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## 2<sup>nd</sup> World War

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## Science Museum

Exhibition Road, SW7  
020 7942 4455      www.sciencemuseum.org.uk  
transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 9,10,14,45,49,  
52,74,C1  
facilities: disabled access (helpline 020 7942 4446);  
disabled wcs; library; refreshments; shop  
opening: daily 10.00-18.00  
admission free

*the display on the history of space technology covers the design, development, production of hardware, launch & operation of space equipment from the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War onwards. It includes the history of rocket propulsion since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, satellites, a V2 rocket used against Britain during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, the Apollo 10 command module and an Apollo 8 spacesuit*

## Charles Frederick Algernon, 1st Viscount Portal of Hungerford,

Ministry of Defence lawns, Whitehall, SW1  
transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,  
88,159,211 boat: Westminster Millennium Pier  
*an Air Vice Marshal in 1937 he became Chief of British Air Staff between 1940 and 1946. The statue of 1975 is by Oscar Nemon*

## St James's

197 Piccadilly, W1  
020 7734 4511      www.st-james-piccadilly.org  
transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14,15,  
19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159  
facilities: Aroma café (Mon-Sat 08.00-19.00, Sun 10.00-  
19.00)  
opening: church daily; market Tue 10.00-18.00  
(antiques), Wed-Sat 10.00-18.00 (crafts only)

*this churchyard 'God's Garden' is dedicated as a Remembrance Garden to commemorate the fortitude of Londoners during the Blitz and the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. It has biblical plants, herbs and wild flowers and includes a catalpa tree from Georgia in the USA*

## Ismaili Centre

1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7  
020 7581 2071  
transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,345,  
C1  
*admission charge*  
opening: Mon-Fri 09.30-17.30

*a monument in the gardens commemorates those people who were sent back to the former USSR against their will at end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

## St Clement Danes

Strand, WC2  
020 7242 8282  
transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g,  
Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,  
15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341;  
boat Savoy & Embankment Piers  
opening: daily 08.30-16.30  
*St Clement is the memorial church of the Royal Air Force and has mementoes, badges and books of names of those airmen who died during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. There are separate records for those who died in air battles and were awarded the Victoria and George Crosses*  
*on the ceiling of this attractive church is the Royal Stuart coat of arms with the Latin inscription 'Built by*

*Christopher Wren 1682; destroyed by thunderbolts of air warfare 1941; restored by the Royal Air Force 1958'. nine books of remembrance list those who died during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War - one is for American Servicemen of 8th & 9th Airforces killed while stationed in Britain, the other eight for RAF personnel*

## Brookwood Cemetery

Cemetery Pales, off A322 Road, Woking, Surrey,  
www.surreyweb.org.uk/bcs  
transport: Brookwood Station rail with exit into grounds  
facilities: guided walks for a small donation  
*the largest military burial ground in the UK has an area of 37 acres in this Cemetery. It was first used in 1917 and now holds over 4,220 from the two World wars. The Brookwood Memorial of 1958 commemorates those with no known grave (including 3,500 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War). The Memorial Chapel in the American section includes 563 dead from the 1<sup>st</sup> World War while among the graves of the various nations of the Commonwealth & Europe are some of 2<sup>nd</sup> World War German and Italian prisoners of war. Also commemorated are those who died in hospitals in the London Military District during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War*

## St Paul's Cathedral

St Paul's Churchyard, EC4  
020 7263 4128      www.stpauls.co.uk  
transport: St Pauls & Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars & Cannon Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,11,  
15,26,56,76,172,100,172,242; boat Blackfriars Millennium Pier  
facilities: café in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-  
17.00 Sun); shop in crypt (09.00-17.30 Mon-Sat, 10.30-  
17.00 Sun)  
opening: Mon-Sat 08.30-16.00 (restricted during services); Crypt 10.00-16.15 Mon-Fri, 11.00-16.15 Sat  
admission charge includes entry to galleries  
*the American Memorial Chapel was dedicated in 1958 to honour the 28,000 Americans based in Britain who lost their lives during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The crimson velvet altar cloth is embroidered with a dove and a carved golden eagle can be seen above the altar. The Roll of Honour stands on a marble pedestal*

## St Mary Aldermary

Watling Street, EC4  
020 7248 4906  
transport: Mansion House u/g, Cannon Street u/g & rail;  
buses 8,11,26,76,100,172,242  
opening: Mon,Thur 11.00-15.00  
*stained glass by John Crawford in the west window commemorates the defence of the City of London during the War. It shows St Michael overcoming the dragon with a panorama of London at the base and the arms of the various services that were involved with the defence of London from air attacks*

## Runnymede

01784 432891  
transport: by road A308 road from Windsor towards Staines  
opening: daily at any time  
*this famous site of the signing and sealing by King John of Magna Carta in 1215 also has on the hillside a memorial to the Commonwealth Air Forces. There are 20,455 names on stone panels and a courtyard 'to the men and women of the Air Forces of the British Commonwealth who lost their lives in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and who have no known grave'*

## Westminster Cathedral

Victoria Street, SW1  
020 7798 9055

transport: Victoria & St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,26,76,211

facilities: gift shop (Mon-Fri 09.30-17.15, Sat-Sun 10.00-16.45)

opening: daily: church April-Oct 07.00-20.00; Nov-Mar 07.00-19.00; campanile 09.00-17.00

admission: free to church; a charge for the lift up the campanile

*this Roman Catholic Cathedral has decorative badges of the Irish regiments who fought in the War and a memorial casket for the 50,000 Irish who died. Further war memorials in the Chapel of St George include panels to servicemen who died in battle, a mosaic to the Royal Army Medical Corps and a plaque to Polish servicemen killed*

## Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

Savoy Place, Strand, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

opening: Tue-Fri 11.30-15.30

*one of the stained glass windows shows the Cathedral of St John the Divine in New York and the Cathedral of Washington. The window commemorates the safekeeping of the Chapel's altar-plate in the Cathedral of St John the Divine during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.*

## St Katharine Cree

86 Leadenhall Street, EC3  
020 7283 5733

transport: Aldgate & Bank u/g, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 8,26,35,47,48,149,242,344

opening: church Mon-Fri 10.30-16.00

*a wooden tablet and a memorial window of 1963 commemorate the 4000 who lost their lives in the troopship Lancastria which was bombed and sunk off France in 1940. The tablet lists the names of the rescue ships*

## St Dunstan-in-the-East

St Dunstan's Hill, EC3

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

*this church, built in 1702 by Christopher Wren, was left in ruins after the War. The decision was taken not to rebuild but to leave the remaining tower, with its crown steeple supported by flying arches standing in a delightful, quiet garden, to act as a memorial to the suffering of the City of London during the War*

## De Gaulle and Free French Navy Memorial

entrance to Stafford Place, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,16,36,38,52,73,82

*this memorial plaque has a tribute in French to General De Gaulle and the Free French Navy*

## Lord North Street, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*a reminder of the Blitz when the people of London took refuge in underground shelters to escape the bombing*

*raids - No. 16 has painted on the wall 'Public shelters in vaults under pavements in this street'*

## St James the Less

Sussex Gardens, Bayswater, W2  
020 7262 9976

transport: Marble Arch & Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,7,12,15,16,23,27,36,94,98

*a stained glass window (1952) of the Te Deum is coupled with images of local life - the founder of the Scouting Movement, Lord Baden Powell; the discoverer of penicillin, Sir Alexander Fleming; and the church during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War with searchlights and the top of the tower missing*

## Sussex Gardens

by entrance to St James the Less Church, Bayswater, W2

transport: Marble Arch & Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 6,7,12,15,16,23,27,36,94,98

*a plaque 'memorial to the Ukranian Canadians who served their country overseas during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. This building housed the Headquarters of the Ukranian Canadian Servicemen's Association Jan 1943 to war's end'*

## Holocaust Stone

Rotten Row, Hyde Park, W1

transport: Knightsbridge & Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

*these two stones surrounded by silver birch trees commemorate the millions of Jews sent to the gas chambers by the Nazi between 1942 and 1945*

## The French House

49 Dean Street, W1  
020 4437 2477

transport: Tottenham Court Road & Leicester Square u/g; buses 7,8,10,14,19,24,25,29,38,55,73,98,176

opening: Mon-Sat noon-23.00

*this bar was used as a base for the Free French during the War. General De Gaulle and members of the French Resistance used to meet in an upstairs room*

## Bletchley Park

Milton Keynes, MK3

01908 640404

[www.cranfield.ac.uk/CCC/Bpark](http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/CCC/Bpark)

transport: Bletchley rail

facilities: wheelchair access, parking; refreshments in The Hut (Mon-Fri 12.30-14.00); tours at 14.00 Mon-Fri

opening: Mon-Fri 12.30-17.00, Sat-Sun 10.30-17.00

admission charge

*during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War the German armed forces top secret Enigma codes were broken at Bletchley Park, providing the allies with vital information towards the war effort. The world's first programmable computer (Colossus) and other technologies that we take for granted today were initiated at Bletchley Park and on display are the German Enigma machine and other codebreaking equipment*

## Amersham Museum

49 High Street, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP7

01494 725754

transport: Amersham rail

facilities: parking, giftshop

opening: Easter-end Oct Sat-Sun 14.00-16.30 (plus Wed-Thur June-Sept)

admission charge

*this Amersham and district local history museum has 2<sup>nd</sup> World War memorabilia amongst its collection*

## **RAF Uxbridge, No.11 (Fighter) Group Operations Room**

Hillingdon, Middlesex UB10

transport: Uxbridge u/g, West Drayton rail; buses 207, A10,U3,U4,U7

opening: by appointment only. Please write to the above address

*a visit to this Royal Air Force underground bunker that was the centre of command and control of the South East sector of the United Kingdom during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, will give you an insight into operations during the Battle of Britain in 1940. The Plotting and Control Rooms are on view and the Briefing Room has a collection of wartime memorabilia - models, uniforms, photographs, documents and prints.*

## **Wig and Pen pub**

229 Strand, WC2  
020 7583 7255

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

*this pub has memorabilia relating to journalism and the Press and includes the official press wire announcing the death of Adolf Hitler at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The pub is the home and meeting place of the London Press Club*

## **Paddington Station**

Praed Street, Paddington, W2

transport: Paddington u/g & rail; buses 1,7,15,23,27,36

*a war memorial to the 3,312 men & women of the Great Western Railway who served and gave their lives during both World Wars. The statue is of a soldier in his greatcoat and helmet*

## **Museum of London**

150 London Wall, EC2Y  
020 7600 0807 [www.museumoflondon.org.uk](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk)

transport: Barbican, St Paul's & Moorgate u/g, Liverpool Street u/g & rail, City Thameslink rail; buses 8,56,100, 172,242

*facilities: audio tapes and braille sheets; disabled access via ramps; disabled wcs; library; restaurant and snacks; shop*

opening: Mon-Sat 10.00-17.50, Sun noon-17.50 (last admission 17.30)  
admission free

*this museum has one of the few specialist oral history collections in the country with 4000 hours of interviews about working life, the history of London, immigration and experiences during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

