



Editorial:-

I have recently been given two items outlining future plans for two aircraft to be either kept in the air or to get back in the air. I refer to the Vulcan XH558 and to the Lancaster "Just Jane NX611".

As many of you will know the Vulcan is coming to the end of its flying life at the end of the 2013 season. However "Vulcan To The Sky" (VIST) trust are delighted to announce that contracts have been signed with Beagle Technology Group to begin work on the next phase of their Wing Modification programme that will hopefully lead to the completion of the Flying Life extension to enable XH558 to fly on until the end of the display season in 2015.



Their work will involve the creation of the tooling and formers on which to stretch form the plates that will make and applied to XH558's wings in order to meet the requirements of a modification that was specified by Avro when any Vulcan approached the number of flying hours reached by XH558. In RAF life, the Vulcan's were retired and scrapped long before this was ever needed and indeed, it was only ever done to the fatigue life specimen that lived on the special structural test rig at Woodford.

I was at Bruntingthorpe when XH558 nearly took to the air for the first time following its rebuild. I say nearly, as the aircraft was due to have a compass swing on October 17th 2007 and fly thereafter. I was there arranging my RBL Poppy Launch and felt very lucky to be with several thousand able to see the aircraft take to the sky. Unfortunately for one reason and another it didn't happen until the next day the 18th when XH588 took to the air for the first time in 15 years. So I for one will be pleased to see this extended flying life.

Avro Lancaster "Just Jane" is based at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre in East Kirby and is the only privately owned Lancaster Bomber in Europe. Over a number of years the aircraft has been brought up to taxi conditions currently does a number of runs weekly. The aircraft was assessed to determine the possibility of getting the aircraft in the air.



With the support of the BBMF and the CAA it's looking a possibility that Just Jane could be airborne in around 18 months, thus becoming only the third airworthy Lancaster in the world.

If you are require more information on either of these projects contact:-
www.lincsaviation.co.uk for Just Jane
and
<http://www.vulcantothesky.org/donate.html> for Vulcan to the Sky.

Progress of the Dornier 17

On 10th June at 6.26 pm, local time, the Dornier 17 broke the surface of the waves above Goodwin Sands after resting at the bottom of the English Channel for 73 years. If you missed this historic moment, you can watch the event on the Royal Air Force Museum's You Tube Chanel which also contains films showing the initial survey of the wreck and life aboard the GPS Apollo After sympathetically dismantling the wings from the fuselage, the Dornier 17 has now been transported from Ramsgate to, Cosford where it is now on display to the public in specially constructed Hydration Tunnels. To learn more about this fascinating project, please follow the Royal Air Force Museum's Blog



Warning

- Simple Home Security Tips
- Keep your doors Locked
- Secure windows when leaving Home
- Don't leave Keys near Doors
- Consider fitting Security Lights
- Beware of distraction Burglars
- Don't let anyone in your home without identification.

Warning



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THE PRESIDENT'S BAND

The Royal Air Force's Association President's Band is a successful and friendly band that performs music to a high standard, and is comprised of approximately forty talented Musicians, including ex-RAF and military band musicians, music teachers, and many who are from other varied walks of life who play for enjoyment



The Band welcomes new members who are competent and to a minimum of Grade VII standard or equivalent and, as the repertoire is continually being expanded, a good sight-reading ability is essential. As the Band undertakes many engagements throughout the year, it is a requirement of all members of the Band that they attend rehearsals regularly in order to be able to provide music to a professional standard and, when called upon, make themselves available for performances.

The Band rehearses in the band room of the 'Central Band of the Royal Air Force', RAF Northolt, Middlesex every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 pm (excepting Bank Holidays).

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Then why not send it along to your Horseshoe.
Lets try and make each edition different and interesting.
Perhaps you would like to air your views.
Lets hear from you*

The Royal British Legion, Leicestershire and Rutland County, Annual Festival of Remembrance 2013

Planning for this year's exciting event is well under way and the entertainment on the evening will be provided by the superb Royal Air Force Waddington Band; the talented voice of Rose, the Forces Sweetheart (a 'military wife'); and the rousing notes of our very own, Pipes and Drums of the Royal British Legion Leicestershire and Rutland County Pipe Band.

The 'Remembrance' element of the evening's event will be preceded by the Air Training Corps Cadets from Market Harborough constructing a 'Drum Head' altar to lay Standards on and we expect this to be a spectacular highlight of the proceedings.

Following on from the successful event last year the Festival of Remembrance will, once again, be held at the De Montfort Hall, Granville Street, Leicester, on Saturday 2nd November 2013, commencing at 19:00.



