

BLETCHLEY PARK GETS ARTY THIS AUTUMN 2018**Home of the World War Two Codebreakers comes to life through art, games and workshops**

Monday 1 October: Can you keep a secret? Origami workshops, The Big Draw and 'Blackout Bletchley' are just some of the activities visitors can enjoy at Bletchley Park this autumn. With activities for night owls, budding artists, or those curious about codes and ciphers, the World War Two museum has something for everyone.

As part of the UK-wide Museums at Night festival, tickets are now on sale for 'Blackout Bletchley', running Friday 26 and Saturday 27 October. This unique, atmospheric night time experience gives visitors the chance to explore the home of the Codebreakers after-hours, enjoying immersive performances from actors that will bring the wartime site to life.

Families can also explore their creativity through special drop-in 'Mission Possible' workshops running 23 – 25 October as part of The Big Draw, an international festival of drawing. Inspired Bletchley Park's archive of almost 500,000 papers from World War Two and influenced by the vital Japanese codebreaking work that took place on site over seventy years ago, visitors can participate in free and fun problem solving games and origami-style activities, and help build a 'secret installation'.

Bletchley Park's archives have also inspired artist Sally Annett whose current on-site exhibition '*Systems of Philosophy – Wall(paper)s of Mind*', explores and re-interprets, the history of science, technology and the power of paper. Open until 28 October, the exhibition features 2D and 3D artworks, including origami and pieces created using an innovative 'rose petal transfer engraving' technique developed by Annett. A free drop-in origami workshop on Sunday 20 October gives visitors the chance to create their own 3D shapes and objects inspired by the exquisite artworks on show.

For those looking to stretch their maths skills and learn more about the ancient history and modern use of code and cyphers, tickets are still available for a special one-day workshop 'Past, Present and Future: Codes and Ciphers', taking place on Monday 22 October.

Tickets are also now on sale for Bletchley Park's popular 1940s Christmas Grotto and a programme of festive music performances in December. For a full list of What's On visit the Bletchley Park website: <https://bletchleypark.org.uk/whats-on>

Visitors only have to pay for entry once to enjoy a free annual pass to Bletchley Park. Entrance to some events is not included in general admission tickets. Please visit the website for full details.

October – December 2018 highlights:

Open daily until 14 October – Bond at Bletchley Park: Illustrations and Inspirations exhibition, free with admission

Saturday 20 October – Origami: Family workshop, free with admission

Monday 22 October – Past, Present, Future: Codes and Ciphers workshop, tickets £11

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 October – Blackout Bletchley, tickets start from £24.30

Open daily until 28 October – Systems of Philosophy: Wall(paper)s of Mind exhibition, free with admission

1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 20 – 23 December – Vintage 1940s Christmas Grotto, Tickets for children under 12 are £7.00

Saturday 8 December – Christmas Cheer with Phil Short, an afternoon of acoustic festive music. Free with admission

Saturday 15 December – Christmas Cheer with Trilogy, an afternoon of festive music. Free with admission

Open daily until 1 January 2019 – Off Duty: High Spirits in Low Times exhibition, free with admission

Select weekends in October – December – Afternoon tea at Bletchley Park, tickets £36.50 per person

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Artist Sally Annett is available for interviews about her exhibition '*Systems of Philosophy – Wall(paper)s of Mind*' and the innovative 'rose petal transfer engraving' technique that she has developed.

For more information about Bletchley Park, high res images or interview requests, please contact Bletchley Park's Press Officer Rosie Burke.

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About Bletchley Park

Bletchley Park is a place of exceptional historical importance, open to visitors throughout the year. It is the home of British codebreaking and a birthplace of modern information technology. It played a major role in World War Two, producing secret intelligence which had a direct and profound influence on the outcome of the conflict. Over the past twenty-five years Bletchley Park has become an internationally renowned site, visited by people from around the world. It is an accredited museum dedicated to telling the story of BP, its achievements and the people who worked there during World War Two. By presenting and explaining these achievements in the very place where they occurred, Bletchley Park brings together the dramatic history of the twentieth century with the challenges we face in the twenty first.

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