## **Chislehurst Caves**

Old Hill, Chislehurst, Kent,  
020 8467 3264

transport: Chislehurst rail; buses 162,269

*facilities: 45 mins guided tours*

opening: Wed-Sun, daily during school holidays 11.00-16.00  
admission charge

*these prehistoric underground tunnels were carved by miners searching for chalk & flint and have been used since Roman times. During the 1<sup>st</sup> World War they were used as an ammunitions depot, then as a mushroom farm and as an air raid shelter during World War 2. They are unlit and guided tours take place by lamplight*

## **St Mary-Le-Bow**

Cheapside, EC2  
020 7248 5139

transport: Bank & St Paul's u/g; buses 8,11,26,76,100, 172,242

*facilities: Bell Tower open Mon-Fri by appointment; The Place Below vegetarian restaurant (daily 07.30-14.30, 020 7329 0789)*

opening: Mon-Thur 06.30-18.00, Fri 06.30-16.00

*one of the stained glass windows in this City church shows St Paul with his Epistles surrounded by City churches bombed during the 2nd World War, while a bronze sculpture commemorates those who died in the Resistance during the War. It was presented by the Norwegian people*

*the tower houses the famous Bow Bells. These 12 bells have names such as Katherine and Fabian. The 'Great Bell of Bow' of nursery rhyme fame ('Oranges and Lemons') was recast in 1956. Between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries it sounded the curfew at 21.00 for Londoners. Tradition says that anyone born within the sound of Bow Bells is considered a true Cockney (Londoner). The recording of the Great Bell of Bow is still used as an interval signal for the BBC World Service and during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War was used as a recognition system by the BBC to symbolise hope and freedom. This 'most famous peal in Christendom' was heard and brought hope to millions of people all over the world*

## **Air Chief Marshal Hugh, 1st Baron Dowding**

outside St Clement Danes Church, Strand, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

*memorial statue of 1988 to Air Chief Marshal Dowding (1882-1970) by Faith Winter. As commander-in-chief of Fighter Command from 1936-40 he organised the air defence of Britain including the Battle of Britain*

## **London Fire Brigade Museum**

94A Southwark Bridge Road, SE1  
020 7587 2894 [www.london-fire.gov.uk](http://www.london-fire.gov.uk)

transport: Borough & Southwark u/g, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,133,343,344

*facilities: souvenir & gift shop with exclusive London Fire Brigade items (can also be ordered via the internet)*

opening: by prebooked tours only Mon-Fri at 10.30 & 14.00  
admission charge

*the museum's collection includes material illustrating the fire fighting challenges faced by firemen during the Blitz*

## **HMS Belfast**

Morgans Lane, Tooley Street, SE1  
020 7940 6328 [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 42,47,78,381; boat London Bridge City Pier

*facilities: limited disabled access; Walrus café on board; souvenir & bookshop; can be hired for corporate events, children's birthday parties etc*

opening: daily Mar-Oct 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15), Nov-Feb 10.00-17.00 (last admission 16.15)  
admission charge

*a Southampton class cruiser launched in 1938 and used as a Royal Navy gun ship during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War when*

*it played its part in the destruction of the German battlecruiser 'Scharnhorst' and in the Normandy landings. Retired in 1965 it is now a permanent museum moored in the Pool of London near Tower Bridge*

### **All Hallows by the Tower Church and Undercroft**

Byward Street, Tower Hill, EC3R  
020 7481 2928 [www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk](http://www.allhallowsbythetower.org.uk)  
transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

*facilities: audio tours (daily 11.00-16.00); disabled access to Church but not Undercroft; restaurant (Mon-Fri 10.00-22.30); bookshop; group tours by arrangement (10.30-16.00); Queen Mother Centre has herb garden; brass rubbing centre*

opening: Mon-Fri 09.00-18.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-17.00  
free admission to church

*the church has a model of the pleasure steamer 'TSMV Royal Daffodil' that was one of the many boats used in the evacuation of British soldiers from Dunkirk in May/June 1940*

### **Cabinet War Rooms**

Clive Steps, King Charles Street, SW1A  
020 7930 6961 [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)  
transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier  
*facilities: audio guide in 6 languages; disabled access; shop;*

opening: daily Oct-Mar 10.00-18.00 (last admission 17.15), Apr-Sept 09.30-18.00 (last admission 17.15)  
admission charge

*on display are the rooms where major decisions regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War were taken. Included are the telephone room, map room and Sir Winston Churchill's Office and Bedroom*

### **Salters Company**

Fore Street, EC2Y  
020 7588 5216 [www.salters.co.uk](http://www.salters.co.uk)  
transport: Moorgate & Liverpool Street u/g & rail; buses 56,76,100,153,214

*close to the City of London Livery Company's Hall is a plaque marking the place where the first bomb fell on the City of London during the Blitz*

### **Trafalgar Square, WC2/SW1**

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

*each December London receives a large Christmas tree to decorate Trafalgar Square and provide a focal point for carol singing and Christmas celebrations. It is donated by the City of Oslo for the help given by the British to Norway during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **Imperial War Museum**

Lambeth Road, Lambeth, SE1  
020 7416 5320 [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)  
transport: Lambeth North & Elephant & Castle u/g; buses 1,12,45,53,59,63,68,100,159,168,171,172, 176,188, 344,C10

*facilities: library; licensed café; bookshop*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00  
admission free

*the museum covers the history of warfare especially the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars and has one of the world's foremost art collections illustrating the subject.*

*the Holocaust Exhibition is a permanent collection of artefacts, films, documents, photographs & survivor testaments showing Nazi persecution of the Jews & other groups during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. This part of the museum is not recommended for children under 14 years*

