

Worlington at War

15th March 1939

Germany invades Czechoslovakia.

3rd September 1939

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declares war on Germany.

16th September 1939

Petrol rationing introduced.



1939

June 1939

Womens Land Army (WLA) reformed to ensure Britain's food supply during the war.



September 1939

Searchlight camp established in Little Witheridge near Hensleys Farm.

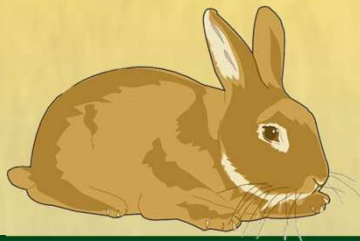


29th September 1939

The 1939 national Register provides a snapshot of the civilian population of England and Wales.

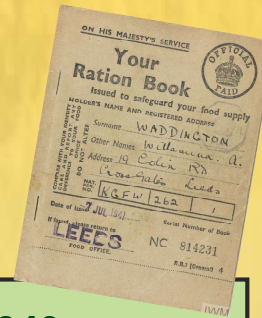
17th November 1939

Vacancy for Rabbit
trapper announced.



8th January 1940

Food rationing introduced.



March 1940

Rev T H E Woods appointed
Probation Officer (Males) to
South Molton Petty Sessional

12th December 1939

East Worlington play a
challenge match of billiards
against Chumleigh



February 1940

Miss L A Harris retires as EW
school headmistress and gifts
£20 defence bonds to Royal
Devon & Exeter hospital from
proceeds of her household sale.

March 1940

Stucley Arms closes when
license is revoked due to
unsanitary conditions



1940



14^h May 1940

The Home Guard was originally formed as the Local Defence.

20th May 1940

Mrs Harry appointed as EW school headmistress.

13th June 1940

East Worlington hosts 56 evacuees.



1941

January 1941

Marine William George Lee, born 1902, lost at sea when HMS Southampton was attacked by Stuka bombers in the Mediterranean Sea.



15th April 1941

Gidley Arms landlord and patrons fined for after hours drinking.



4th April 1941

Local soldier John Napier fined for stealing a bicycle lamp from Herbert Vickery.



29th November 1941

Edward DeLacy Staunton Canadian Merchant Navy, born 1922, lost at sea when SS Thornliebank was torpedoed by a U-boat U-43



July 1942

Rev T H E Woods leaves Worlington for Bournemouth.

7th February 1943

Sergeant Francis John Allen Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, born 1924; presumed lost over the North Sea during a mine laying sortie with 424 Squadron, Bomber Command.



1941

1942

1943

22nd May 1942

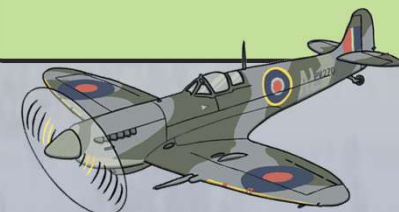
Mr & Mrs T Smyth organise a dance in Worlington that raises 8 guineas for the Red Cross.

September 1942

Rev Maddock moves from Liverpool and is inducted at West Worlington church.

22nd November 1943

Pilot Officer Stephen John Troake. Royal Air Force Volunteer Force born 1943; shot down during a 72 Squadron, Bomber Command raid on Frankfurt.





6th June 1944

D-Day landings: British and American troops land in Normandy.



June 1944

An extra 42 Police Women approved by the Devon Standing Joint Committee.

November 1944

Plans to lay mains water to East Worlington proposed by the North Devon Joint Water Board.

1943

1944

1945

7th December 1943

Gnr. Bill (Blanco) White and other soldiers performed the "Worlington Follies."

June 1944

Worlington Home Guard lose at football match with Lapford Home Guard 2-5.



February 1945

Worlington isolated due to heavy snow.



24th March 1945

Flying Officer Geoffrey William Maddock, Royal Air Force Volunteer Force, the Elite Glider Pilot Regiment, born 1923; killed during Operation Varsity when his glider crashed.



25 June 1945

In South Moulton Major Dennis Stucley (Conservative) withdraws as a parliamentary candidate to allow George Lambert Junior (National Liberals) to stand unopposed.

5th July 1945

Churchill loses general election by 146 seats to the Labour Party of Clement Attlee.



7th May 1945

Germany surrenders to allied forces

8th May 1945

Britain celebrates VE (Victory in Europe) day.



5th July 1945

George Lambert, (Liberal National) to represent South Moulton Rural District Council.

