

Bedfordshire Local History Association

BLHA Autumn Event - A Visit to

The Military Intelligence Museum, Chicksands

Tuesday 25th September 2018, 10.00 to 12.30

Access to the museum, introductory talk and guided tour dependent on volunteers being available

The Military Intelligence Museum is completely dependent on volunteers and displays key elements of the history of British Military Intelligence from the Crimea War onwards.

The central focus of the museum is the Intelligence Corps, the collection includes a great many objects and special exhibits about the history of the Corps. There are two interactive, permanent displays, one focusing on the Honours and Awards received by members of the Corps, and the other paying tribute to those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their Sovereign and their country, in the 'Name of the Rose' interactive.

Another key collection is the Medmenham Collection devoted to aerial photography and image analysis. This highlights the use of 3D imagery, initially in the first World War and then again with huge success in later years, during World War II and the Cold War.

Complementing these displays are two smaller displays. These cover the 'BRIXMIS' intelligence-gathering mission, based in East Germany during the Cold War, and the American radio operations that took place in Chicksands, from 1950 until 1996.

A further highlight is the SOE display housing a comprehensive collection of artefacts brought over from post-war France and displayed in an innovative diorama with touch-screen displays bringing it to life. This display also commemorates over 600 members of the Intelligence Corps who served in SOE.

The Military Intelligence Museum website: www.militaryintelligencemuseum.org



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We hope you will be able to join us in what is going to be a fascinating morning.

Date and Time – Tuesday 25th September. Meet at 10.00am in the Rowney Warren Carpark, Sandy Lane, Chicksands off the A600 – Shefford to Bedford road. Although this is half an hour before the event begins, we need time to arrange cars and check-in with the site security. The visit commences at 10.30am, we expect to close the day at 12.30pm.

Location of the Museum – The Military Intelligence Museum, Building 200, Chicksands, Shefford, Beds (Sat Nav Postcode SG17 5QB)

Where to Meet - Rowney Warren Carpark, Sandy Lane, off the A600 – Shefford to Bedford road.

Catering – There are no catering facilities at the site, only a water machine.

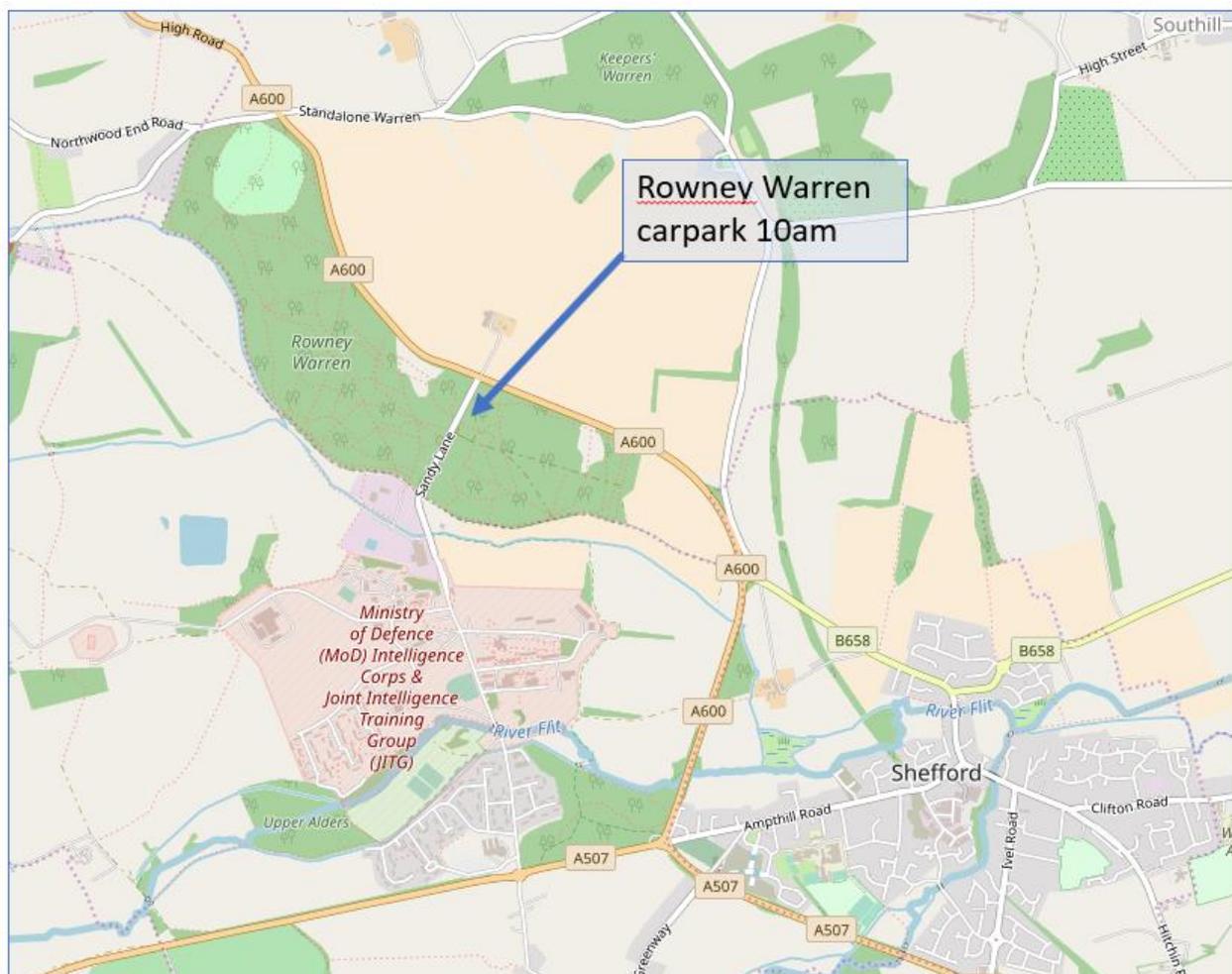
Disabled Access – There is access to the museum, but no facilities.

Cost and booking – There is no charge for the visit, but a donation to the museum has been requested. The BLHA committee would like to suggest a donation of £5 per person.

Access Requirements - Please note that the museum is located on a working military site and therefore access is very restricted. Our party on the day is limited to 10 cars entering the site, details of these cars along with the details of those visiting are required 10 days before the event takes place. We would like to arrange as much of this before the day as possible to make the event run smoothly. If you are willing to give a short lift to fellow visitors from the Rowney Warren carpark to the museum, then please indicate this on the booking form.

On the day please bring your passport or photo driving licence as this must be shown.

To secure a place, cheques must be received by *Wednesday 12th September*.



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Booking Form

Please reserve place/s @ a suggested donation of £5.00 each for the 'BLHA Autumn Event'.

I enclose a cheque to the value of £.....

Cheques payable to: *Bedfordshire Local History Association*

Receipt of the booking form will be confirmed by email.

Surname	Christian Name	Nationality	Passport Number OR Photo Driving Licence	Driver of the Vehicle Y / N
Details of Vehicle				
Registration No				
Make				
Model				
Colour				

Are you willing to provide a lift from the Rowney Warren carpark to the museum? Y / N

How many spare seats do you have in your car? 1 / 2 / 3 / 4

Contact email:.....

Contact Mobile telephone number:.....

To which Local History Society / Societies do you and your party members belong?:

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Please return the form with payment by **Wednesday 12th September 2018** to:

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