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LONDON AND SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH REMS SECTION Visit to Bletchley Park – National Codes Centre Thursday 12 March 2009

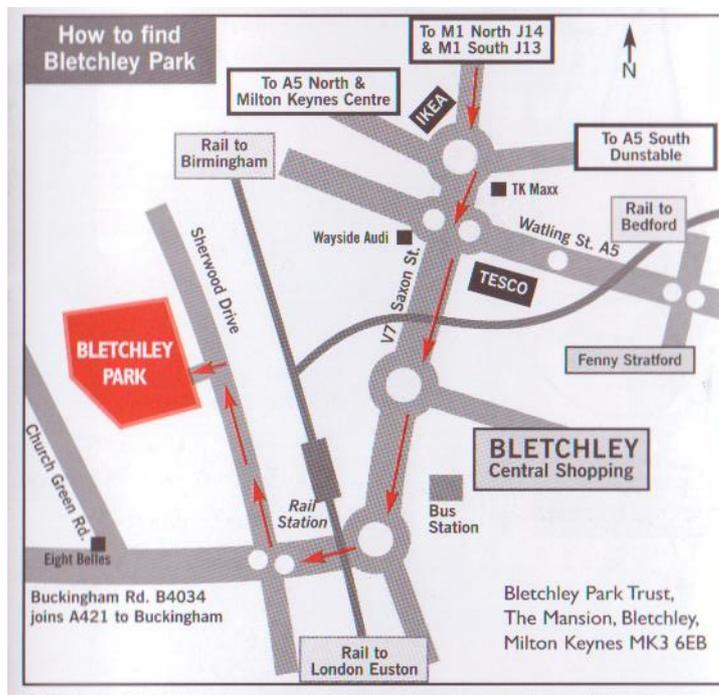
This visit has been organised by Kate and Mike Quinton

More and more secrets are being unveiled at what was once the “Government Code and Cypher School”. Come and join a guided tour of Bletchley Park that will show us why Churchill called it “my golden goose that never cackles”.

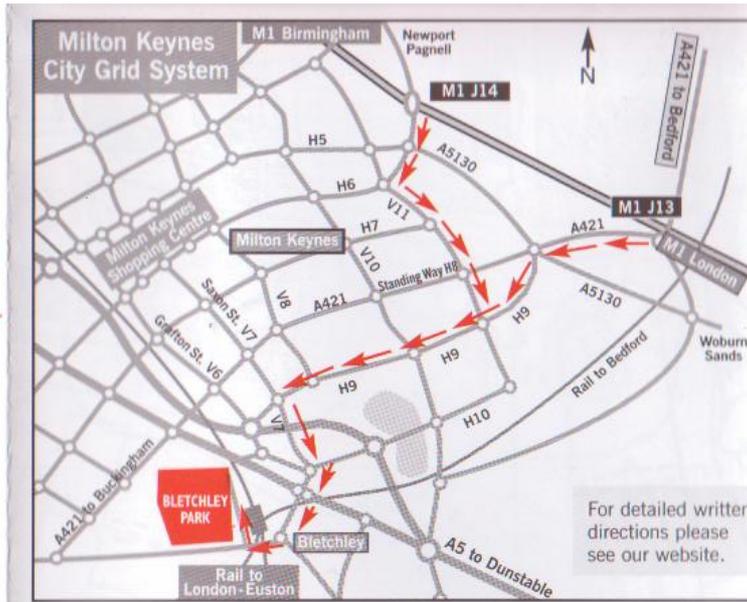
There is a lot more to see at Bletchley Park than there was at the last REMS visit in 2003. Colossus, the world’s first semi-programmable computer has been rebuilt and is now fully operational, as is one of the Bombe electro-mechanical machines that could simulate the action of several Enigma encoding machines and quickly run through all the possible wheel settings in order to test the “cribs” suspected by the code breakers.

We have chosen to have a package which includes the services of our own guide for the day, lunch and refreshments on arrival and departure.

The best train to catch is the 9.51 from Euston, which arrives at Bletchley at 10.28. Turn right out of the station on to Sherwood Drive and follow the brown sign.



If you would like to come by road, I hope this map will help. Bletchley Park is near Milton Keynes, postcode MK3 6EB.



Timetable:

- 10.45 Arrival (Please wear your REMS badge to assist assembly of our group)
Coffee/tea and biscuits
- 11.15 Introductory talk and tour of the grounds to discover what went on in the famous wooden huts.
- 12.15 Sandwich buffet lunch
- 13.15 Tour continues with a visit to the rebuild of Colossus, a visit to the Churchill Collection, which Jack Darrah, the owner, has promised will be open for us and the chance to explore Block B, which contains all sorts of memorabilia from hollow toy lead soldiers to the story of the theft and return of Mick Jagger's Enigma machine.
- 16.00 Tea and departure.

We need 20 people to make up the party. If you have already been, come again; you won't be disappointed. This will be my 6th visit. MQ and Kate's 5th. Her mobile number is 07908156160.

The cost is £21 per person.