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Happy Xmas to all!

Happy Christmas from all of the staff at the BCWM!! As part of our festive celebrations we have made a brief video of our Jaguar and her progress in restoration terms this year that culminated in her taxiing under her own power on Dec 15th. We are sure you will enjoy the video as much as we did!

Have a great Christmas wherever you are, and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

The continuing restoration of the BCWM SEPECAT Jaguar GR1A XX741 - 2018



XX741 takes her first steps since 1993!

XX741 took another step forward today by being able to taxi under her own power. Well done to the XX741 team for moving the project on to the next level. Watch the progress of today's work in this video:

XX741 first time taxying



BCWM are the East of England's chosen charity!

We are so pleased that the Coop have chosen the Bentwaters Cold War Museum as their selected charity for their token collection scheme from Monday 17th December for Three Months at the following stores:

Wickham Market, Old Barrack Road, Woodbridge, Hasketon Road, Woodbridge, and Woodbridge Supermarket

Please share your love and support the museum by putting your green tokens in the Bentwaters Cold War Museum collecting box as we really do appreciate your support!!



The Winter work continues...

When the museum is closed for the season there is always a long list of tasks to complete to prepare for the following season/year. Staff volunteers were busy on Sunday 25th Nov giving the museum grounds a good tidy-up.



Tour of the former RAF Bentwaters base – October 14th 2018.





We are running another tour of the former RAF Bentwaters base on Sunday October 14th 2018 – The museum will be open from 10am, and the bus leaves for the tour at 11am. Included will be a tour of the airfield, a visit to the BCWM restoration HAS and a visit to Bill Kemball's Tractor Museum. Please note that the tour can last 4-5 hours, so you are advised to bring a packed lunch and drinks.

You are advised to book early as these tours always fill up quickly!

You can book online by using this link.

Come on and feel the noise.....

Here's some unique footage of XX741 powering up on September 8th 2018... quite a moment for the BCWM staff we are sure you'll agree!

XX741 Lives!



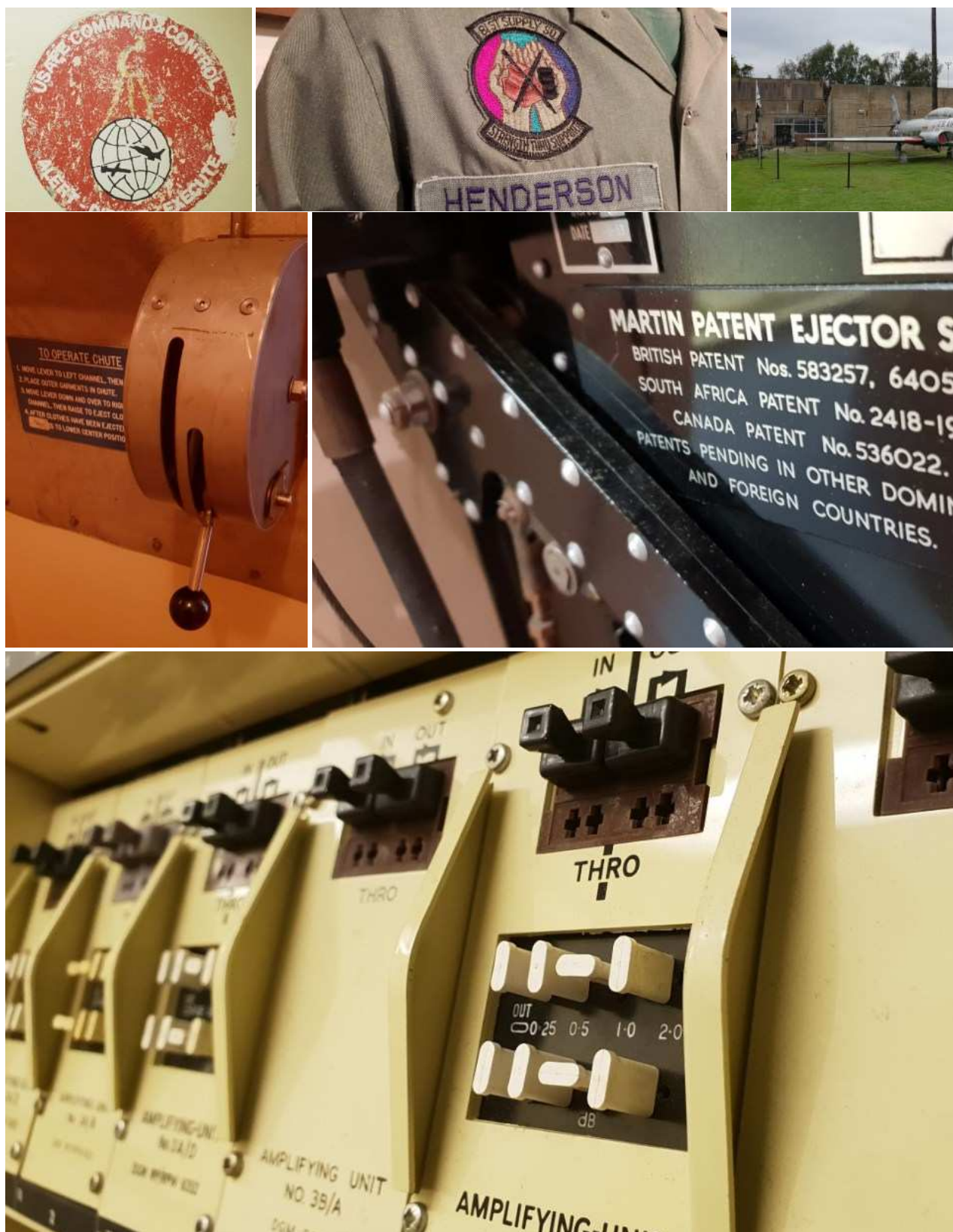
Jaguar XX741 lives!!!

