

# Evacuated to Fakenham

A 1941 Wartime Diary of schoolboy Frederick Parker

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Frederick William Parker was born in London on 16th October 1926, the third of seven children. He was a very intelligent child and won a scholarship to the Central Foundation School – a grammar school. The whole school was evacuated to the market town of Fakenham in Norfolk during the Second World War to escape the bombing.

**Fredericks's diary was sent to Fakenham Community Archive by his widow, Joan, and we are very grateful to her for giving us permission to publish this account of her husband's life as an evacuee in Fakenham during the war years.**

The diary gives an account of Frederick's everyday life and is an authentic and heart-warming account of childhood lived over seventy years ago. This self-reliant 14 year old made an entry in his diary conscientiously every day. He worked as a part-time delivery boy for the local grocer, saving money for his fare home. He grew vegetables on his own allotment, went to Chapel most weeks, read widely and wrote letters home regularly.

The diary has been a pleasure to read. We hope you, too, will enjoy this account of everyday life in a Norfolk market town during the Second World War. You may, of course, also know some of the characters referred to – do get in touch with us if this is the case.

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