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CUCKFIELD MUSEUM

Loan Boxes - Contents

1	Victorian Toys
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Garments	Victorian
Garments	Swinging 60s
Books	Children's Books from the Past

Fees:

£5 per box / collection per half term
+ £20 per box / collection security deposit (to be refunded on safe return of all items)

To make a reservation:

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Loan Box 2 - Toys of the 1950s and 60s

Contents:

Layer 1 (Bottom)

- Jigsaw: "Queen Mary Boat Train leaving Southampton" (with photo)
(NB. 5 pieces missing, one piece broken)

Layer 2

- Pocket Chess and Checkers /Draughts Set (1 red & 1 white pawn missing)
- 3 card games: "Shop Missus"; "Contraband" and "Motor Race Game"

Layer 3

- 'Girl' Annual

Layer 4

- Wooden car
- 2 wooden animated toys (one is a replica)
- Small "Calf and Ducks" jigsaw, with photo (2 pieces missing)

Layer 5

- Indian doll (male)
- 2 Yo-Yos (1 natural, 1blue – both replicas)
- Playing cards in leather holder
- Lakeland colour pencils (10)

Top layer

- "Finding Out" magazine
- 2 Everton match programmes
- Teacher's resource book: "Ready, Steady, Go! – Growing up in the 50s and 60s"
- Wooden construction kit in case
- Pull-along wooden train engine





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Loan Box 3 – Toys of the 1970s and 80s

- 20 copies of “Dandy” comic
- 2 Everton programmes
- Doctor’s medical instruments in case (plastic)
- Fisher-Price “pull-along” toy
- “Super Moto” construction (incomplete but gives a general idea)
- “Tell Me” – Grand Quiz Game
- Racing Cars card game (in orange plastic envelope)
- Petal Craft
- “ZooZag” puzzle / game with instructions
- Weebles Playground (pieces listed inside lid)
- JigBits (animals)
- KlikBits (coloured plastic connecting shapes)
- Doctor’s medical instruments in case (plastic)

Layer

- “My Little Pony” with hat and comb
- “Snoopy” – Sheriff (and Wardrobe leaflet)

Layer

- 2 model cars
- 1 model aeroplane
- Game of “Jacks” (ball missing)
- “Happy Families”
- “Crazy Wheel”





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Loan Box 6 – Victorian School

Contents:

- 1 Vere Foster Copy Book
The children are welcome to look at this book, but please photocopy any pages on which they wish to practise their handwriting.
- 2 white ceramic inkwells
- 6 dip-in pens
- 6 slates and pencils (in two packs of three)
- 1 set of finger stocks (to prevent fidgeting – the children could try to work out how!)
- 1 backboard (to make children sit up straight)
- 1 teacher's cane

Obviously, these last three items should only be handled under adult supervision!





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Loan Box 7

WWII - Evacuation Pack

Contents:

Evacuee's Suitcase containing:

- a National Identity card
- a winceyette garment (nightdress?)
- a Fair Isle jumper (a popular design because it used up odd bits of wool)
- a much loved toy
- a photoframe with two photos – one of little girl with parents, one with granny
- plastic coat hanger
- small pouch with some spending money (including 6 farthings – a quarter of a pre-decimal penny, worth about one tenth of today's penny)

Book "Safe in Cuckfield" - former evacuees tell their stories

"Witness" Resource Pack: 20 A4 photographs relating to evacuation, plus Teacher's Notes

Plastic file wallet containing:

- A message to all children from the King, celebrating the end of the war.
- "Important War Dates – My Family's War Record" : the reverse side of the King's message.
- An information card "What's Your Money Worth?"
- Laminated photograph: Jimmy Britnell and his sister Pat

Teachers' Resource books:

- Life On the Home Front
- The Children's War
- World War Two Children





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Loan Box 8

WWII - Blitz Pack

Contents:

A "Cromwell" helmet

A canvas bucket – used for carrying water for fire-fighting – or just for making that essential cuppa!

Replica Blitz documents pack (including list of contents)

A copy of an information leaflet about gases

A piece of replica blackout curtain, with notes

Two yellow plastic wallets, one labelled "Photographs", the other labelled "Information"
(Contents listed on the outside of each wallet)

A wooden gas attack alarm rattle

An ARP Warden's warning whistle

Two Fire Guard armbands

Not in the box:

A Stirrup Pump (see yellow "Information" folder for notes)

A galvanised bucket





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Loan Box 9

WWII - Shelter Pack

Mum's knitting bag, with some needles, wool and patterns (The part-knitted article would become either a mitten, a glove or a sock. The corks are there to keep the stitches on. Once these are removed, you can see that the three shorter needles make a triangle; the fourth needle would be used to keep adding rows of stitches to make the article longer.)

