

# The History of Milton Keynes IN 100 Objects... ...the first 15

## Bletchley Park

Home of the Codebreakers and Britain's Best Kept Secret

TOP SECRET



Abwehr or German  
Secret Service Enigma Machine

The true Bletchley Park Story is more incredible than fiction: a desperate race against time, pitting Britain's best brains against Hitler and his chief commanders.

The World War Two Codebreakers' mission was to crack the German **Enigma** machine and decode other seemingly unbreakable messages with odds against them of 158 million, million, million to one. Their reward: **'Ultra'** Intelligence saved Allied convoys carrying essential supplies of food and war materials from U-Boat wolf-packs on the prowl in the Atlantic.

So effective was Bletchley Park that the decoded messages sometimes reached the Allies before the enemy.

Bletchley Park was at the heart of the world's biggest secret communications network, the home of the first electronic non-programmable computers and a huge codebreaking operation, which had never been seen before; and was the birthplace of GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters).

Discover at Bletchley Park how this was achieved, marvel at the technology designed to do the job and be amazed by the total secrecy in which 8,500 people worked and lived.



Mansion House, Bletchley Park

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