

# Western Approaches

Welcome to the Western Approaches September 2018 Newsletter



Summer is well and truly over and with the start of the new Autumn term underway many local schools are enhancing their World War Two curriculum studies with a visit to Western Approaches. We provide tailored guided tours and workshops suitable for all ages which are proving very popular. With Winter approaching from the end of October, we will be open six days a week, (closed on a Monday from 5 November) which will give us some time for maintenance and repair. Finally we know Christmas is still 12 weeks away, but advance warning that we will be closed from Saturday 22 December until Thursday 27 December for the Christmas break.



## Recent success

The MOD's Department of Science, Technology and Innovation who along with Paul Strong have researched and recreated the WATU (Western Approaches Tactical Unit) war visited the bunker on Saturday 8 September to re run the war games in the Operations Room. These games were a critical part of the victory of the Battle of the Atlantic and are seen as the originators of the modern wargaming practice. The event saw a record number of visitors to the museum, (since the re-launch in October 2017), and those attending the event, which took place throughout the whole day, gave lots of positive feedback.

Western Approaches also achieved a listing in His & Hers magazine's 5 fantastic things to do in Liverpool, alongside The Beatles Story, Watersport Centre, The Liver Building and the Tate, as well as climbing to number 14 of 240 Things to Do in Liverpool on Trip Advisor, with some fantastic customer reviews.



## Maggie's Culture Crawl

The team is looking forward to supporting Maggie's Culture Crawl which takes place at the end of the month (Friday 28 September from 7.30pm). This is an annual, nationwide fundraising evening to support people living with cancer. The Western Approaches museum will be open to host those volunteers

attending the walk throughout the city centre, on the evening, where they'll be able to enjoy a stop off for a break and a hot drink while watching a video on the work of Maggie's Centre, listen to a recording of 'View from the front line' written by their founder, and listen to a solo female singer performing wonderful war time songs in the museum lobby.



## Festive period

Why not book your corporate Christmas party at our World War Two bunker?

Guests can enjoy an alternative festive soiree including three course meal, drinks and entertainment in the Operations Room after hours. For more information contact Marketing and Events Co-ordinator Georgia Hayes via [Georgia@bigheritage.co.uk](mailto:Georgia@bigheritage.co.uk).