### **Jewish Museum - Finchley**

80 East End Road, N3  
020 8349 1143 [www.jewmusm.ort.org](http://www.jewmusm.ort.org)  
transport: Finchley Central then 12 mins walk; buses 82, 143,232,260

*facilities: disabled access to History Gallery; disabled parking bay; café; sales desk; tours for groups*

opening: Mon-Thur 10.30-17.00, Sun 10.30-16.30;  
closed Bank Holidays & Jewish Festivals  
admission charge

*the collection includes material showing Jewish experiences during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **National Army Museum**

Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, SW3  
020 7730 0717 [www.national-army-museum.ac.uk](http://www.national-army-museum.ac.uk)  
transport: Sloane Square u/g; buses 11,211,137,239; boat Cadogan Pier  
*facilities: wheelchair access to all galleries; snacks and light lunches; museum shop with souvenirs, gifts & books*  
opening: daily 10.00-17.30  
admission free

*this interesting museum records the British army's activities over five centuries since 1415 with armour, weapons, uniforms, medals, paintings, photographs and much more. The 2<sup>nd</sup> World War is illustrated by scenes of life in the jungles of Burma and the deserts of Africa*

### **Britain at War Museum**

64-66 Tooley Street,  
020 7403 3171 [www.britainatwar.co.uk](http://www.britainatwar.co.uk)  
transport: London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 21,35,40,43, 47,48,133,149,343,381  
opening: daily April-Sept 10.00-17.30, Oct-Mar 10.00-16.30  
admission charge

*presents the sights, sounds and smells of the London Blitz with an underground air raid shelter, underground cinema BBC radio studio and Rainbow Corner, a club with jukebox to entertain the GIs*

### **Captain's Cabin**

4 Norris Street, Haymarket, SW1  
020 7930 4767  
transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3, 6,9,12,13,14,15,19,22,23,29,38,53,88,91,139, 159

*a pub frequented by Allied Mariners during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, who recorded their comments about the pub in the Allied Mariners' Captain's log. Downstairs is the Captain's Cabin complete with portholes while on the ground floor there are bits and pieces relating to the sea including a diver's helmet and a ship's figurehead*

### **Bernard Law, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein**

Raleigh Green in front of the Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1  
transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

a statue to the famous British field marshal (1887-1976) who commanded the 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Africa that defeated Rommel at El Alamein (1942) and played a key role in the invasion of Sicily & Italy in 1943. He was appointed commander-in-chief of ground forces for the invasion of Normandy in 1945. The statue of 1980 is by Oscar Nemon and cost over £30,000

## **Museum of Domestic Design and Architecture**

Middlesex University Campus, Cat Hill, Barnet, Middlesex EN4  
020 8411 5244                      www.moda.mdx.ac.uk

transport: Oakwood & Cockfosters u/g, New Barnet rail; buses 298,299,307

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; restaurant

opening: Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 14.00-17.00  
admission free

this museum provides a home for the Charles Hasler Collection of Typography & Printed Ephemera 1800-1960. Amongst the collection is a war-time exhibition of material produced by the government's Central Office of Information including the famous 'Dig for Victory' and 'Careless Talk Costs Lives' posters. Arrangements to see this collection must be made with the Curator on the above number

## **Cenotaph**

Whitehall, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

flags of the Army, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Merchant Navy fly from this well-known 1920s war memorial that commemorates both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars. Made of Portland stone it bears no religious symbols and has concave and convex lines representing infinity. By Sir Edwin Landseer

## **Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill**

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

a larger-than-life statue to the great British statesman, politician and prime minister (1874-1965) by Ivor Roberts-Jones, 1973. It shows him in his military greatcoat with his walking stick

## **General Charles Andre Joseph Marie De Gaulle**

Carlton Gardens, SW1

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,8,9,12,13, 14,15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

a memorial statue to the French General and President (1890-1970) by Angela Conner

## **Tate Britain**

Millbank, SW1P

020 7887 8000 (recorded info. 020 7887 8008)  
www.tate.org.uk

transport: Pimlico u/g; buses 2,36,77A,88,185,C10; catamaran boat service 'Tate to Tate' between Tate & Tate Modern via London Eye (40 mins, charge made)  
facilities: audio self-tour guides; disabled access (4 wheelchairs are available on request); special touch tours by arrangement; disabled wcs; library; 6 disabled parking spaces; Tate café (daily 10.30-17.30, Espresso Bar (daily 10.00-16.30), Tate Restaurant (daily for lunch noon-15.00, Sun noon-16.00 (reservations 020 7887 8877)); Tate Shop (daily Mon-Sat 10.30-16.40, Sun

10.00-16.40), Clore Shop (daily noon-17.30) for books & posters; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.50

admission free

amongst the section of lithography & intaglio prints by the sculptor Henry Moore (1898-1986) are watercolour scenes of life in the air raid shelters during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War

## **Canadian Memorial**

Green Park, Constitution Hill, SW1

transport: Victoria & Green Park u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,11, 14,16,19,22,24,36,38,52,73,74,82,137,185,211,239,507, C1,C10

this war memorial of 1994 is formed from a pair of rose granite wedges angled one to the other with water flowing over the surfaces. The stone of the surfaces is etched with bronze fallen maple leaves. By Pierre Granche it is inscribed 'From dangers shared our friendship prospers' and is dedicated to the 1m Canadians who served with the British Forces in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and the '110,000 who gave their lives in memory of country and cause of freedom throughout the world'

## **Sir Arthur Travers Harris, 1st Baron 'Bomber Harris'**

outside St Clement Danes Church, Strand, WC2

transport: Temple, Embankment & Covent Garden u/g, Charing Cross & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13, 15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

