

Western Approaches

Welcome to the Western Approaches August 2018 Newsletter



Our SEVEN DAYS A WEEK opening is proving to be a big hit with visitors throughout the Summer holidays and families are having great fun cracking the clues on our Cipher trail which runs throughout the bunker. There's also a new way to pay - tickets are now also available online from booking.com with a 10% discount, simply present the QR code to be scanned on arrival, or pre-pay for entrance through Chester VIC for similar discount.

**FLY THE
RED ENSIGN**

FOR MERCHANT NAVY DAY
3rd SEPTEMBER



Merchant Navy Day

Just a reminder that Monday 3 September is Merchant Navy Day and the Red Ensign will be flown from many buildings throughout the UK in remembrance of the many men and women who have kept supplies coming into and out of our island nation throughout the centuries. We are lucky enough to have the support of two members of the DEMS who manned guns and radar on the Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships and we are grateful for their interest in the Museum's progress. So many of our visitors have relatives who were in the Merchant Navy we believe that is very important to recognise the sacrifice and role of these brave men. We'll be offering free entrance to all serving and ex-Merchant Seamen on Merchant Navy Day.

New Exhibitions launched

Visitors have been fascinated by the new Road to War exhibition which charts post World War I events leading to Britain's declaration of war with Germany in 1939. There's also lots of information charting the original Western Approaches Headquarters move from Plymouth to Liverpool, explaining the history of our building and the function it served post war. Visitors can check out the blueprints of the plans for the bunker and make their own designs at our architects table or fashion kites from German banknotes as the children did during hyperinflation.

WATU re-created

We are very excited to be hosting the MOD's Department of Innovation and Technology who have researched and recreated the WATU (Western Approaches Tactical Unit) wargames that were such a critical part of the victory of the Battle of the Atlantic. They will be re-running these games in Derby House (in the Operations Room) for the first time throughout the day on Saturday 8 September. Entry will be by general admission ticket to the museum on the day. Other forthcoming events: The team is also supporting Maggie's Culture Crawl which will take place on Friday 28 September; a fundraising evening to support people living with cancer.