A Supplementary Ration Book (in case the family's Ration Books were lost in any bombing)

Mum's purse, containing 3 threepenny bits, 9 pennies, 9 halfpennies and a door key

A balaclava, for warmth

An aluminium hot-water bottle

A chamber pot – there were no toilets in the shelter!

A snack tin; this could keep food warm, but not for long

A tin of dried full-cream milk (there might have been dried egg too)

A telescopic candle holder with reflectors; this would ensure a good light for anyone trying to read or knit

An "Ideal Book for Girls" dated 1939

A pack of cards and a game of "Kan-U-Go" (a fore-runner to "Scrabble")

A newspaper, this one reporting on the evacuation of Dunkirk – "one of the most magnificent operations in history"

Two photographs of the "Anderson Shelter" – a flimsy frame of corrugated metal, provided free by the government and erected (by most people) in the garden; where there were no gardens, some people erected their shelter inside the house!

Copy of map showing where flying bombs ("Doodle-bugs") landed in East and Mid-Sussex – not all the bombs fell in the cities!

Copy of a photograph showing two women and a little boy, all wearing gas masks; one of the women (a Warden/Nurse?) holds a baby in its gas mask; families seeking refuge in Air Raid Shelters would make sure they had their gas masks with them – even the baby's!





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Loan Box 10 - Dinosaurs and Fossils

Contents:

- Replica dinosaur fossils:
 - *Megalosaurus bucklandii* tooth
 - *Megalosaurus bucklandii* claw
 - *Megalosaurus bucklandii* toe bone
 - 3 x *Therosaurus anglicus (Iguanodon)* tooth
 - *Mantellisaurus atherfieldensis (Iguanodon)* thumb spike claw
 - 2 x *Mantellisaurus atherfieldensis (Iguanodon)* toe bone

- Fossil box:
 - Ammonite
 - Gonatite
 - Shark tooth
 - Brachiopod
 - Turtle shell
 - Coral
 - Coprolite
 - Dinosaur eggshell
 - Crocodile tooth
 - Trilobite
 - Orthoceras
 - Echinoid
 - Gastropod
 - Crinoid
 - Bivalve
 - Dinosaur tooth
 - Bryzoan
 - Fish vertebra

- Rubbing activity:
 - *Megalosaurus bucklandii* footprint
 - Ammonite
 - Trilobite
 - Crinoid (sea lily)
 - Dragonfly
 - Echinoderm (starfish)

- Fossil identification guidebook

- 12 x hand lenses

- 2 x sets of fact postcards:
 - Geological timescale
 - Belemnites
 - Brachipods
 - Ammonites
 - Trilobites





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Loan Box 11 - Bygones

Contents:

Layer 1 (Bottom)

- Mincer
- 2 Darning mushrooms (1 metal, 1 Bakelite with screw handle)
- Enamel funnel
- Large metal key (probably for large food tins)
- Small shoe last
- Ceramic pie funnel (blackbird!)
- Metal curling tongs
- Glass medicine bottle with tablespoon measures marked
- Sussex Dairies 1 pint milk bottle

Layer 2

- Long-handled toasting fork
- Long-handled spoon (used for what?)
- Brownie 127 camera
- Throat Patilles tin containing money: 1 x 10/- note, 2 x half crowns, 1 x shilling, 2 x old (silver) 'thrupenny' bits, 1 x newer 'thrupenny' bit (12 sided), 1 x sixpence, 4 x pennies, 5 ha'pennies, 4 farthings
- Post Office Savings Bank money box (you had to go to the Post Office to get it opened – so please don't put any money in this!)
- 2 Butter pats
- 5 wooden clothes pegs
- Cut-throat razor
- 'Safety' razor
- Hair clippers
- 'Viceroy' dry shaver (in box)

Layer 3 (top)

- Selection of patterns: sewing, knitting and embroidery
- Coronation Souvenir booklet (King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, 1937)
- Photopack showing Toys from World War II (20 toys + cover + notes)





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Loan Box 12 – Stone Age to Iron Age