Bomber Harris (1892-1984) was commander-in-chief of Bomber Command during the War and organised massive bombing raids on industrial Germany. The statue of 1992 is by Faith Winter

## **Submarine plaques**

riverside opposite Temple Gardens, Victoria Embankment, WC2

transport: Temple & Embankment u/g, Charing Cross, Blackfriars & Waterloo u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15, 23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168,171,172,176,188,341; boat Savoy & Embankment Piers

a memorial plaque of 1922 to the 50 submariners lost during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, it later incorporated a tribute to the 82 who died during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. One plaque shows the control room of a 1<sup>st</sup> World War sub. complete with floating ethereal figures. A list of submarines lost in each war with the figures of Truth and Justice is above a depiction of a surfaced 1<sup>st</sup> World War sub. The small anchors which stud the memorial are used to hold remembrance wreathes. It is the work of F Brook Hatch and A H Ryan Tenison

## **Blitz (Firefighters Memorial)**

Old Change Court, Distaff Lane, EC4

transport: Mansion House u/g, Blackfriars u/g & rail; buses 11,15,26,76,100,172

a memorial of 1991 by John W Mills to the 1002 firefighters who died fighting fires in Britain during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The statue is of three firemen fighting a fire - two are holding the hose while a third directs operations

## **Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum**

20 Princes Gate, W7

020 7598 9249

transport: South Kensington & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 9,10,52,70

facilities: library; tours

opening: Museum: Mon-Fri 14.00-16.00, 1st Sat each month 10.00-16.00; Archives Tue-Fri 09.30-16.00  
admission free

*this collection and library relates to the history of Poland's military achievements and includes documents and memorabilia of the Polish forces who fought alongside the British in Narvick, Dunkirk, North Africa, Italy and D-day during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **St Margaret's**

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1  
020 7222 6382

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211 boat: Westminster Millennium Pier

opening: Mon-Sat 09.30-17.30, Sun 13.00-17.30  
admission free

*each November since 1928 a Field of Remembrance is established in the churchyard. Red poppy crosses are 'planted' to remember those who died in war especially the World Wars*

### **London Troops War Memorial**

front of the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, EC3

transport: Bank u/g & DLR, Cannon Street u/g & rail; buses 8,11,26,35,47,48,133,149,242,344

*war memorial of 1920 by Sir Aston Webb with figures by Alfred Drury*

### **Merchant Seamen's War Memorial/ Mercantile Marine Memorial**

Trinity Square Gardens, Tower Hill, EC3

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, Fenchurch Street rail; buses 15,42,78,100; boat Tower Millennium & St Katharines Piers

*this war memorial commemorates both World Wars. The Merchant Seamen's War Memorial is the temple-shaped structure nearest the road and was sculptured after the 1<sup>st</sup> World War by Sir Edwin Lutyens; the sunken garden behind was added in 1955 to commemorate the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and is known as the Mercantile Marine Memorial. It is by Sir Edward Maufe with sculpture by Sir Charles Wheeler. Both memorials have the names of those who died listed under the names of the ships - the first section lists ships of the Merchant Navy, the second the boats of the Fishing Fleet*

### **Royal Norwegian Navy and Norwegian Merchant Fleet rocks**

Hyde Park, SW1

transport: Marble Arch & Lancaster Gate u/g; buses 2,10, 12,16,36,73,74,82,94,137

*memorial granite rocks erected by the Norwegian Navy and Merchant Fleet in 1978 to thank the British people for their help during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **Paddock (underground bunker)**

Brook Road, Neasden, NW2

020 8782 4235 www.stadiumha.co.uk

transport: Neasden u/g; buses 112,232,245,316

opening: Stadium Housing Association who own the houses above must open the bunker twice a year. It advertises the days on its website or you can ring the above number

*this purpose-built underground bunker provided the government with duplicate Cabinet War Rooms during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. It was abandoned at the end of the war and homes were built above it. Now in rather a derelict state it still has generators, gas proof doors and the*

*framework of a telephone exchange. There is a virtual tour on the website*

### **Firepower**

Warren Lane, Woolwich, SE18

020 8855 7755 www.firepower.org.uk

transport: Woolwich Arsenal rail; buses 51,53,96,99, 244,291

*facilities: disabled access; parking; café; gift shop; riverside park and walk nearby*

opening: daily 10.00-17.00

admission charge

*this museum looks at the history of the science of artillery, weapons, ammunition and guns from the 14<sup>th</sup> century until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is an interesting display of Victoria Crosses, the highest award that can be made for gallantry. The use of audio visual and interactive displays with simulators add extra emphasis especially the Field of Fire where you can relive the experiences of 20<sup>th</sup> century gunners in both war & peace*

*the core of the museum was a collection of 1778 of Lieutenant-General Sir William Congreve and additional material came from the Museum of Artillery on its closure in 2001. Sir William (1772-1828) was an artillery officer and scientist who had studied at the Royal Arsenal and became in 1818 the Comptroller of its Royal Laboratories*

### **Guards Chapel & Museum**

Birdcage Walk, SW1W

020 7414 3271

transport: St James's Park & Westminster u/g; buses 3, 11,12,24,53,77A,88,159,211

*facilities: book & gift shop (09.00-16.00); tours by arrangement*

opening: daily except Jan 10.00-16.00 (last admission 15.30)

admission charge

*the museum covers over 350 years of the history of the Regiments of Foot Guards including service in both World Wars*

### **Metropolitan Police Historical Museum**

New Scotland Yard, Room 1328A, St James's, SW1H

020 8305 2524

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211

opening: Crime Museum is not open to public (used as lecture theatre on subjects to do with Criminology). The rest of the Museum is at present closed to the public but it is hoped that a new policing museum will open shortly at the old Bow Street Police Station

