

# Turing's Cache

**A prize treasure hunt game for OU Fresher's Week 2015**



The OU-led MK:Smart project is developing a special travel app for Milton Keynes. To help develop this, we are running a treasure hunt game using the first prototype of the *MotionMap* to provide clues for a treasure hunt especially for OU PhD students. The clues will reveal the locations of Turing's virtual cache of silver hidden somewhere on the OU campus. Although this is a virtual cache there are real cash prizes for the winners! There's a top prize of £50 plus three runner up prizes too.

Visit the MK:Smart competition site at <http://eepurl.com/bwp4LP> to join. The game will start on Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> with daily clues over that week leading to the location of Turing's Cache. This fun game will only take a few minutes of your time and will help 'stress test' the *MotionMap* prototype.

## **Why Turing's Cache?**

Alan Turing, 'the father of computer science', was a mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst and computer scientist who was a major participant in the wartime code-breaking work at Bletchley Park, not far from the Walton Hall campus. A number of Bletchley Park staff lived at Walton Hall at the time and may even have known Turing.

While serving at Bletchley Park, Turing stayed at the Crown Inn, Shenley Brook End, and somewhere near there he buried two silver bars, carefully recording the site with respect to local landmarks. When he returned to recover them, the area had been rebuilt. Despite several attempts with metal detectors, he never recovered them and no one else is known to have found them. Our game is based around this intriguing local story!

