



Home front restaged at old station

Visitors took a step back in time at a disused Norfolk station. With the help of period costumes, exhibitions of memorabilia and music hall songs, life on the home front was re-created at County School Station, North Elmham, which is maintained by the Mid Norfolk Railway. There was also a car boot sale and a display of vintage cars, BSA motorbikes, a Trojan tipper truck and two original Willys Jeeps. And younger visitors were able to play traditional games such as catch the rat and horseshoe tossing. Organiser Bob Moore, who is usually station master at the railway's Dereham station but took on the role of a civil defence volunteer at Sunday's event, said he was grateful for the help of all the railway's friends, who had made the fundraising event possible. He said: "Most of the people in costume are our friends - we couldn't have done this without them. "We've raised around £500, which will go towards converting the station into a museum of the home front."

■ Steam-powered services at Dereham station have been put back due to a "series of technical problems" from their planned May 1 start.



GOING BACK: Ian Munroe of the Home Guard at County School Station, North Elmham; and, top left, Gillian Brackpool mans the Naafi.