



Announcing the SCTE's 2013 Summer Lecture Meeting

A nostalgic day of SCTE lectures and
historical interest not to be missed!



For 2013, the Society's summer event will be held on Wednesday 3rd July at Bletchley Park - the historic site of secret British code-breaking activities during the second World War and the birthplace of the modern computer. Sound interesting? Well, read on...

The morning will kick off with a half day SCTE lecture programme (details to be confirmed very shortly) in the Ballroom of the Mansion House and following a complimentary buffet lunch, the trip back in history begins...



In 1938, with the threat of war looming as Hitler invaded first Austria and then Czechoslovakia, the Government Code and Cypher School (then based in London), needed a safer home where its intelligence work could carry on unhindered by enemy air attacks. At a junction of a major road, with rail and teleprinter connections to all parts of the country, Bletchley Park was eminently suitable. The Park was given the cover name "Station X", being the tenth of a large number of sites acquired by MI6 for its wartime operations and after meticulous preparation and a series of trial runs, the code-breakers arrived in earnest in August 1939. They masqueraded as "Captain Ridley's Shooting Party" to disguise their true identity. It was to be the first instalment in one of the most remarkable stories in the Second World War.



After lunch, one of Bletchley Park's very knowledgeable guides will take you on a 60 minute tour which will cover all the main points of interest around the site and tell the story of how the Enigma codes were broken during WW2. Seeing one of their Enigma Machines, including the rare 'Abwehr G312', is undoubtedly a highlight of a visit to Bletchley Park, but there is much more than machines in a visit to the historic site.

Following a tea break in the Mansion House, attendees will have the opportunity to continue their explorations of the site until the close of the day at 5.00 pm. Make sure that you check out the tales of spies

and strategic deception. You may even be the one to discover the map to genius mathematician Alan Turing's silver, supposedly buried in or near Bletchley Park. Other exhibits include wartime toys, working computers, a wartime mini cinema and an outstanding Churchill collection.

I am sure you'll agree that this will be a memorable day and one that you won't want to miss!

How To Book

Places are limited on this occasion, so please don't delay in making your booking otherwise you may be disappointed. The SCTE is heavily subsidising this event and there is no charge to SCTE Members for attendance, however, it is essential that you book beforehand as we need to know names and numbers for security and catering purposes.

Please contact the SCTE office on Tel: +44 (0) 1923 815500 or email the SCTE Secretary, Bev Walker, on bev@theSCTE.eu to make your booking. Your place will be confirmed by email.

Full details giving timings, lecture programme etc will be sent to all confirmed attendees nearer the time.

Directions to Bletchley Park

By Rail

Bletchley Park is 300 yards walk from Bletchley Railway Station in Milton Keynes and the footpath is directly opposite the station. A fast efficient service is available to Bletchley Railway Station from London Euston,

Milton Keynes Central (for InterCity connections), Coventry and Birmingham New Street. Use Bedford Midland for connections to London Thames Link, East Midlands and South Yorkshire. For more information, including train times visit the Railtrack website.



By Road:

The full address is: The Mansion, Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB, however, when using a sat-nav, please enter Sherwood Drive, Bletchley, as the postcode may take you to the wrong location.

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