

### **Transcript of Audio Clip with Ben Howard**

On that particular morning which Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 1939, the time that Neville Chamberlain made the announcement I was actually in a Baptist church. I'd been taken to a Baptist church in Ashford because I was being evacuated. 'Cos I was evacuated on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Ashford in Kent with a school. Then I was billeted with two people and these two people happened to be Baptist. I was at church when the announcement was made at eleven o'clock, when Neville Chamberlain said that we were at war. I recall the sirens going at that time. Probably everybody tells you this but the amusing thing which I remember is going back to the house after leaving the church when the siren was going was an air raid warden dressed up with a steel helmet and coloured gas cape going down the road shouting at everybody to take cover. It was probably the first opportunity to go out and say that. But that is how I remember the outbreak of the war.