

# WAR EXHIBITION IN LLANDUDNO

RECOLLECTIONS from the Home Front during the Second World War in North

Wales have been revived and retained within a new permanent exhibition in Llandudno – thanks to Heritage Lottery Funding. *Report By Don Hale.*

LLANDUDNO Museum successfully applied for a £10,000 grant from the 'Big Lottery,' under Phase I of their ambitious plans to preserve and display wartime artefacts within a permanent venue.

Last year, they staged several events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the end of WW2, and this exciting new exhibition is a culmination of their work, and allows a generous public display of objects and artefacts from that dramatic period in history.

Richard Hughes, the Museum's Custodian explained: "It is a Second World War collection of items from local people. Many came from the Royal Artillery branch, and from a few individuals, together with other personal donations.

"Some arrived about 10 years ago, when the old gunners building on Mostyn Street closed. Members of the public wanted it to remain >>



with us for safekeeping.

“Previously we have dealt with exhibitions for both the First and Second World Wars. Under Phase 1 however, we set out to create a permanent exhibition, specifically for all our World War Two artefacts. Next time, we hope to apply for additional funding to exhibit our First World

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Aelodau 'Royal Artillery'  
Royal Artillery members

War collection.”

The Llandudno Museum and Art Gallery, at 17-19 Gloddaeth Street, is administered by the Trustees of the Chardon Trust for the benefit of the inhabitants of, and visitors to Llandudno. It is also supported by Llandudno Town Council, the Pilgrim Trust, the Council of Museums in Wales, and Conwy County Borough Council's, Tourism and Leisure Department.

This particular exhibition was opened in mid January by Llandudno's deputy mayor, Councillor Phil Evans, who attended the ceremony with Royal Artillery secretary, Sally Thomas, Museum and Council officials.

Cllr Evans remarked: “This exhibition serves to show the ways in which Llandudno responded to the outbreak of war, and how hostilities impacted on the lives of ordinary people. It is important that today's residents and visitors – especially young people – are able to appreciate how things were at that time.”

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A series of educational workshops will run in conjunction with the exhibition, which is currently open five afternoons per week, until Easter, from Tuesday-Saturday between 1.30pm and 4.30pm. There is a small admission charge to cover costs. ■



Photographs by Stéphanie Durrant



Mwg Johnny's Chip House  
Johnny's Chip House mug

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Also check-out the website:

<http://www.llandudno-tourism.co.uk/museum/>