

# Western Approaches

## Welcome to the Western Approaches December 2018 Newsletter



Happy Christmas to all our visitors and subscribers and a big thank you for all your support over the last year. We hope you all enjoy the festive break and look forward to seeing you again when we re-open in the New Year on Wednesday 2 January. We appreciate January can be a tough month after all the Christmas expenditure, however we'd like to encourage our visitors to come and see us at Western Approaches by offering a fabulous 20% discount on all tickets purchased, (on reception), between Tuesday and Friday throughout the month of January. Simply say 'Commander in Chief' when buying a ticket. Plus, don't forget to come back and see us with your free re-entry if you've visited before!



### Get crafty

Children and adults alike have been enjoying our weekend 'Make do and Mend' activities, which have been taking place in the Naafi. Visitors have been making traditional Christmas crafts in the same way people did during and after the war, with paper angels, lanterns, paper chains and Christmas cards. We also have a unique specially designed letter to Father Christmas that children enjoy colouring and bringing to our post box in reception to receive a chocolate coin. Why not pop along after Christmas and encourage the children to get involved in the art of letter writing – they can create their own unique thank you's for all their Christmas presents.



### Inspiring the younger generation

On the run up to Christmas Western Approaches has been hosting Hand Of, an arts and education charity dedicated to enriching the education of disadvantaged children and young people. The charity works together with schools, heritage buildings and archival institutions to deliver projects which positively impact children's educational experiences, allowing them to express their imaginations by collaborating with artists and exploring their local history. The team have been running a series of workshops in the bunker, entitled Speke and the Sea project, exploring the social history behind WA.



### Cheers to the holidays!

Our shop now sells Peaky Blinder gift packs, which include two bottles of Peaky Blinder Ale, brewed by Sadler's Brewing Co. The packs also include a flat cap and a glass for the beer for £24.99. We also sell Spitfire Heritage GIN & Vodka £45 as well as mini gift bottles of Liverpool Gin.

We are one of a handful of specially selected stockists, with the Spitfire selection only available at the RAF Museum, The Battle of Britain Museum and NATO duty free shops in Europe. The drinks are very much a part of the RAF social scene and are also stocked in all officers messes and feature at all dining in nights and summer/winter balls.