With today being the 50th anniversary of the first flight of the Anglo-French Jaguar, it seemed the perfect day for Bentwaters Cold War Museum to celebrate the anniversary in style. The museum's Jaguar airframe XX741, that has been under restoration to become a live ground runner for 9 years, was towed out of its hangar for its first engine runs during its restoration phase. This would make XX741 fully 'live' and a functional exhibit. The day saw mixed success, with one engine having starting issues with its fuel system. However the other Adour was successfully started and ran comfortably into the higher power ranges including lighting of its afterburner. Several major aircraft systems were also proven including electrical generation that allowed the aircraft to operate without external power supplies. A great day for all those involved with the restoration of XX741 and the BCWM.

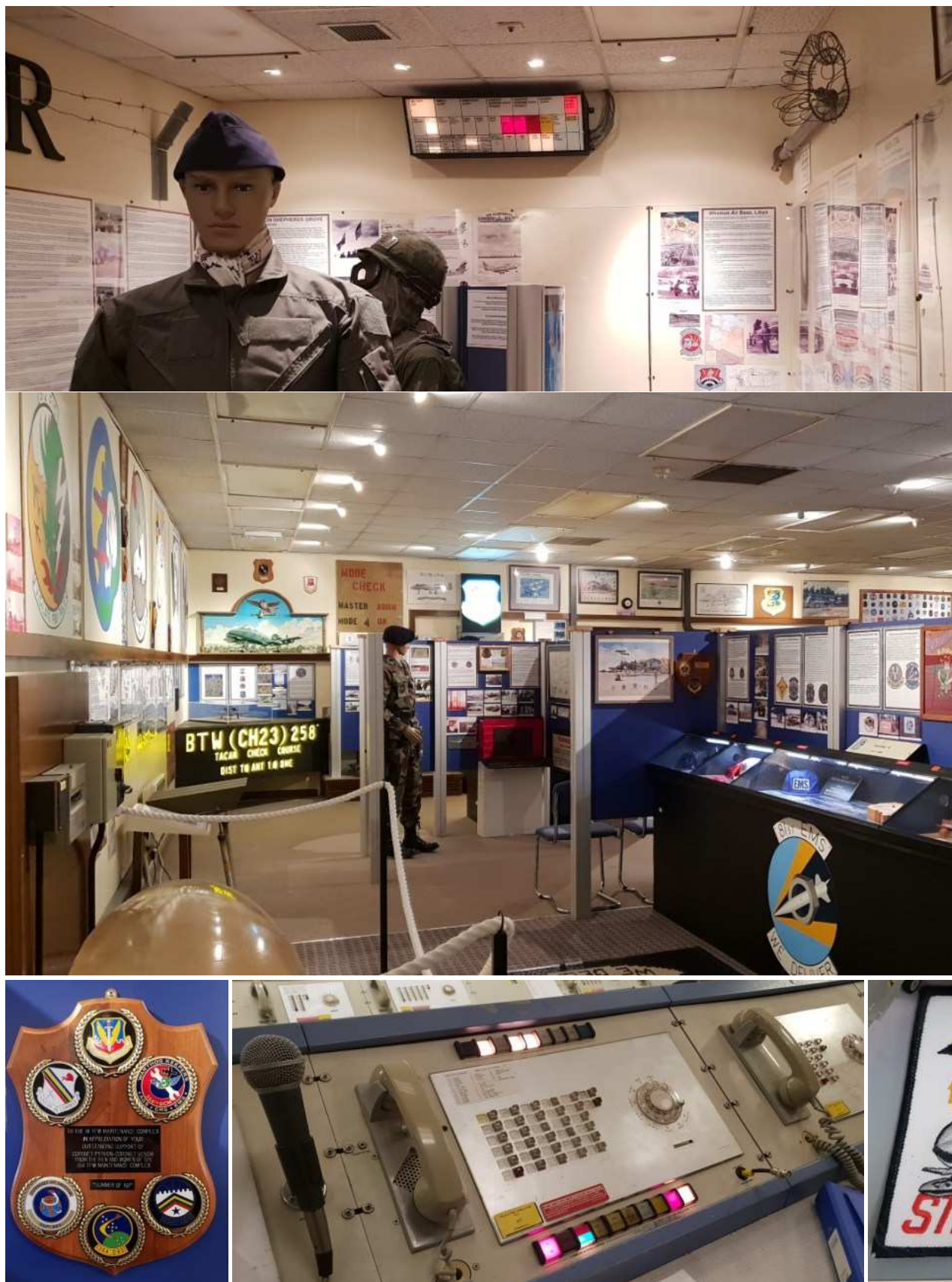


Photos from August 19th

Some photos taken in the Museum on August 19th are shown below – why not come and see us if you like what you see – details about our opening times can be found by visiting [this link](http://www.bcwm.org.uk/news-from-2018/).











Got time for a walk?



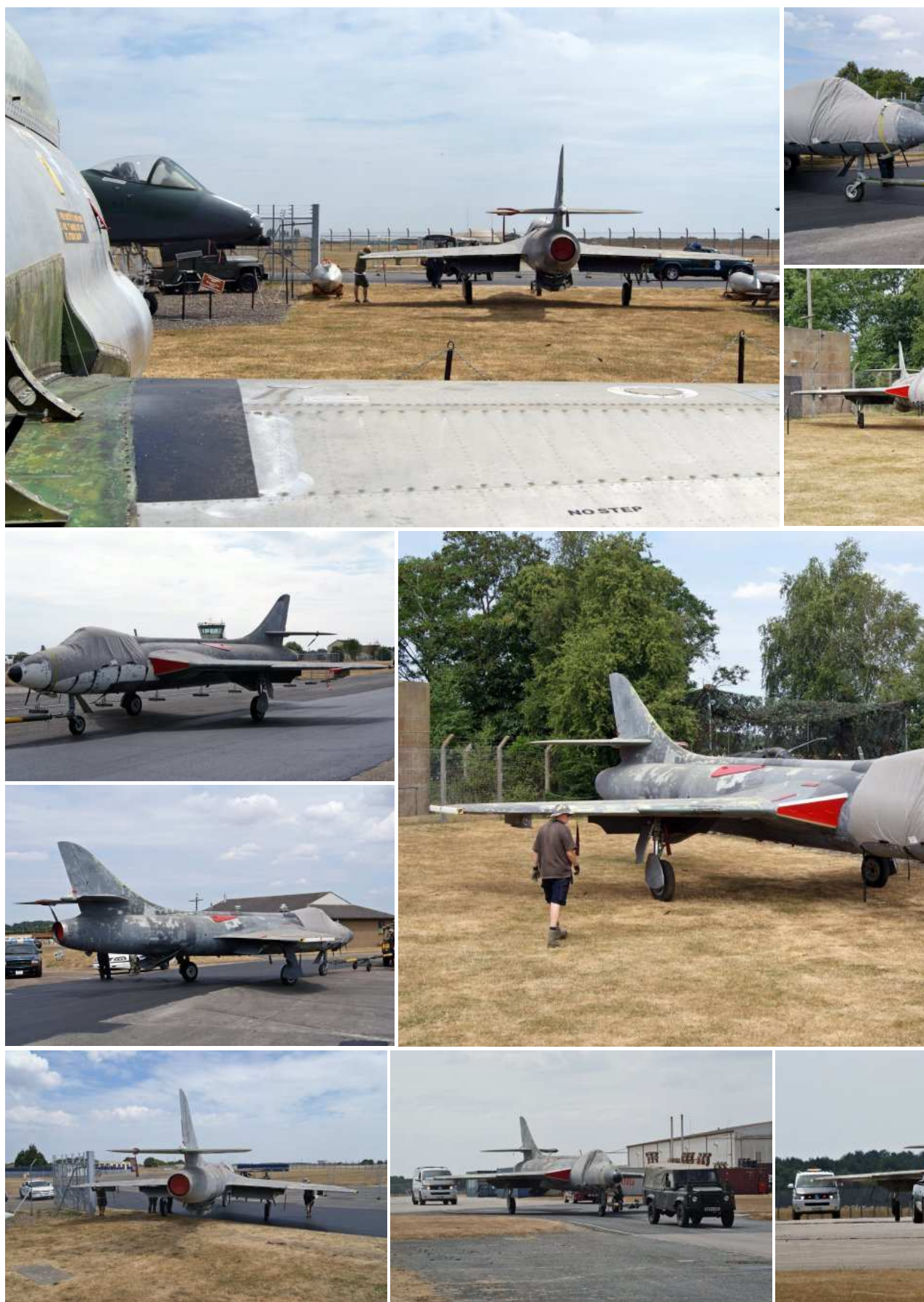
We are holding another 'Cold War Walk' on Sunday 9th September 2018. This will be a guided walk around the former RAF Bentwaters. Take in the atmosphere of an ex United States Air Force base which played a huge part during the Cold War and will include a visit to the museums aircraft restoration hangar.

