

Let's look in the **ROTUNDA**.

This collection of artefacts shows you log books, badges and medals belonging to different aircrew who were involved in the Second World War.



Why not have a go at designing your own medal and ribbon here?

You could make up your own, or you could be inspired by the medals on display in this room and copy one of them.

Write the name of your medal here

The Battle of Britain took place between 10 July - 13 October 1940. RAF and German Luftwaffe aircraft fought in the skies above Britain. It was the first battle to be fought entirely in the air. The RAF won the Battle of Britain, stopping Nazi German plans to invade Britain.

If you want to know more about Battle of Britain aircrew, you can use one of the databases in the room to explore their stories. **Have you tried the quiz?**

THE BALLROOM

There is plenty for you to explore in this room. You can spend some time watching the film footage and listening to the audio clips.

Don't forget to test your aircraft identification skills as a member of the Observer Corps, and **take a seat in a life-size replica Spitfire cockpit!**

Well done, you've finished.

Remember to collect your stamp from Reception.



History Trail



Hello, my name is **Scramble**.

What is your name?

I'm the museum's mascot, and I'm here to help you explore the history of this beautiful building.

The Mansion House you are standing in is over 250 years old! This trail will help you explore the history of Bentley Priory, and starts with a timeline to show all the different people who used to live here. The last part of the trail explores the history of the **Battle of Britain** in 1940, when Bentley Priory was Headquarters of Fighter Command.



History Trail



Press the buttons on the timeline mirror in the **ABERCORN ROOM** to find out more about the history of this house.

You will be able to see more about Queen Adelaide in the **Adelaide Room** later on your tour. When you're in the Adelaide Room, look up at the ceiling.

How many different types of flowers can you see?

You can find out more about Bentley Priory during the Second World War in our **10 minute film** and other galleries. Let a volunteer know when you and your group are ready to see the film and they will start it for you.



A long time ago, Bentley Priory was home to...



The Priory was knocked down in the 1500s, and in 1766 a man called...

built a new house up on the hill.



When Queen Adelaide lived here, she was visited by her niece, Queen...

Queen Adelaide lived here for the last year of her life, and died here in 1849.



After being a family home, Bentley Priory became a...



In 1926, Bentley Priory became a base for the...

It was used during the Second World War and continued to be in use until 2008. It opened as a museum in 2013.

1170

1766

1848

1882

1926

1788

1863

1908

Look up at the archway above the door into the **Abercorn Room**. Here you can see the Abercorn Family Coat of Arms.

Which of the following can you see on the crest?

- Heart
- Star
- Sword
- Flower
- Ship
- Dragon



Bentley Priory became home to the 9th Earl of ...

The **Rotunda** room, which you will see in a bit, was added at this time. Look up at its grand, round ceiling when you go in later.



An engineer called...

added the clock tower that you can see today. You can still hear the clock chiming on the hour. Have you heard the clock chime?



Bentley Priory changed hands again and was turned into...



In the **Abercorn Room**, you can try on some costumes that show you what some of the residents of this house might have worn when they lived here.

Have a look at yourself in the mirror, you may want to take some photos.