*the collection and archives cover all aspects of London's Metropolitan police force and its history. Among the topics covered by the archives are special constables, riots, strikes, marches, ceremonial occasions, Special Branch, Ireland and terrorism, the suffragette movement, life in London during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, crime investigation, forensic science, CID, a Rogues Gallery (photographs), fingerprints, stolen vehicles, traffic control - just about every aspect of police work you can think of*

### **Museum in Docklands**

No.1 Warehouse, West India Quay, Hertsmere Road, Isle of Dogs, E14

020 7001 9800 www.museumindocklands.org.uk

transport: Canary Wharf u/g & DLR, West India Quay DLR; buses 277,D3,D7,D8

*facilities: disabled access; bar & restaurant, café; shop (Mon-Sat 10.00-18.00, Sun noon-18.00)*

opening: daily 10.00-18.00

admission charge allows as many visits for one year as wish

*part of the Museum of London this museum opened in 2003. On 5 floors with 12 galleries it looks at 2000 years of life in the docklands that were once the hub of London trade. It traces the history from 43AD to the present time. The Docklands at War Gallery uses touchscreens to provide reminiscences of the Blitz and a video shows the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War that were made by the docks*

### **Victoria and Albert Museum**

Cromwell Road, SW7  
020 7942 2000/0870 442 0808 24hr information  
www.vam.ac.uk

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,345, C1

facilities: disabled access and wcs; library; café and restaurant; shop; tours

opening: daily 10.00-17.45, Wed 10.00-22.00  
admission free

*like many buildings in London there is evidence of shrapnel damage received during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. It is especially visible on the outside of the Henry Cole Wing in Exhibition Road*

### **Houses of Parliament**

Old Palace Yard, Abingdon Street, Westminster, SW1  
020 7219 4272 (Commons), 020 7219 3107 (Lords)  
www.explore.parliament.uk

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Pier

facilities: Aug/Sept tours to be booked 5 days in advance (020 7344 9966)

opening: debates in House of Commons Mon-Wed 14.30-22.00, Thur 11.30-19.30, Fri 09.30-15.00; debates in House of Lords Mon-Wed from 14.30, Thurs from 15.00, Fri from 11.00

*the south window of Westminster Hall has memorials to members of both Houses who were killed in the war*

### **Alan Francis Brooke, 1st Viscount Alanbrooke**

on Raleigh Green in front of Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*Alanbrooke (1883-1963) was Chief of Imperial General Staff to Winston Churchill during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. This statue of 1994 is by Ivor Roberts-Jones*

### **Free French Forces plaque**

1 Dorset Square, NW1

transport: Baker Street u/g, Marylebone u/g & rail; buses 2,13,30,74,82,113,139,189,274

*this plaque was erected in 1957 to honour the wartime resistance of the Free French. Its inscription reads 'to commemorate the deeds of men & women of the Free French Forces and their British comrades who left this house on special missions to enemy-occupied France'*

### **Medical Officers Memorial (BMA)**

British Medical Association courtyard, Tavistock Square, WC1

transport: Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91,134,168

*intricate wrought-iron gates lead into a fountained courtyard and serve as a memorial to the medical officers*

*who died in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. The fountain, pool and statues were added as a 2<sup>nd</sup> World War memorial*

### **Golders Green War Memorial**

NW11

transport: Golders Green u/g; buses 83,102,183,H2

*this memorial to the men & women of Golders Green, Hampstead Garden Suburb and Childs Hill who died in both world wars takes the form of a clock tower with bronze plaques and an open stone book*

### **Cleveland Square**

Bayswater, W2

transport: Bayswater & Lancaster Gate u/g, Paddington u/g & rail; buses 7,15,23,27,36,70

*this square with its lawns, plane trees and Japanese garden has a plaque commemorating the barrage balloon that was moored here during the war*

### **Bethnal Green Underground Station, E2**

transport: Bethnal Green u/g; buses 8,309,D6

*a memorial of 1993 commemorates the 73 people killed during a stampede to seek shelter in the underground station during an air raid*

### **Royal Air Force Museum**

Grahame Park Way, Hendon, NW9  
020 8205 2266 (general); 09001 6055 633 (information line) www.rafmuseum.org.uk

transport: Colindale u/g; buses 204,303

facilities: disabled access & wcs; library; restaurant & snacks; shop

opening: daily 10.00-18.00  
admission charge

*this museum traces the history of the Royal Air Force (RAF) from 1918 and has an exhibition on life in the RAF today and in the future using paintings, drawings and sculpture. There are many interactive displays and flight simulators. Displays of RAF uniforms and the Victoria & George Crosses won in combat stand alongside details of the United States Airforce (USAAF) in Britain and facts about the RAF Factory at Farnborough with a replica of the office of Sir Barnes Wallace who invented the bouncing bomb*

*the Battle of Britain Museum has a sound and light show with tableaux on the Munich Crisis, the Declaration of War and Evacuation. Aircraft involved in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War (Junkers, Henkel, Tiger Moths, Spitfires & Hurricanes) and an operations room, uniforms, medals, documents and memorabilia make it a fascinating place to visit*

### **Rifle Brigade Memorial**

corner of Grosvenor Gardens and Hobart Place, SW1

transport: Victoria u/g & rail; buses 2,8,11,16,24,36,38, 52,73,82,185,211,239,C1,C10

*originally designed by John Tweed and put up as a memorial to the 11,575 officers and men who fell in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, a further memorial was added for the 1,329 officers and men who died in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. The statues show the uniforms of an 1806 rifleman, an 1800 officer and a rifleman of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War*

