

OUR PLACE MK

Bletchley Park...

...once Britain's best kept secret, now a vibrant heritage site open daily to visitors



The true Bletchley Park story is more incredible than fiction. A desperate race against time, pitting Britain's best brains against Hitler, his chief commanders, and the famous Enigma Machine.

Against them?
Odds of 158 million million million.

Their reward?
'Ultra' Intelligence that saved allied convoys carrying essential supplies, from German U Boats.

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

The first members of the Government Code and Cipher School, sometimes jokingly referred to as the Golf, Chess and Cheese Society, arrived in 1938 masquerading as 'Captain Ridley's Shooting Party'.

By the peak of the war, around 9,500 people were working in total secrecy at Bletchley Park, bringing with them a range of social and leisure interests which were needed to allow people to escape the intensity and repetition of the codebreaking effort.