All pottery replicas were made by Graham Taylor, an experimental archaeologist. www.pottedhistory.co.uk
Flint and bone tools and bronze axe head were made by Will Lord, experimental archaeologist and prehistoric re-enactor. www.will-lord.co.uk

Contents:

- Mesolithic Flint Tools, c 12,000 to 5,500 BC – typical examples of a Mesolithic toolkit:
 - Saw blade, Scraper, Knife blade, Burin point

- Neolithic Flint Tools, c 6,000 to 2,500 BC:
 - Axe head, Leaf (foliate) arrowhead

- Neolithic Bone Tools, c 6,000 to 2,500 BC – bone tools carved from red deer bones and used for textiles:
 - Awl for punching holes in leather and wood, Needle for sewing

- Neolithic Carinated Bowls (x 2), c 4,100 BC:
 - Thought to have been brought to Britain by immigration of farming groups from northern France, this pottery culture spread across Britain reaching Scotland c 3,800 BC. The name comes from the ridge around the top of the bowl.

- Neolithic Carved Figurine, c 3,000 BC: *[this item currently unavailable]*
 - Replica carved figurine based on the 'Orkney Venus' or 'Westray Wife' found in 2009 on Orkney. This is one of the earliest representations of a human in the British Isles. This replica is 50% larger than the original.

- Bronze Age Beaker, c 2,600 to 1,800 BC:
 - The Beaker culture marked a period of extensive contact between people across Europe. This replica is decorated after the 'all over corded' type.

- Bronze Age Axe Head, c 2,100 to 1,500 BC

- Raw Materials:
 - A selection of raw materials used to produce tools and personal ornaments including pine pitch glue (mixed with beeswax and charcoal), shale (for bead making), old red sandstone (Orkney Venus), flint, red deer and antler tines, red deer skin





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Loan Box 13 – Romans in Britain

All items (apart from the books) are replicas.

Contents (in Box):

- 2 Helmets (1 plastic, 1 gold material)
- Centurion's costume: tunic with armour, cape, arm and leg guards (children's size)
- Costume for a Roman lady: dress with attached shawl, armbands & belt (children's size)
- 1 gold laurel leaf headband
- 1 short sword with sheath (plastic)
- 1 Roman shield (plastic)
- Tabula Roman board game (contains board, 2 dice with Roman numerals, 15 blue and 15 green glass 'stones', instruction leaflet)
- 1 small terracotta vase
- 1 Roman lamp with wick (no oil)
- 2 Roman Britain coins: commemorating the invasion of Britain
- 1 Roman measuring ruler
- 1 Roman goose-neck silver spoon (although Romans did not usually use cutlery, the pointed end of this type of spoon would have been used for extracting snails from shells, meat/marrow from bones)
- 1 Roman long-handled spoon (in plastic box) used by wealthy Romans
- **Books:**
 - 'Romans' by Katie Daynes
 - 'Boudicca' (Famous People, Famous Lives series) by Emma Fischel
 - 'Pocket Explorer: The Roman Empire' by Sam Moorhead (with fold-out map)
 - Map of Londinium (Roman London)
- **Books for teachers' use:**
 - 'Roman Roads of Sussex' by Alex Vincent
 - 'Roman Britain' by Keith Branigan
 - 'Food and Drink' by Kenneth McLeish

Additional Garments: (New for 2022)

- Boys:
 - 3 handmade stone-coloured short sleeve boys' Roman togas with braid trim to neck, 3 black hessian belts and 3 green headbands. (9 items)
- Girls:
 - 3 handmade white sleeveless girls' Roman togas with blue braid on the shoulders, royal blue shoulder drapes, 3 braid belts and 3 gold headbands. (Open out the shoulder drape and secure with braid belt or open the drape and tuck under the left arm and secure under braid belt.) (9 items)
- Total number of items: 18





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Historical Posters Collections – 3 Collections

Collection 1: World War II

A2 Intelligence Propaganda – “What’s in his pockets?”
War Savings
Don’t Waste Food!
Morale – How to play your part
Tittle Tattle lost the Battle
Is Your Journey Really Necessary?
Britain Shall Not Burn

A3 Save Bread Serve Potatoes
ARP Looks to YOU (WVS)
I Need Rags
I Need Bones
Churchill Victory Portrait
“Somewhere in Southern England....”
The Home at War
Wartime Fashion
The Paraphernalia of Wartime Britain
SPY kit

