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## **Work Sessions**

Take place at

HOOTON PARK

On Wednesday and Thursday  
And Occasional Weekends

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Sadly on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March long time member Bill Dutton felt unwell and was taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital, on arrival he was found to be in a coma from which he did not recover and passed away on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Bills funeral was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Much better news comes from Emma and Jon Howard, Emma gave birth to their first child a daughter on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, no news yet on a name or fighting weight.

Lastley a big welcome to four new members, Martin Williams from Kingsley and Kevin Walford from Willaston joining on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April followed eight days later on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April by brothers Glyn and John Morris both from the Ellesmere Port area. Martin and Kevin have already been seen down at HP working on the Vampire which is moving ahead at great speed and Glyn & John have indicated that they too will be volunteering in the future.



Peter Schofield's photo at the bottom of the previous page of Harrier T.4 XW269/BD was taken earlier this year at Caernarfon Airworld Museum. This aircraft was of course the reason why TAC in July 2012 had to remove four engines and the Gannet cockpit section back to Hooton Park prior to it's arrival.





Four more photos from the GT Aviation Fair at Ellesmere Port. This is the last time we will see Graham Sparkes on the left with his Hunter FGA.9 XE584 and unidentified Sea Hawk FGA.4. They have been sold to Doug Darroch of Fort Perch Rock fame at the top end of the Wirral so not going far away.

Just behind Graham, Colin signing his autograph for yet another of his groupies, can't take him anywhere!

TAC are very lucky to have so many members with cockpits to rely on to bring them to shows. Here we have oh yes you all know Simon's moth eaten old Tonka Toy, Tornado GR.1 ZD710. The silly thing took on Mother Earth on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1989 and as you can see came off second best.

I believe Simon's plan is to make the port side like new and leave the starboard side as found.

Rumour has it Simon is on the hunt for a GR.4 so I hope the RAF have been alerted.



All four photos here are from Simon Pulford, (before you ask No 4 is over the page) many thanks again Simon.

To the left we have the TAC Gannet T.2, BAPC.309, Ian Starnes Jet Provost T.4 XR654 & Terry Parker's DH Venom FB.54 J-1712.

Terry is giving a customer the full Venom experience which is quite something if you have a spare half hour.





I was beginning to think I would never see this, visitors interested in the Gannet ! Yes there were plenty and it was good to see it on a cold & windy overcast day. Mothers Day was not really a good idea so it was a surprise to see so many out and about looking at old aviation junk.

I think what cracked it for the Gannet was the ex Griffin Trust stairs with hand rails gives a sense of security for old folk just ask the Chairman.

Many thanks to Simon, Terry, Ian and Graham for your support and time much appreciated.

The latest scratch built model to come off the Bob Frost production line at Hooton Park is none other than our very own Avian G-EBZM. Bob scavenges round the site looking for bits of off cuts of wood with which to build his models. Not meant to be accurate scale



The Vampire pod has sat forlornly in Bldg 28 for fifteen months with little interest shown her.

That is until the working party day at the end of March when four of us descended on her with a menacing look in our eyes.

Ian Starnes, Colin, new member Martin Williams & Dave set about pulling her to pieces and cleaning her interior bits!

The photo is showing her bonnet removed (that should get a response) and several of her bits removed for cleaning and painting.