### **Women's Transport Corps Memorial**

Wilton Place, SW1

transport: Hyde Park Corner & Knightsbridge u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16,19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

*this is a memorial to the 52 FANY members who died in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Of these thirteen died as secret*

agents, two received the George Cross and six received the Croix de Guerre. The stone plaque has a red and blue service badge while a smaller plaque commemorates the renowned agent, Odette

### **Twelve Responses to Tragedy**

opposite Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Gardens, SW7

transport: South Kensington u/g; buses 14,49,70,74,345, C1

*in Hopton stone this 5ft (1.5 m) column of 1986 replaces the vandal destroyed one erected 1982 as a memorial to those Soviet Citizens who were murdered on their return to the USSR during the war. A group of Slav heads in bronze by Angela Conner tops the column*

### **Raoul Wallenberg**

Great Cumberland Place, W1

transport: Marble Arch & Edgware Road u/g; buses 2,6,7, 13,15,16,23,30,36,74,82,98,113,139,189,274

*this statue, erected in 1988, shows the Swedish diplomat with his back to a wall made of 100,000 Schutzpasses (bogus passport documents), each one depicting a Hungarian Jew that he saved from the Holocaust. Wallenberg was arrested in 1945 and disappeared but it is still not known if he is dead or alive*

### **Second County of London Regiment (the Rangers)**

Chenies Street, WC1

transport: Goodge Street u/g; buses 10,24,29,73,134

*this war memorial has a bronze copy of the Regimental badge. The Rangers fought in France in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and in Greece, Crete & the Western Desert in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **War Memorial**

Lord Cricket Ground end of Prince Albert Road, NW1

transport: St John's Wood & Baker Street u/g; buses 13, 82,113,274

*this 1907 sculpture of St George and the Dragon later became a war memorial. It bears the inscription 'To the men and women of St Mary-le-Bone who by their service and sacrifice for King & Country freely played their part in both world wars'*

### **War Memorial**

Danson Park, Bexleyheath, Kent

transport: Bexleyheath and Welling rail; buses 51,89,96, 132,486,B13,B14,B16

*this war memorial of 1985 is in the form of twenty oak trees with explanatory bronze plaque. It was erected to commemorate all those who died fighting the Japanese during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War or who died in prisoner-of-war camps*

### **Sir Sydney Camm**

Camm Gardens, off Victoria Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey

transport: Norbiton & Kingston rail; buses 57,85,131,213, 726,K1

*this 1984 memorial to aircraft designer Camm (1890-1966) includes part of a propeller from a Hurricane aeroplane mounted on a teak base. Camm was the designer of the Hurricane fighter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **Browns Hotel**

30-34 Albermarle Street, W1  
020 7493 6020

transport: Green Park & Piccadilly u/g; buses 8,9,14,19, 22,38

*Room 36 of this central London hotel was the scene of the Dutch government's declaration of war on Japan*

### **Polish Pilots Memorial**

on the A40 western Avenue, near Northolt Airport, Middlesex

transport: South Ruislip u/g & rail; bus E7

*this 1948 column with its spread eagle and battle honours is dedicated to the Polish pilots who died serving with the Royal Air Force during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. Their names are inscribed on the wall behind*

### **Concentration Camps Memorial**

Dollis Hill Lane, NW2

transport: Neasden u/g & rail; buses 182,226,232,302

*four bronze figures in an attitude of terror and despair commemorate the prisoners of war and victims of concentration camps. By Fred Korma 1969*

### **Our Lady of Czestochowa and St Casmir**

Devonia Road, N1

transport: Angel u/g; buses 4,19,30,38,43,56,73,153, 214,274,341

opening:

*this Polish church has a monument to notable Poles including General Sakorsky, the national leader who died in a plane crash while in exile in Britain during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **Guards Division Cenotaph**

Horse Guards Road, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A,88,109,159; boat Westminster Millennium & Embankment Piers

*1926 cenotaph of Portland stone memorial to those killed in 1WW - 36ft high, 170 tons. - members of Household Div who died in 2WW also remembered - inscr by Rudyard Kipling bronze statues of guardsmen of 5 regiments - Scot, Welsh, Irish, Coldstream, Grenadier - cast from guns captured by Guards- together with bits of uniform & equipment incl reel of cable & box of ammunition*

### **General James Wolfe**

terrace adjoining the Old Royal Observatory, Greenwich Park, SE10

transport: Cutty Sark DLR, Greenwich rail; buses 177, 180,188,199,286,386; boat Greenwich Pier

facilities: Park Café

opening: park daily 06.00-dusk

admission free

*this 1930 statue, presented by the Canadian people, is of the British soldier James Wolfe (1727-59) who captured Quebec, Canada, during the Seven Years War against the French (1756-63). It shows him with a tricorne hat and military cloak - have a look at the pedestal - here you can see the holes left by shrapnel during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **Tavistock Square, WC1**

transport: Euston Square & Russell Square u/g, Euston u/g & rail; buses 10,24,29,59,68,73,91,134,168

opening: daily 08.00-dusk

*a cherry tree was planted in 1967 to commemorate the victims of the Hiroshima Atom Bomb. There is also a rock of Cumbrian slate that was erected as a memorial to conscientious objectors of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and is*

*inscribed 'to all those who established and are maintaining the right to refuse to kill'*

### **Gurkha Memorial**

Horse Guards Avenue, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*this 7ft high bronze statue of a Gurkha soldier in 1<sup>st</sup> World War uniform was erected in 1997 and is by Philip Jackson. It lists the places and regiments of the Gurkha rifles who gave their lives in campaigns from India 1816 to Bosnia 1996. Its inscription reads 'bravest of the brave, most generous of the generous, never had country more faithful friends than you'*