Four smaller Posters:

Gas Attack
Always carry your gas mask
Turn Raw Material into War Material
Dig for Victory





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Collection 2: Post-War Britain

- A3 The contents of a post-war kitchen cupboard
Montage of children's comics
Posters for films: Three Coins in a Fountain/ Executive Suite
The Lavender Hill Mob
Advertisement: English Electric Television
Advertisements: cooker, shoes, Chivers Jelly
Littlewoods Pools
Copes Pools
How a (steam) locomotive works
By Train to Blackpool – Holidays 1947
Fur Coats at Willards of Knightsbridge
Hats – The New Styles (2 copies)
VP Wine advert (on the occasion of the Coronation 1953)
CWS (Co-operative Wholesale Society – forerunner of the Co-op) advert
(on the occasion of the Coronation)





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Collection 3: The Royal Family 1930s – 1950s

A3 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Coronation Regalia
(probably the cover of a souvenir magazine)

The Royal Family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, Coronation Day
(2 copies)

Her Royal Highness the Princess Elizabeth as a young girl

HRH Princess Elizabeth with the baby Prince Charles

Her Royal Highness the Princess Margaret as a young woman

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother – informal photographs

Queen Elizabeth (as Consort) in Wartime

King George and Queen Elizabeth in Coronation Regalia 1937

King George and Queen Elizabeth
(Cover of Titbits Coronation Souvenir May 1937)

King George and Queen Elizabeth (informal)





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Victorian Garments Bags: 3 in total, all inside principal bag

(These are all genuine garments – the children can try them on, but we hope they will take care of them)

Cotton pin-tuck gown
Cotton gown with Broderie Anglaise decoration
Long under-petticoat- lace around hem
Long under-petticoat – rough cotton
Long gown with pin-tuck and lace front, short sleeves with lace
Baby gown, long sleeves with waist tie and buttons at the neck
Plain gown, long sleeves with waist tie and one button at neck

Long adult nightdress, with lace collar
Camisole with open drawers
Lady's open drawers

Supplementary box

Baby's corset (dated 1880s)
Babies' bodices X 4

Replica items:

Lady's shawl
Parlour maid's white apron and white mob cap (X 2)
Scullery maid's beige apron and bonnet (X 2)
Boy's grey waistcoat and cap
Boy's green cap

Supplementary Bag – new clothes (16 replica items)

2 boys waistcoats (lilac & green) + 2 green caps, + 1 blue mottled cap
2 girls skirts (gingham & cream) + 3 white & 1 cream mob hats
2 aprons (1 cream & 1 white)
2 white pinafore aprons
1 ladies bonnet (brown with cream edging)





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“Swingin’ Sixties” Garments Collection

Suit Bag 1:

- Black Velvet Trousers
- Turquoise vinyl flared trousers
- Charcoal grey leather trousers

Suit Bag 2:

- Striped long-sleeved T-shirt
- Orange zip-necked sweater
- Lurex long-sleeved top
- Halter-neck knitted top
- Brown patterned shift dress
- Striped culottes dress

Suit Bag 3 (all replica garments):

- Tomato-design mini-skirt
- Vivid green wrap-around hot-pants
- Tomato-design shift dress
- Grey/white striped shift dress
- Flowered shift dress (matching cap in Supplementary box)

Supplementary Box:

- Lady's red velvet platform shoes (in white bag)
- 3 lady's caps – 1 small, 1 medium, 1 large (replicas)
- Accessories (in bag):
 - Boy's-face purse
 - Silver/black ornamental belt
 - Beaded wire necklace
 - 4 bracelets (in small bag)

NB. The children are welcome to try on any of these garments or accessories, but we hope they will leave them in a suitable condition for someone else to try.





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Books from the past

Ladybird Books:

abc
talk about bedtime
talk about starting school
Going To School (a Learning to Read Book)

In the Well-Loved Tales Series:

Rumpelstiltskin
The Ugly Duckling
The Little Red Hen
The Three Billy-goats Gruff

Enid Blyton Books:

Noddy and his car
Fairy Stories
Amelia Jane again
Chimney Corner Stories
Yellow Story Book
Brer Rabbit Book
Five go to Smugglers' Top
The Mystery of the Spiteful Letters
Second Form at Mallory Towers

Elinor M. Brent-Dyer

The Chalet School and Jo

Randall Jarrell

The Animal Family

