarded a Victoria Cross.

“I didn’t know there were any POW camps in Leeds” Joanne

<u>Floor 1</u>		5 Park Row Building (nr Statue of Dorothy)
<u>Floor 2</u>		3 Medals 5 Bombing Targets 1 & 2
7 Romans & Vikings 4 Armour & Coins	4 Uniform	Red Cross Uniform, Medals and Games
<u>Floor 3</u>		5 Leeds Mummy

4 Civil War Battles in Leeds

Between 1642 and 1644 there was fighting in and around Leeds during the Civil War. Battles were fought on Leeds Bridge and at Seacroft. Thomas Fairfax, born near Otley commanded cavalry around Leeds and became one of Parliaments Leading Generals.

Much later, in 1794, the Leeds Volunteers were formed to help defend Britain against a French Invasion. One of the uniforms can be seen.

“People must have really thought that the French would invade” Andrew

5 World War Two Bomb Damage

The Philosophical Hall on Park Row became Leeds City Museum in 1921. The building was badly damaged during a bombing raid during World War Two and demolished in 1968. The old Civic Theatre became Leeds new City Museum in 2008. There is a famous photograph of a stuffed ostrich in the rubble of the bombed building.

“Some of the animals still on display must have been saved after this raid” Emily

6 Leeds Mummy Survives

During the bombing raid, on the night of March 14th 1941, several exhibits at the City Museum, in Park Row, were destroyed. Three Egyptian mummies were blown apart. Only one other mummy survived. Known as the Leeds mummy he can be seen on the second floor in the Ancient Worlds display. That bombing raid killed 62 people in Leeds.

“If only the Egyptian mummy could talk” Elliot

7 Romans and Vikings

A small town, with a busy market place, developed around the Roman Fort at Adel. This was close to the northern frontier of the Roman Empire. Discover Viking Stones from Leeds Parish Church.