Price is £15.00 per person (no children) and will last about five hours. Contact the museum by **emailing us here** for details about availability. Alternatively, you can **book a place directly and pay for it online here** – the places will be booked on a first come, first served basis.

Thanks to Bentwaters Parks Ltd for granting access.

Hunter on the prowl...

We moved our Hawker Hunter from the restoration HAS this weekend over to the museum compound in preparation for it's repainting into Royal Navy colours. Some photos of the move can be seen below.



Ride of Remembrance Rideout to Bentwaters Cold War Museum on August 27th.

In the August Bank Holiday week 2018, BVROR is hosting an eight day motorcycle tour of Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire raising funds for Combat Stress, the Royal British Legion and the RAF100 Appeal

Find out more on this Facebook page.

**New addition to the BCWM Aircraft Fleet!**

A new addition to the aircraft collection arrived today. T-33 51-9252 is on loan from the NMUSAF having transferred from Tangmere Military Aviation Museum. The aircraft will undergo a period of restoration before it is repainted in 81st TFW markings. More information on the history of this specific airframe will be published soon.





Anglo-American Open Day on July 1st success!

We had a great day on Sunday with lots of visitors, classic cars, military vehicles, US Police cars, birds of prey, and tours of the airfield Control Tower. See some images from the day below.



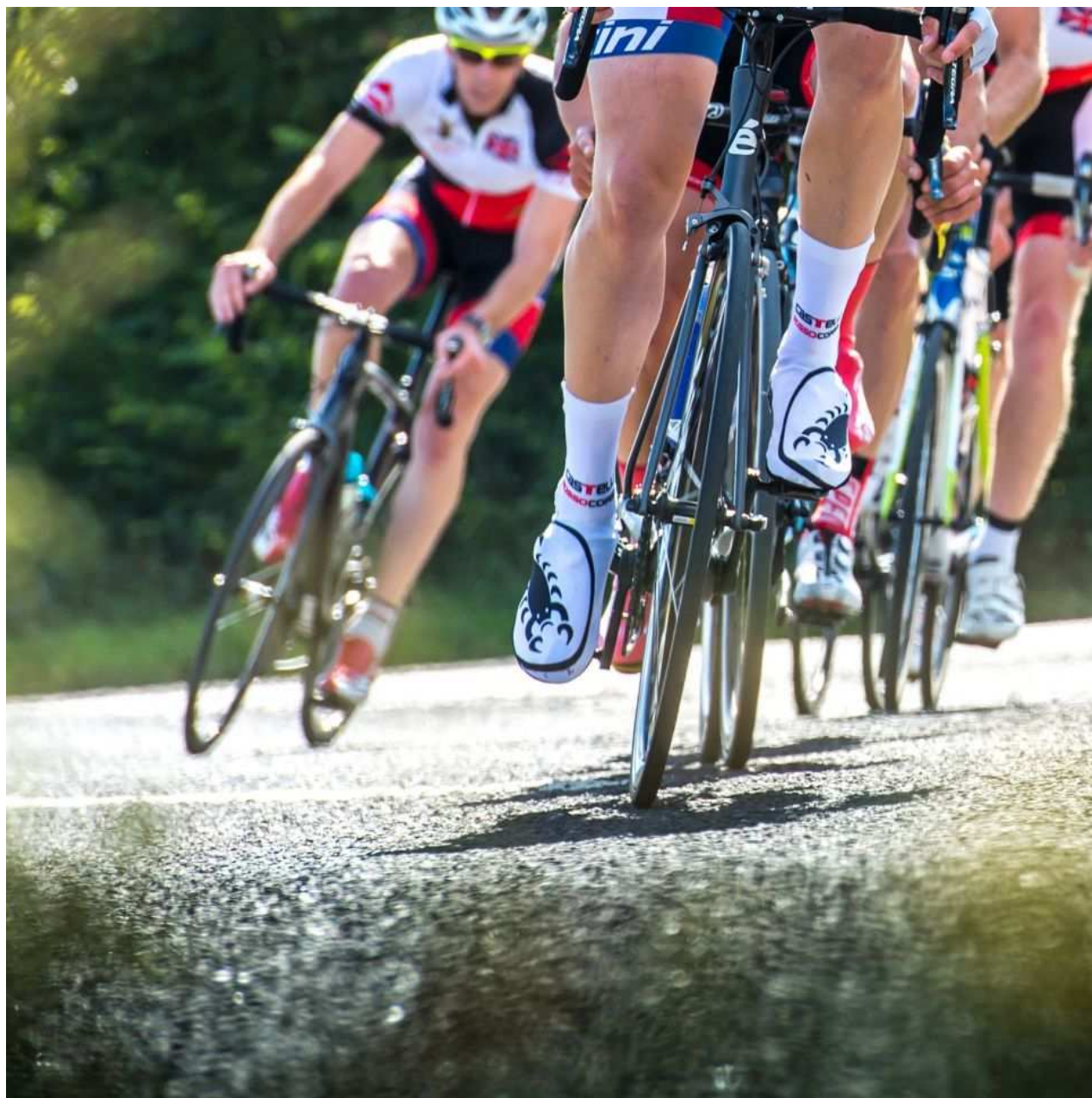




RAF100 Baton Relay – June 25th 2018

The RAF100 Baton Relay cycling team will be visiting Bentwaters on Monday June 25th as part of their UK tour. The baton will be carried by lots of different willing volunteers that all have a connection to the RAF and over 100 days will visit 100 sites associated with the RAF. Why non pop into to see the baton as it passes through Bentwaters – we will be open specially for this event between 10am and 2pm.





Anglo American Open Day – July 1st 2018

To mark the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force's departure from the Twin-Bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in 1993. On display will be classic American and British cars, Fire Engines, a Birds of Prey stand, Militaria Stalls, a Punch and Judy show, American Security Vehicles, Harley-Davidsons and Military vehicles. To add to our own cafe and shop, there will also be a burger van.



See some more of our exhibits...

Some more photos from the museum this weekend (May 20th) – why not come and see these exhibits for yourself? You can find out our opening times on this page.







Classic cars visit the BCWM on May 13th 2018

An impressive collection of Triumph Stag cars visited us on Sunday May 13th as part of a prearranged visit, and impressed us with their sheer numbers! Count them if you can!

