

Hugh Davies - Talks Outline

Note New Address!

1. Enigma - How cracking the enemy codes led to the world's first computer.

a. "All the experts have stated unanimously that there is no possibility that Enigma messages have been deciphered and read by the enemy".

This German message was deciphered and read by the enemy - we at Bletchley Park!

b. So how did we do it? And what advantage did it give us?

2. S.O.E. - The Special Operations Executive - the truth behind the saboteurs.

a. Churchill told them to "set Europe ablaze".

b. Their devilish devices for ungentlemanly warfare inspired James Bond.

c. What did they achieve?

3. Women - as special agents, resistance fighters and FANYs.

a. Women in the front line, and behind the line, from ancient to modern.

b. Their part in active - as well as the equally essential passive - roles.

4. Deception - How it helped to win the war.

a. Since ancient times, deception has always been an essential element of warfare.

b. Some of the brilliant examples of strategic deception from WW2 including D Day and "The man who never was".

c. Is it relevant today? - yes!

5. Propaganda - White, Grey and very dirty Black

a What has it got to do with Gracie Fields?

b What has the Daily Express got to do with it?

c We are not just talking of Lord Haw Haw

6. The Last Days of the 3rd Reich

We were listening to many of the machinations and intrigues that were going on. How much did we know? Which rats were intending to leave the sinking ship and which were determined to fight to the end?

7. The BLETCHLEY PARK experience & its lessons for today - Is technology enough?

a. Can you believe what your experts are telling you?

b. Are your systems an "Enigma"?

c. The importance of the human factor - we make mistakes because we are clever not because we are stupid.

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