

## **Museum seeks WWII period shop items & memories from local community**

**The Museum is expanding its WWII lifestyle area to include a themed grocery store.**

The Museum already has a Second World War activity for schools based in a Wartime Classroom. Here schoolchildren are given the experience of what a maths lesson would be like in 1940's England. The class is taken by a strict teacher dressed in traditional academic gown with desks made of wood and ink-dipped pens. The children fill out National Identity Registration Cards; Evacuee labels and gas-mask cases. The experience is a real step back in time and ends with the sound of an air raid siren and a scramble underneath the desks.

The Museum is now extending it's 'Home Front' experience to demonstrate rationing and life for civilians during the Second World War. We have collected material to create the interior of a 1940s general store, but need help with packaging, fittings or advice.

We are looking for members of the local community to contribute with their memories of shopping in the Second World War or any related items they would like to donate. Amongst the items the Museum has already collected a set of weighing scales, sugar packets, replica ration books and replica butter packets.

Heading up the project at the Museum is Elaine Furze. Anyone looking to contribute either items or memories should contact her on: 020 8358 6419 or email on [elaine.furze@rafmuseum.org](mailto:elaine.furze@rafmuseum.org)

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### **Notes To Editors:**

- Royal Air Force Museum, Grahame Park Way, London, NW9 5LL
- Open daily between 10am – 6pm (Last admission 5.30pm)
- Free admission and parking
- Survey conducted March 08 by QA Research, sample size 288 visitors.
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