### **Battersea Dog's and Cat's Home**

4 Battersea Park Road, SW8

020 7622 3626 [www.dogshome.org](http://www.dogshome.org)

transport: Battersea Park rail; buses 44,137,344

opening: Mon-Wed & Fri 10.30-16.15, Sat-Sun 10.30-15.15

*this charity's motto is 'Rescue, Reunite, Rehabilitate, Rehome' and the Home exists to take in lost and abandoned dogs and cats. Established in 1860 in Holloway, North London it moved to this site in 1871. Here visitors can see how the Home operates and find out about the work of kennel hands, vets, clinics and the team who pick up strays throughout London. You can meet the volunteers who are always needed for walking and petting and learn about the excellent work done*

*it was at the Home that microchipping of animals and computerised registration systems were pioneered in 1989 and 1993 while during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War a War Dog School trained stray dogs for RedX work of tracking parachutists, laying wire and carrying ammunition*

### **Australian War Memorial**

Hyde Park Corner, W1

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16, 19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

*this modern war memorial (2003) stands on the island of Wellington Arch and although surrounded on all sides by busy road is not unduly affected by traffic noise. Designed by Janet Laurence it consists of granite pieces rising from the ground in a semi-circle with, in large letters, the names of battle sites overlying the smaller inscribed names of all the places where those Australians who died in both wars came from. Water flows over the slabs 'evoking memories of service, suffering & sacrifice'.*

*four polished slabs in the centre of the semi-circle show the insignia of Australia, the Royal Australian Air Force, the Australian Commonwealth Military Forces and the Royal Australian Navy*

### **Victoria Park**

Grove Road, Bow, E9  
020 8533 2057

transport: Mile End and Cambridge Heath u/g; Hackney Wick and Cambridge Heath rail; buses 8,277,309, D3,S2  
facilities: playgrounds, sporting facilities, lake

opening: daily 07.00-dusk  
admission free

*this was London's first public park of 218 acres. Earlier London parks were 'royal' having belonged at one time to the monarch. Grove Road was the site of the landing of the first V1 doodlebug (flying bomb) on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 1944*

### **Battersea Park**

Albert Bridge Road, SW11

020 8871 7540 (zoo) or 8871 6374 (playground)  
[www.batterseapark.org](http://www.batterseapark.org)

transport: Sloane Square u/g, Battersea Park & Queenstown Road rail; buses 19,44,49,137,239,319,344, 345

facilities: disabled access & wcs; zoo has otter feeding at 11.00 & 16.00

opening: park: daily dawn-dusk; zoo: daily Easter-Sept 10.00-17.00, Sat-Sun Oct-Easter 11.00-15.00;

playground: term-time Tue-Fri 15.30-19.00, holidays & weekends 11.00-18.00

admission: park & playground free, zoo has admission charge

*a carved crest memorial to the 5397 Australian aircrew that were lost in action over Europe during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War is set in a boulder sent from Bondi Beach in 2000. It can be found at the east end of Central Avenue*

### **Soviet Citizens, Servicemen and Women Memorial**

Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, SE1

transport: Lambeth North & Elephant & Castle u/g; buses 1,12,45,53,59,63,68,100,159,168,171,172,176,188,344, C10

*erected in 1999 this black bronze column is surmounted by a bell and is decorated with symbolic arms and a head. By Sergei Shcherbakov it commemorates the 27 million servicemen and women who died for the allied victory in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

### **A Little Further Afield**

#### **Fort Amherst Heritage Park & Caverns**

Docks Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4

01634 847747 [www.fortamherst.co.uk](http://www.fortamherst.co.uk)

transport: Chatham rail

opening: daily Apr-Oct; Sat-Sun Nov, Jan-Mar 10.30-16.00

admission charge

*this complex was originally built in the 1750s to protect the Royal Dockyard at Chatham. It covers 7 acres and you can see the gatehouse, magazines, barracks, and the underground tunnel complex that links the different parts. There is an interesting museum that looks at Civil Defence both during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and the Cold War. It has material about air raid precautions (including gas masks and emergency feeding equipment) and examples of nuclear fallout monitoring equipment*

#### **Dover Castle & The Secret Wartime Tunnels**

Dover, Kent, CT6

01304 211067

transport: Dover rail

facilities: partial disabled access; restaurants; shop; landtrain

opening: daily Apr-Sept 10.00-18.00, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*the extensive network of tunnels under this ancient castle were first made in the Napoleonic Wars. Seven tunnels were dug as barracks and could hold up to 2,000 troops. It was the only underground barracks built in Britain. The tunnels have since been used for many purposes including as an underground hospital and command centre for the evacuation of Dunkirk during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War*

## **London Biggin Hill Airfield**

Kent TN16

01959 572277 for airshow (Airdisplays International Ltd)

transport: road M25 junction 4; Bromley South rail;  
buses 246,320,464

*Biggin Hill was originally a Royal Air Force station and played a vital role during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, being the base for the Spitfires during the Battle of Britain . It is now an important light aviation centre for business flights and flying lessons. See also entry under St George's RAF Chapel*

*its history as a military airfield began in 1917 when it became part of the inner patrol zone of the London Air Defence. It became famous in 1943 when it was the first station and sector airfield to claim 1000 enemy aircraft destroyed. After the war it became Transport Command Terminal, then between 1946 and 1949 Reserve Command, then 49-57 Fighter Command. In 1958 it was made non-operational until the RAF left in 1992. If you are interested in learning more the website, [www.bigginhill.co.uk](http://www.bigginhill.co.uk), has a description of the history of the Base and the squadrons that flew from there*

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