**Facts about evacuation…**

**Who was evacuated?** Children, disabled people, pregnant women and nursing mothers

**Why?** To avoid being injured or killed during the German air-raids.

**How many people were evacuated?** Nearly 2,000,000 people.

**How were people evacuated?** People were evacuated in an operation called Operation Pied Piper. They were evacuated on buses and trains.

**Where were they evacuated to?** To smaller towns and villages in the countryside. Some children were sent to stay with relatives outside in the countryside, but others were sent to live with complete strangers. A further two million or so more wealthy individuals evacuated 'privately', some settling in hotels for the duration and several thousands travelling to Canada, the United States, South Africa, Australia and the Caribbean.

**What did they take with them?** The government recommended that in addition to their gas mask and identity card the evacuees should travel lightly with few personal belongings.