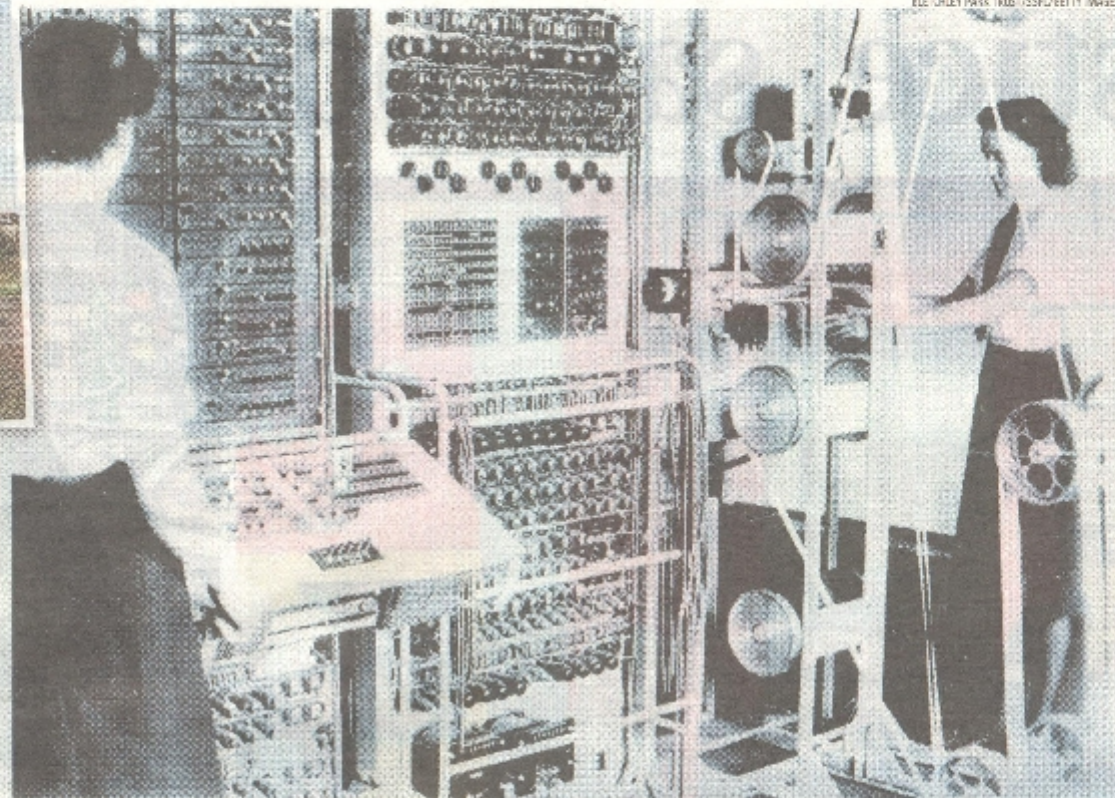


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Bletchley's wartime buildings on market

Buildings at Bletchley Park used during the Second World War for the intelligence work that led to cracking the German Enigma code have been put up for sale (Louisa Clarence-Smith writes).

A private company run by the deputy chairman of the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park has appointed advisers to market a

three-acre site with derelict buildings as an office development opportunity.

Bletchley Park, in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, was bought by the government in 1938 and became home to the Code and Cypher school the following year. Codebreakers, including Alan Turing, worked first in the 19th-century mansion and then spread into huts and brick buildings in the

grounds. Block G, which is being sold, was where cryptographers monitored the Germans' reaction to false information about plans for D-Day fed by British agents to the high command. The site was

made a conservation area in 1992 and the Bletchley Park Trust charity was formed to protect the site, which is a heritage attraction visited by people from around the world.

A teaching and

learning centre and additional exhibition areas are due to open next year, with capacity for 300,000 visitors and more than 50,000 students a year.

The National Museum of Computing at the site

has the world's largest collection of working vintage computing machines.

Bletchley Park Capital Partners, a private company run by Tim Reynolds, 55, deputy chairman of the

Block G, far left, is being marketed to companies working in defence, IT and communications

museum and co-founder of Ceravision, a company specialising in energy efficient industrial lighting, owns the freehold of Block G.

The site was granted planning consent for employment uses in 2005. The owner had announced proposals to build a training college to teach cybersecurity skills to 16 to 19-year-olds there, but those plans have not progressed.

Neville Pritchard, director at JLL, the property consultancy advising on the sale, said: "It is likely to be of interest to commercial occupiers, especially companies at the forefront of information technology, communications, defence industries or education uses, and a new building offers occupiers the prospect of a landmark facility."

It is understood that offers of between £4 million and £6 million are being sought.