

World War II Intergenerational Day at Mill green Museum
22^{ad} September 2010

Following on from last year's successful day, Mill Green Museum will be holding another World War II reminiscence day on the Wednesday 22nd September. Anybody from the war generation will be able to share their reminiscences of the War with school children from Countess Anne School. A lunch will be prepared from war time recipes and a re-enactment group will be there as Hatfield's Home Guard.

For more information about the day please get in touch with Sarah Adamson, she will be delighted to hear from you, at Mill Green Museum,



Photographs taken at last year's event.

Birchwood Display
Saturday 4th September 10am - 3pm
Hatfield Town Centre

Saturday the 4th September will be Environment Day in Hatfield Town Centre, included in this will be a section on Heritage. Our Society will be there along with other local history groups. We will have a display on the Birchwood area as well as a table to sell our booklets.

This will be another good opportunity to encourage peoples interested in the history of Hatfield and to promote our Society, hopefully getting a few more members. Come along and see us.

It is also Farmer's Market day so the Town Centre should be really busy.

The James Hall Collection

This large collection is the work of James 'Jimmy' Hall (1926-2008) who lived in Hatfield and worked at de Havilland for 51 years. He joined the firm in 1940 aged 14.

The collection is made up of many photographs and ephemera relating to Hatfield and de Havillands. After James Hall's death, his sister deposited the collection with Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, where it will be stored and catalogued and can be viewed by interested members of the public. But be warned the collection is so large (contained in 19 large archival boxes) that it will take a long time to go through. The afternoon I went to view the collection I could only manage to look at 3 boxes. These contained many photographs of Hatfield that I have not seen before, especially those of Hatfield before the redevelopment of the 1960s. While there seems to be 9 boxes of photographs of Hatfield the rest of the collection is made up of photographs, books, magazines and newspaper cuttings, about de Havillands and the aircraft industry.

This is a wonderful collection and it is good that it will be kept, not only for us, but for future generations as well.

Chris Martindale

Tingey and Sons
Hatfield Town Centre
before redevelopment



Photograph from the James Hall Collection