

WW2 in Audlem secondary school records

22/8/1939 Mr Cecil Coffin Headmaster of Audlem Upper Standards Council School is called up 41st Anti Aircraft Bttn R E (until discharged on 12/8/1942)

1/9/1939 Declaration of Hostilities, school closed

15/9/1939 Evacuated children from St Sylvesters RC school Liverpool attend with 2 teachers

3/10/1939 Mrs S Eliz. Hinton takes charge of school in Mr Coffin's absence

1940

Police give talks on 'Safety First'

Adults attend the cookery centre for wartime cookery lessons Tues & Wed pms

1942 Liverpool children are still there

10/8/1942 Mr Coffin discharged on medical grounds

1943

28/5/1943 Wings for Victory appeal raises nearly £300

18/10/1943 Telegram arrives to say the school can be heated

Clothing coupons distributed

1/12/1943 'at 9.40 am a .50" aircraft machine gun cartridge dropped from a passing squadron of flying fortresses, flying at about 4000'. It hit the roof of the classroom B and bounced onto the glass roof over the passage between the laboratory and the classroom. One of the lights was fractured with a small hole but remained serviceable

1944

Reports on 'flu not acknowledged 'it's a waste of time'

24/5/1944 'Salute the Soldier' appeal raises over £500

19/1/1945 no coal or coke, roof leaking with melted snow

Dinner scheme closed, boiler is burnt through. Emergency meals from Nantwich

3/5/1945 Mr Coffin attends Medical Board in Manchester re his war Injuries

10/11/1945 VE Day public Hol