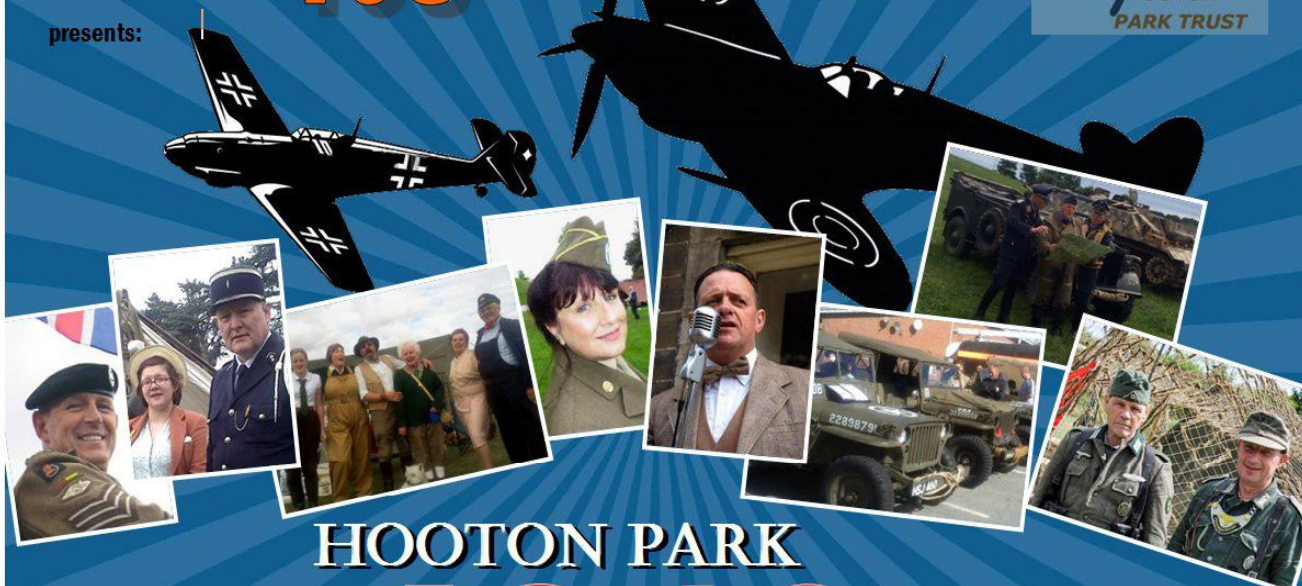
Since then Kevin Walford has joined Martin working on her in the week so we are expecting her to be finished by the end of the year !!



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# HOOTON PARK **1940s** Weekend

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> & SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2015**

**10am till 4.30pm**

**Airfield Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 1BQ**

(off junction 6 of the M53, follow the signs to free car park/park & ride)



- Military & Period Vehicles including the return of an original Spitfire that flew from Hooton Park during WW2, and a full scale replica Messerschmitt 109-E.
- Static Displays of Wartime Weapons, Equipment & Uniforms, Allied and Axis forces, Womens Land Army, 1940s period civilians, etc.
- Wartime entertainment from Paul Harper, Harmony Belle, The Victory Girls, Katy Mustang and 1940s DJ.
- Food and bar on site.
- Recreated battle performed each afternoon.
- Sunday Morning Parade & Church Service.
- Trade Stalls with period militaria, clothing and early 20<sup>th</sup> century ephemera.
- Childrens fun fair (additional charges apply).



**Admission: £7.50 adults; £4 children (age 2-16) & Senior Citizens;  
Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 children) £20.  
Free entry for Veterans and children under 2 years.**

Free entry to pre-booked re-enactors with static displays and/or appropriate period vehicle.

**OPTIONAL HANGAR DANCE ON SATURDAY NIGHT WITH THE ASHBY BIG BAND AND SUPPORTING ENTERTAINMENT.  
£15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES BUFFET). MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.**

Application forms for re-enactors/vehicle/traders and hangar dance tickets all available from  
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**7.00 till 11.30pm**

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- Live music of the period from Ashby Big Band
- Supporting entertainment from Paul Harper, Harmony Belle, The Victory Girls, Katy Mustang and 1940s DJ
- Buffet and licensed bar

**Admission: £15 per person\*. Must be booked in advance.**

(\* £10 for displaying re-enactors, vehicle owners and traders booked into the event)

To book your tickets, contact Mark on 0774 607 3914 or email [northernforties@gmail.com](mailto:northernforties@gmail.com)

More information and reserve your ticket online at [www.northernforties.org.uk](http://www.northernforties.org.uk)