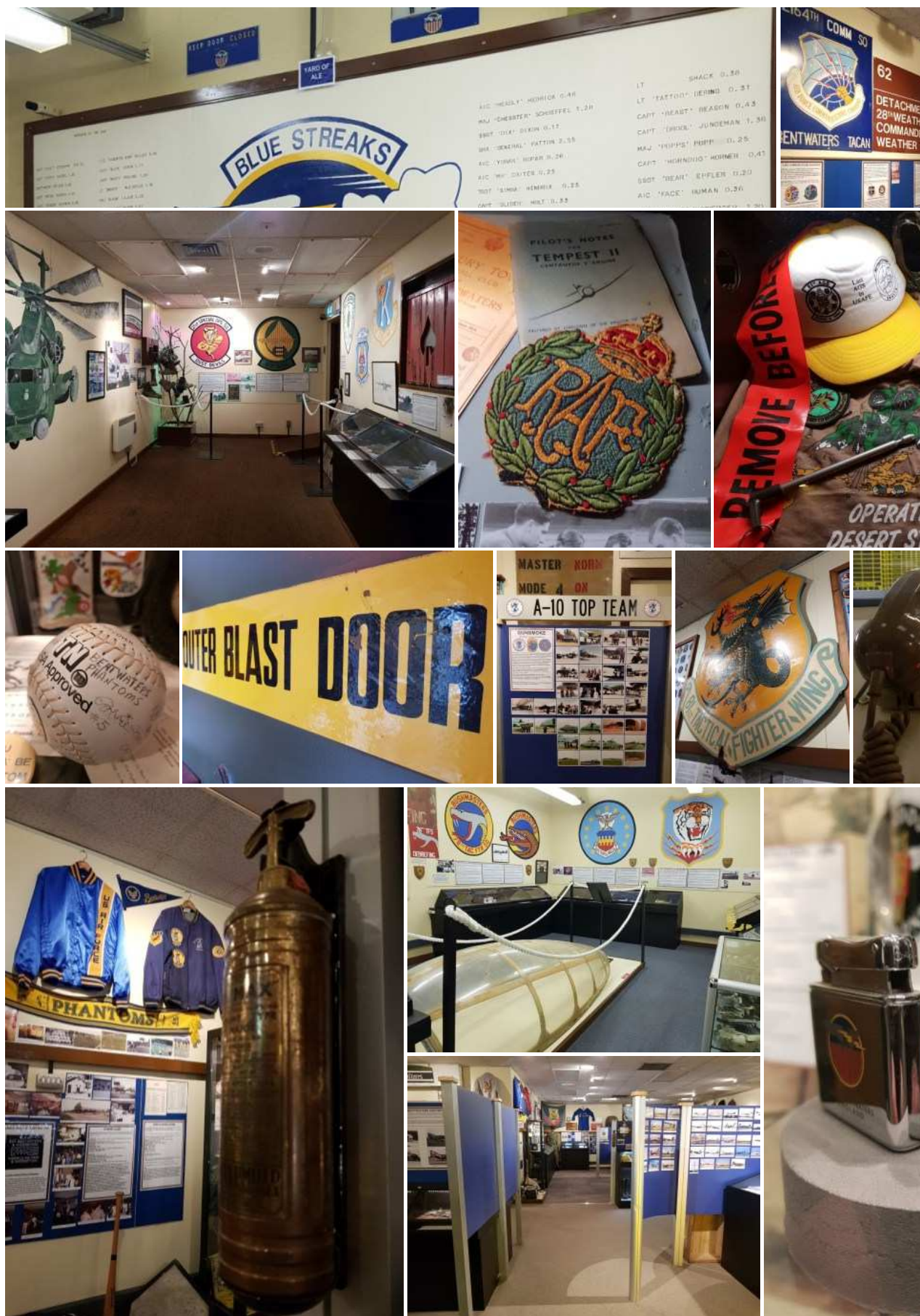




Some photos from April 15th 2018 in the Museum

Below is a random selection of photos of the Museum giving you a glimpse of what is on display if you have never been before.









"Cold War Walk" – Sunday April 22nd 2018



Participate in a guided walk around the former RAF Bentwaters. Take in the atmosphere of an ex United States Air Force base which played a huge part during the Cold War and will include a visit to the museums aircraft restoration hangar.

Price is £15.00 per person (no children) and will last about five hours. Contact the museum at info@bcwm.org.uk for availability (15 places left at time of writing).

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Anglo-American Open day planned at the BCWM for July 1st 2018.

To mark the 25th Anniversary of the United States Air Force's departure from the Twin-Bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in 1993, we will be hosting a special event. Full details about the event will be posted both here and on Facebook as they are confirmed. Be sure to keep checking and keep the date free!

We are almost open for 2018!

We open for 2018 on April 1st, so why not pop in to see us if you have never been before, or even if you have, another visit will be worth it! We have added new displays in the museum over the winter months that have been brought out of our archives for you to see.

Get details about our opening times, admission prices and how to get to us on our Visitors Page [here](#).

