

Welholme Academy

Topic: Local History Study

Year: 6

Enquiry Question: What impact did WW2 have on Grimsby?

Date	Key events
Sept 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland.
Sept 3, 1939	Britain and France declare war on Germany (start of WW2).
Jan 1940	Rationing introduced across the UK.
May- June, 1940	Dunkirk evacuated and France surrenders to Germany. Germany takes over most of Western Europe.
July, 1940	Germany launches air attacks on UK (The Battle of Britain and the Blitz begins).
Dec 7, 1941	Japan attacks US in Pearl Harbour. US enters the war, fighting with the allies.
June 14, 1943	2,000 butterfly bombs dropped on Grimsby/Cleethorpes. 1st time they had been used in UK - 99 killed.
June 6, 1944	D-day and Normandy invasion. Grimsby trawlers help efforts.
April 30, 1945	Adolf Hitler commits suicide.
May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders & victory in Europe is declared the next day.
August 1945	Atomic bomb dropped on Japan by the US, killing 226,000 people.
Sept 2, 1945	Japan surrenders - WW2 is over.

Leaders	
Adolf Hitler	Leader of the Nazi Party and Chancellor of Germany, 1933-1945
Winston Churchill	UK Prime Minister, 1940-1945 (and again from 1951-1955)
Neville	UK Prime Minister, 1937-1940.
Franklin D. Roosevelt	US President, 1933-1945 (took the US into the war following the Pearl Harbor attacks)
Joseph Stalin	General Secretary of the Communist Party and Leader of the USSR, 1929-1953

Important facts
WW2 was a battle between 2 groups of countries. Allied powers (Britain, France, Russia & US) and Axis powers (Germany, Italy & Japan).
Hitler wanted Germany to rule Europe. To gain land and power, Germany invaded Poland.
The bombing of London (the Blitz) lasted for 57 nights. Hitler wanted to crush the British spirit so we would surrender.
A plane machine gunned all the way down Freeman Street and over People's Park. There were several civilian casualties, one of them being Eric Chapman.
Both the allies and axis powers used propaganda posters to boost morale of people at home and those fighting. Grimsby was replaced in newspapers as 'an East Coast Town.'
37 bombing raids on Grimsby claimed 196 lives. Connamore Road, Heneage Road, Lord street and Farebrother street all bombed.
Grimsby used as a marker by the Nazis for bombing raids due to the Dock Tower.

GRIMSBY TRAWLER

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