

Military Intelligence Museum, Chicksands. 2nd November 2022.

Fourteen members of the HTW group, fortunately, had a relatively easy journey on the M25 to Bedfordshire for a fascinating visit to the MI museum at Chicksands.

As the museum is on an active military base we had to pass through security to clear us through to the museum. We were warmly welcomed there by Bill the curator and divided into two groups lead by volunteer guides – Clive and Mike.

Clive took us to the rooms dedicated to photographic intelligence gathering. This more or less started soon after the camera was invented with aerial reconnaissance from balloons and kites moving on to aeroplanes then satellites and even cameras strapped to pigeons.

Mike gave a whistle-stop tour of the history of intelligence from very early history through Elizabeth I's famous spymaster Francis Walsingham to modern times. Then focused on its importance in various theatres of war – SOE, D-Day, the cold war, NI, The Falklands War, Gulf Wars and more recently Ukraine.

A truly fascinating and interesting place to visit. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it but would strongly advise making arrangements to be guided.

<https://www.militaryintelligencemuseum.org>



Photo Intelligence



German Pigeon Spy

SOE