The format for the festival will be similar to previous years in that there will be the usual spectacular procession of standards, both Royal British Legion and Associations, followed on stage by a muster made up of our local military units and veterans associations alongside our civil organisations.

**David Atterbury RBL Leicestershire
County Chairman**



Armed Forces Day Nottingham 2013

This year's annual Armed Forces day celebrations took place on the 29th June in Nottingham, with an attendance of over 100,000 people.

More than 600 service personnel, cadets and veterans marched through the city's streets from Nottingham Castle to New Market Square in front of their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester who represented the Queen and the royal family.

Also in attendance was the Secretary of State for Defence Philip Hammond, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham Councillor Merlita Bryan, and the new Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Stuart Peach.

During the service and drumhead salute the Red Arrows saluted the city with a flypast headed by a Sentinel R1 and a 4-ship flypast by Royal Air Force Typhoons.

Celebrations continued along the Victoria Embankment and members of the public experienced the armed forces of today, with soldiers, sailors and airmen showing off the best equipment in use on operations today.



Other notable displays included a terrific aerial display by the Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, a Royal Naval Lynx and Sea Fury and the RAF Falcons display team parachuting into Victoria Embankment. There were also demonstrations by the Royal Marines and the Musical Drive by The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery. This was the 5th year of an official Armed Forces Day. The celebrations were the biggest and best yet. It can only enhance the valued respect and continuing relationship between both the public and our Armed Forces.

**Officer Cadet Will Goddard DTUS
Loughborough University.**

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From the Secretary

I thought you might like to see the attached information. This document was passed to me with my Rotary hat on. Your comments regarding RAFA involvement will be welcome.

MOBILISATION **Kendrew Barracks, 15th June 2014**

As part of the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland's commemoration of the centenary of World War I, and by kind permission of 49 (East) Brigade Commander and the Head of Establishment for Kendrew Barracks, Arts for Rutland will promote a large scale community arts event at Kendrew on Sunday 15th June 2014 (Fathers' Day).

The event is intended to embrace both the army and the wider Rutland community in a range of cultural activities linked by the theme of "Mobilisation". The principal art forms will be music, drama, visual art, and commemorative displays.

Outline of the event

The area in which the event will be held will include a large performance stage and a number of smaller covered areas suitable for performance and display. During the course of the day we envisage four or five high quality performances on the main stage lasting 30-40 minutes each, interspersed with a variety of performances and displays in smaller areas.

Performance and display elements

- Première of a newly-commissioned set of songs by a massed choir of Primary School pupils, organised by the Rutland Music Hub
- Performances by local choirs and bands
- Performance by amateur dramatic groups
- Displays by locally resident and army artists co-ordinated by Rutland Open Studios
- Displays and demonstrations by local cadet forces and other youth groups
- Displays relating to the history of WWI and regimental displays
- Displays demonstrating the relationship between the army and the community in 1914 and in modern times

Register your interest

Any group interested should register an interest with Arts for Rutland at register@mobilisation.org.uk

Reserve the date for your society, and for yourself – **15th JUNE 2014**

Dr Laurence Howard OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland
Lt Col Steve Lonnen MBE, Head of Establishment,
Kendrew Barracks
Peter Lawson Esq DL, Chairman, Arts for Rutland



The 2013 Silver Jubilee Birmingham Tattoo

The 2013 Silver Jubilee Birmingham Tattoo will take place at the NIA, Birmingham on Saturday 30th November at 6pm and Sunday 1st December at 2pm.

Over 1,000 military musicians and other performers will line up for this year's special 25th Birmingham International Tattoo.



The RAF Association is delighted to be able to offer a limited number of discounted tickets to our members. Instead of the normal £25 per ticket, members can pay just £15 by booking them through CHQ. If you would like to purchase tickets, please call Rishi on 0116 2688785 and you will be able to pay with credit or debit card over the phone. We regret that we are unable to accept cheque payments for these tickets.

From the massed marching bands to the spectacular displays, this year's event has something for everyone and, with only two performances to choose from, tickets are already selling quickly so reserve your place soon.





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Dates For Your Diary

7th August	Typhoon Force Commander	Air Commodore G M Waterfall OBE
2nd October	RAF High Wycombe, it's history as HQ Bomber Command,	Group Captain Mark D HEFFRON DACOS A1
6th November	Adrian Walker	LOROS
4th December	Christmas Dinner	Greetham Valley Golf Club

What's on Forthcoming Events

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Membership Secretary

Branch Meeting

Branch Meetings are First Wednesday every month
Venue: Cottesmore Sports & Social Club 7.00 for 7.30pm

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