

Western Approaches

Welcome to the Western Approaches January 2019 Newsletter



Happy New Year to all our visitors and subscribers! We re-opened to visitors on Wednesday 2 January with a special 20% discount on all tickets purchased, (on reception), between Tuesday and Friday throughout the month. 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. Visitors can also purchase tickets on our website, <http://www.liverpoolwarmuseum.co.uk/>. Please note we will be closed on Thursday 7 February and from 1pm on Tuesday 26 February for private events.



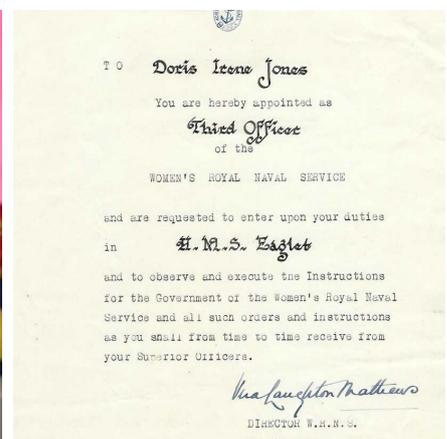
New exhibition launch

Superintendent Agnes Currie was vitally important to the running of Western Approaches as she commanded all of the WRNS who worked here. Thanks to her family we are now able to share various unseen documents which provide an insight into her role and the relationship she had with her staff and senior members of the Admiralty. The exhibition will launch at the beginning of February.



New merchandise

Alongside our Peaky Blinder giftpacks £24.99, and Spitfire Heritage Gin & Vodka £45, we also have a new assortment of books for visitors to purchase. Secret Wartime Britain by Colin Philpott, £25, Liverpool Military Heritage by Ken Pye £14.00, Merseyside at War by Anthony Hogan £12.99 and 1943: The Second World War at Sea in Photographs, £14.99. We've also expanded our Rubber Duck collection with Fighter Pilot and Rosie the Riveter joining Winston Churchill, £5.50.



Archives unveiled

Our archive is continually growing and as such we thought it was time to start sharing our documents with our visitors. Each month we will showcase one item from the archive. A considerable amount of our documents come from Wren Doris Jones who was stationed at HMS Eaglet. HMS Eaglet was a term used to refer to Western Approaches, and is still running to this day. This document certified Doris's change in rank and appointment and is personally signed by the Director of the WRNS Dame Vera Laughton Matthews.



Inspiring the younger generation

On the run up to Christmas we hosted 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. The children enjoyed a series of workshops in the bunker, exploring the social history behind Western Approaches, focusing on the lives of the people who worked here. Our younger visitors also got the chance to try their hand at Christmas crafting over the holiday, making traditional cards and decorations which went down a storm with young and old alike. There'll be an opportunity to do the same for Valentine's Day, as well other holidays later in the year.



Escape Rooms

Why not take part in a truly unique Escape Room, which is located within the bunker? This is in an area which isn't normally open to the public and was originally the sleeping quarters of the staff who worked here during the war. All the furniture and equipment in the room is authentic giving the room an unusual atmosphere before the escape even begins.

Bookings are now being taken online through Castle Rock Escapes for 3, 16 February, 3, 16 March, 2, 20 April, 5, 18 May, 2, 15 June, 7 July, 17 August, 1, 21 September, 6, 19 October, 3, 16 November, 1, 21 December.

The Escape experience is suitable for all ages and groups of up to 6 people. It should take approximately 45 mins.

Prices are: 2 players - £32, 3 players - £43, 4 players - £55, 5 players - £65, 6 players - £72. If you book an escape you can also book a discounted entry to the museum.



Birthday celebrations

This month we commemorated Admiral Sir Percy Noble's birthday on Wednesday 16 January 2019.

Admiral Noble was appointed Commander in Chief Western Approaches from early 1941 to November 1942. His work in re-organising escort groups and revamping escort training methods are widely regarded as having been crucial elements in the eventual success of the Allied navies in the Atlantic.

Visitors had the opportunity to learn more about the Admiral and his wartime career and they joined us in celebrating his special day with birthday cake in the Naafi.

Check out link for more information <http://www.liverpoolwarmuseum.co.uk/news/>