

Discover the secret world of Bletchley Park *home of the WW2 codebreakers*

Bletchley Park remained a secret for over 30 years after the war, it is now recognised as one of the most important historical sites of the 20th century.



Today Bletchley Park is open to the public as a heritage site and museum. Explore the wide range of exhibitions, enjoy the annual programme of activities and lectures and learn how its codebreaking successes helped to save countless lives by shortening World War Two by around two years.



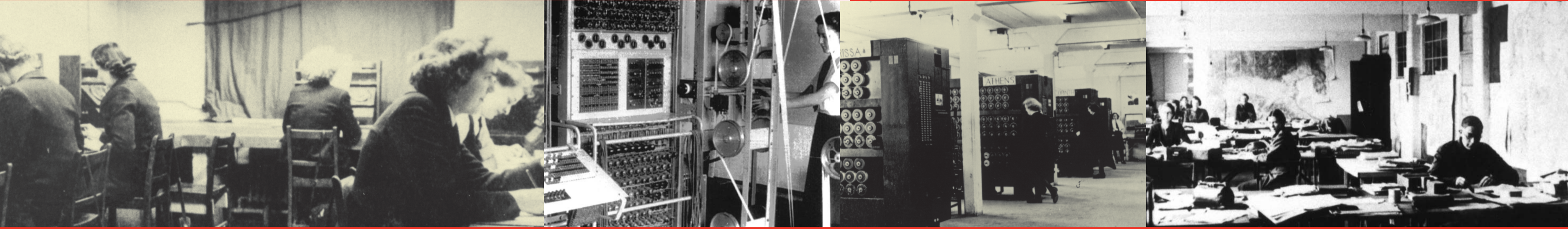
The Enigma cipher machine was used by German forces for all their communications

Bletchley Park is home to the fully-operational Colossus rebuild, the world's first semi-programmable electronic computer and a fully-operational Bombe rebuild, the first automated machine used for volume codebreaking.

Bletchley Park is the birthplace of the modern computer and the Information Age. It is also the forerunner of Government Communications Headquarters, today's GCHQ .

More incredible than fiction, the story of Bletchley Park was a desperate race against time. The mission of codebreakers like Alan Turing, was to crack Germany's coded communications, sent via the German Enigma cipher machine. With odds of 158 million million to one, Hitler believed that Enigma was unbreakable but he was wrong; the intelligence – or Ultra as it was known – helped save Allied convoys from the U Boat wolfpacks.

Bletchley Park is situated in a beautiful parkland setting, with a lake and mature gardens. It is only a short walk from Bletchley Rail Station and has easy access from all major roads.



WARTIME CODEBREAKING AT BLETCHLEY PARK



The Mansion Ballroom

Codebreakers Hut 3

Block B

The Bombe rebuild

Colossus Rebuild



The Mansion at Bletchley Park

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