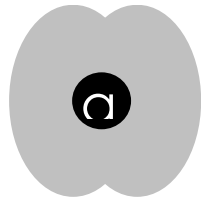


Staff and pupils from Abbey Grange CofE High School have been researching the history of Leeds during two world wars. They have been inspired to share some of their thoughts with you.



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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 our thoughts.
More can be found on our website.

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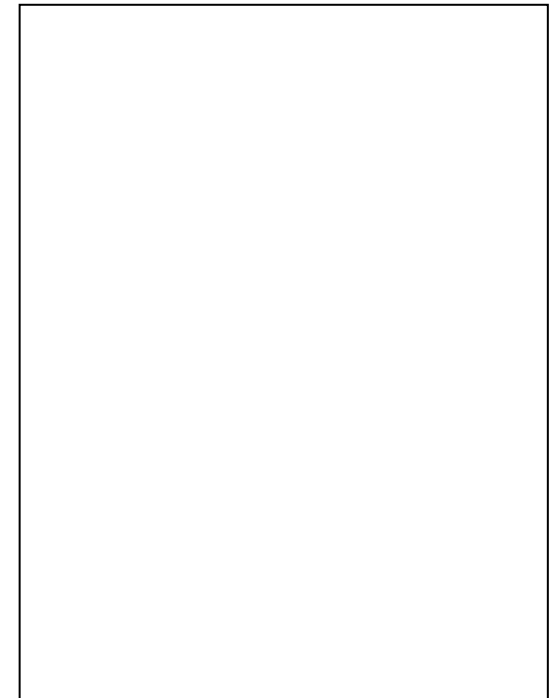
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Wartime Leeds



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1 Winston Churchill's Visit

On 16th May 1942 the people of Leeds were given two hours warning that Churchill would be visiting their city. On the Town Hall steps he addressed an enthusiastic crowd of over 20,000.

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2 Belgium Refugees

During WW1 The Lord Mayors Belgium Relief Committee supported over 1,600 Belgium refugees. Until accommodation could be found over 300 were initially housed in the city art gallery.

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3 War Memorial

Originally sited in city square this memorial by H C Fehr was constructed in 1922. The bronze statue's sword is put to rest as it is no longer needed.

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4 Famous Architect

During WW2 walls of sand bags protected the entrances to many public buildings. During Air-raids 6,500 buildings were damaged during WW2, 327 people injured and 77 died.

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5 Bomb Damage

Unlike other cities Leeds did not suffer extensive bomb damage. One bomb landed on the Philosophical Hall housing the city museum. It was not until 2008 that a new permanent city museum opened.

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6 City Square Recruiting Office

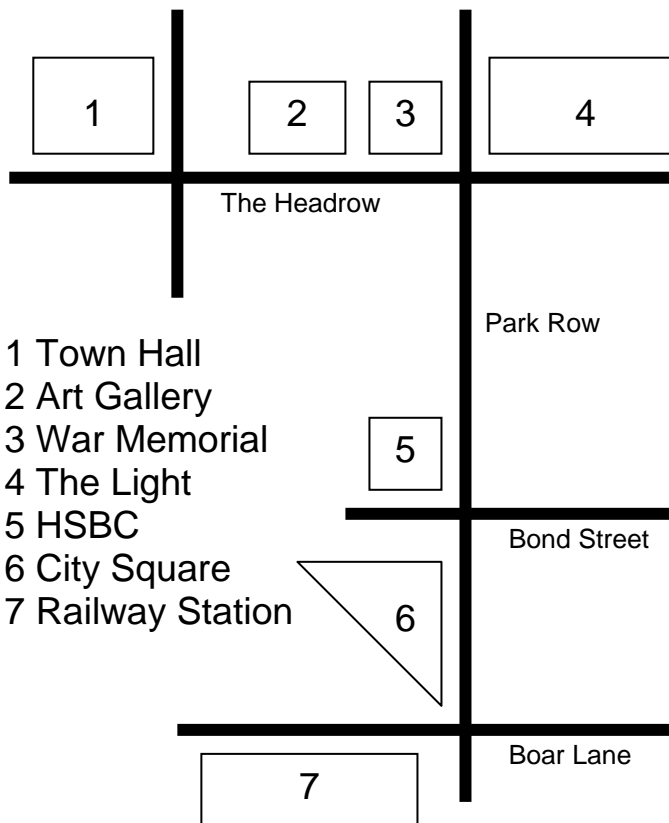
In 1914 whilst the men of Leeds joined up, 60 Germans in the city were arrested and later interned. A total of 80,000 enlisted in WW1. During WW2 Air-raid shelters surrounded the statue of the Black Prince.

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7 Evacuation of Children

On the 1st of September 1939 over 18,000 school children travelled in 51 trains as far as Ripon, Ilkley and Lincoln. Many returned in the coming months.

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- 1 Town Hall
- 2 Art Gallery
- 3 War Memorial
- 4 The Light
- 5 HSBC
- 6 City Square
- 7 Railway Station

Park Row

Bond Street

Boar Lane

The Headrow