



# MILTON KEYNES AT WAR

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## MY WAR STORY OF BEING EVACUATED TO WOLVERTON

**'We were rotten stuck-up Londoners'**



Evacuees by  
Wolverton market

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*'We got off the train, were herded into groups and led down a road. As each door was answered the occupants chose one or two and the party dwindled until only two of us were left. We were accepted by Mr and Mrs Field of 5 Church Street. My companion, who I remember only as Charlie, and I were shown a bedroom which we shared. I remember looking out of the upstairs window at a row of small shops. On Sundays Charlie and I were sent to Sunday School at the church on the other side of the road...When I visited Wolverton recently and entered the church, it all came back for the first time in 68 years - the stained glass windows, the door at the left end where we'd go to Sunday School. As we drove away down Church Street I vaguely remembered the school which we lads from London attended - mixing with a crowd of strangers who did not like us very much. We were rotten stuck-up Londoners and they were yokels. I wouldn't say any of us enjoyed living in Wolverton. It was the first time that most of us cockney kids, as we then were, had been separated from our parents.'*

Don Seale from Oxford, resident of Wolverton, 1940

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