Why not sign up for BAS Membership and help support the museum?

The Bentwaters Aviation Society is the driving force behind the BCWM and is always on the lookout for new members. Annual UK Subscription is from January – December each year and will include free admission to the Bentwaters Cold War Museum , members-only Open Days and tours of the airfield, free entry to BCWM special open days when arranged, monthly meetings including guest speakers and slide/film shows, copies of the superb colour 12+ paged 'Command Post' newsletter published three times a year, organised visits to other museums and airfields, and the opportunity to become a staff member/volunteer at the Bentwaters Cold War Museum.

Find out more and even join up at the BAS website [here](#).

Happy New Year!! Now that we are in 2018, why not come and see us this year – you can get details about our opening times and how to visit us on our Visitors Page.

Opening Times & Prices for 2018:

April – 1, 2, & 15

May – 6, 7, 20, 27, & 28

June – 3, & 17

July – 1, & 15

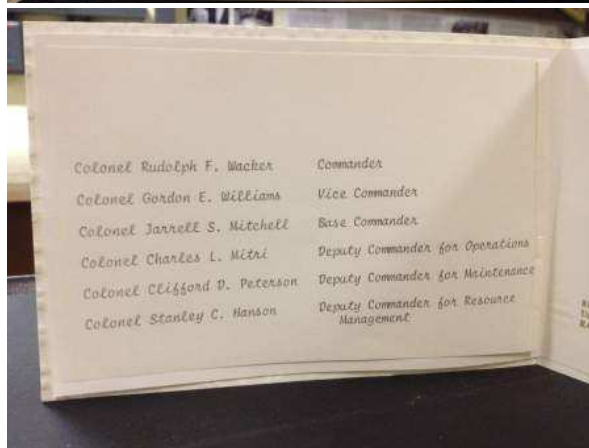
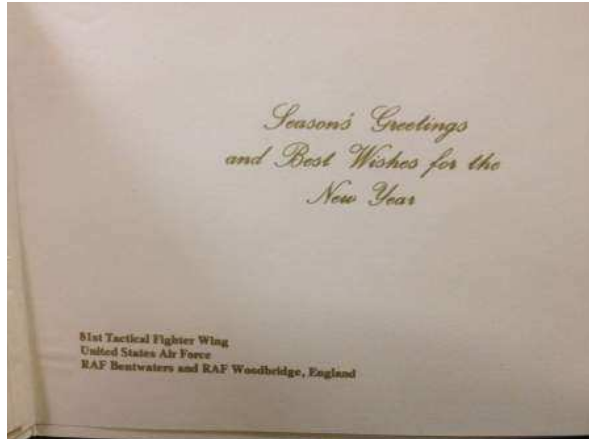
August – 5, 19, 26, & 27

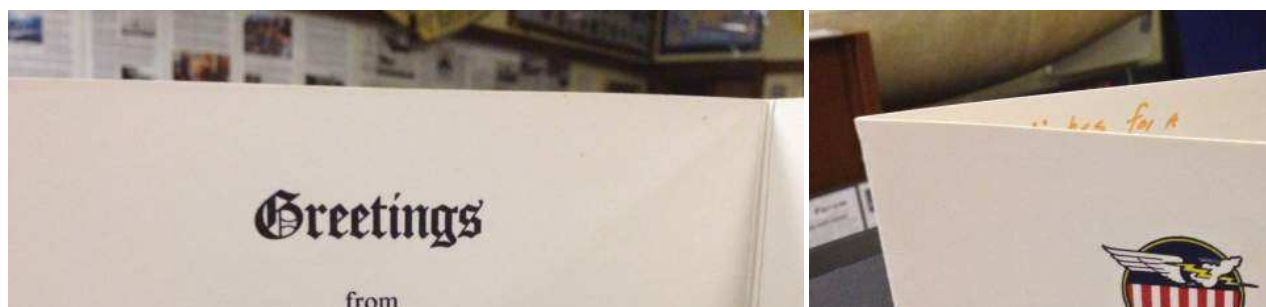
September – 2, & 16

October – 7, & 21

Prices: Adult – £5.00, Child (14 & under) – Free, Concessions – £4.00. We accept debit and credit cards payments(over £5) as well as cash.

Christmas cards from the 81st! Shown below are some Christmas cards that are connected to Bentwaters that we thought might jog a few memories with some of you...





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