

Everyone was issued with an identity card with your name and address on it and an identification number. Gas mask were issued to every person. Petrol was rationed it was issued as units per gallon. The allowance was so many units for a given cubic capacity of the car engine. Red petrol for agricultural use and white petrol for private cars.

Children were evacuated from the big cities and towns out into the safer country areas away from the air raids. Most parishes around had some of these children, they called them evacuees, billeted around the in the parish where they could be accommodated. I think it must have been very hard and strange on some of these children, to have to be sent away from their homes and parents in the cities, and suddenly find themselves in a strange environment in the country and among strange people. How much preparation could some of these young children have had for that sudden upturn in their young lives? I think most of them adapted fairly well to their new surroundings after a while. We country people were very lucky during the war years, we did not suffer hardships that the towns people did in those blitz areas. It must have been very devastating to lose family and friends, your home and your lively hood and all you had worked for through no fault of your own.

We who lived in the countryside must be very thankful that we did not experience such sadness, horror and devastation.