



February 2013

***What's On* Listings: Churchill War Rooms**

February – April 2013

Step back in time and discover the secret underground headquarters that were the nerve centre of Britain's war effort. Walk in Churchill's footsteps through the extensive secret underground site from which he directed the war and which is part of the IWM family. Located in the heart of Westminster, visitors to Churchill War Rooms can view this complex of historic rooms left exactly as they were in 1945. Also housed within the site is the award winning Churchill Museum which combines cutting-edge technology and multimedia displays with rare and significant historical items. Visitors receive a free sound guide to the 30 historic rooms on display as well as the interactive museum, all helping to bring the exciting story of Winston Churchill to life.

Churchill Lecture Series – Spring 2013 Programme

The spring season of Churchill Lecture Series talks will be taking place in March and April, following the success of talks in the autumn from popular authors Ben Macintyre and Ken Follett.

Tickets for both lectures are on sale. Advanced booking required, visit iwm.org.uk to book and for more details.

New for March 2013

<p>Wings: A Century of Aerial Warfare</p> <p>5 March From 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)</p>	<p>In this talk historian and author Patrick Bishop tells the story of the evolution of aerial warfare, from rickety contraptions flying over the Western Front to the high-tech fast jets and pilotless drones operating in Afghanistan today. Patrick will describe some of the extraordinary characters who filled the ranks of the Royal Air Force and the Fleet Air Arm, and Churchill's early involvement with the RAF.</p> <p>Copies of Patrick's new book <i>Wings: A Century of Aerial Warfare</i> will be available to purchase at the event and Patrick will be signing copies for guests.</p> <p>Tickets £17.00 adults, £13.60 concessions. Advanced booking required.</p>
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New for April 2013

<p>The Roar of the Lion: The Making of Churchill's World War Speeches</p> <p>23 April From 7pm (doors open 6.30pm)</p>	<p>It is widely believed that the British people were unanimously enthusiastic about Churchill's wartime speeches. Many were, but others were not. Drawing on contemporary diary and survey evidence, author and historian Richard Toye shows that Churchill's speeches were much more controversial, and much more criticised, than popular myths suggest.</p> <p>Included in the ticket price will be the opportunity to view Churchill War Rooms after the event.</p> <p>Tickets £17.00 adults, £13.60 concessions. Advance booking required.</p>
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Ongoing

<p>Undercover – Life in Churchill's Bunker Extended until end of 2013</p>	<p>Visitors can hear the first-hand personal accounts of those who worked in the Cabinet War Rooms during the war. Learn what life and conditions were like underground and experience the authenticity and emotional resonance of walking through the corridors where Churchill made history.</p> <p>Entry included in general admission price.</p>
<p>Churchill War Rooms Private Tours</p>	<p>A private tour of Churchill War Rooms offers you an unparalleled opportunity to step back through history. Our expert team can provide hour-long tours for up to ten guests, and can even take you behind the glass and into the War Cabinet Room.</p> <p>Further details are available on our website: iwm.org.uk. For more information or to make a booking, please call Victoria Chan 020 7766 0141 or email vchan@iwm.org.uk.</p>

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Notes to Editors:

Churchill War Rooms

Churchill War Rooms was the secret underground headquarters where Winston Churchill and his team directed the course of the Second World War. We show visitors where the staff lived and worked, explain how the decisions made here changed the course of history and reveal Churchill himself and his role in British history.

Open Daily: 9.30am – 6pm. Last admission 5pm. (Closed 24 – 26 December).

Admission*: £17.00 Adults; £13.60 Concessions (Senior, Student, Disabled); Children (under 16) Free; Special rates for groups of ten plus.

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* Please note entry prices include a voluntary donation, making a valuable contribution to the care and conservation of this historic site

IWM

IWM (Imperial War Museums) tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War.

Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.

IWM's five branches attract over 2 million visitors each year. [IWM London](#), our flagship branch, is transforming with new First World War Galleries and a new Atrium with large object displays which will open in summer 2014 to mark the Centenary of the First World War (Please note IWM London is closed until July 2013 when it will partially re-open, and in June 2014 the museum will fully reopen). Our other branches are [IWM North](#), housed in an iconic award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind; [IWM Duxford](#), a world-renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; [Churchill War Rooms](#), housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser [HMS Belfast](#).

First World War Centenary

2014 - 2018 marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM will mark the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across the country, including the opening of brand new First World War Galleries at IWM London in 2014. For more information visit www.1914.org



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