

All Members and Friends of the
RAF Airfield Construction Branch Associations

Invitation to visit Old Warden Airfield - Bedfordshire



Join the two Associations of the Airfield Construction Branch on 2nd August on the occasion of the launch of **"Built to Endure"**

chronicling their history, 1946-1966. This event is being held jointly with the RAF Hunter Pilots and Groundcrew Associations, who are holding a parallel book launch. The facilities at this unique event are extensive providing across the board interest, not just the aircraft and flying display and are open to any interested guests and parties you are able to canvass. Concessionary admission at £20pp (accompanied under 16's free) is available until 21st July, pre-booked on dedicated

Tel No **01767:627933**

Admission on the day is £25. A pre-booked buffet lunch is available at £12.50, children under 16 £6.50. Other refreshments will be available throughout the day in our fully seated Reception Area. A picnic area is available where advice is to bring own folding chairs for comfort and for watching the flying display. Gates open at 0900, reception and registration, 1000 to 1230 with the formal opening at 1200. Lunch will be available from 1230 to 1400 followed by the flying display.

Further details of the days events are shown overleaf

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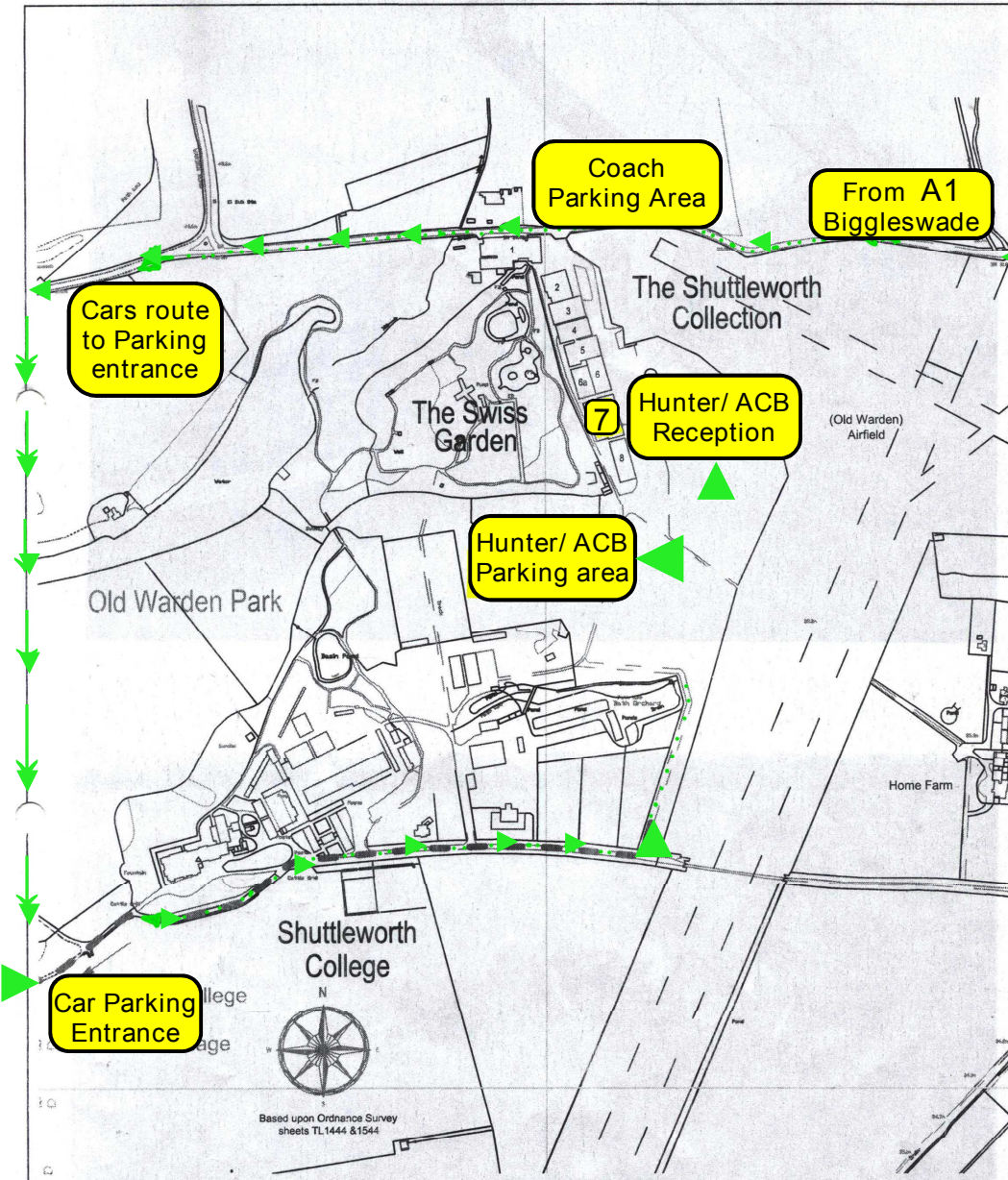
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HUNTER PILOTS AND RAF AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION BRANCH
COLD WAR REUNION - OLD WARDEN AIRFIELD, SUNDAY 2 AUG 2009

1. A reunion of ex-Hunter pilots and groundcrew, and members of the RAF Airfield Construction Branch, with their friends, relatives and others involved, will be held in conjunction with the Military Pageant and Air Display at Old Warden Airfield, Beds, on Sunday 2 August 2009. We will have a dedicated car park (The Paddock), with a disabled enclosure, and a Reunion Centre in Hangar 7. Our host, Shuttleworth Aviation Trustee and ex-Hunter pilot, Tony Haig-Thomas, will be on hand to sign his book 'Fall Out Roman Catholics and Jews', and the ACB will launch their heritage book 'Built to Endure', the authors' profits donated respectively to heritage and the charity 'Combat Stress'. Our facilities and the museum complex will offer ample interest should the weather prevent flying.

2. A site map of Old Warden is attached. Gates to the airfield and car parks will open at 0900, with a reception desk in Hangar 7 manned between 1000 and 1230 for late registrations and the issue of nametags. A coffee, wine, beer, soft drinks and snack bar will be open from 1000 until the facility closes, and a cold buffet of assorted meats, salads and sweets etc, will be served from 1230 to 1400.

3. Tony Haig-Thomas will welcome us formally in our Reunion Centre at 1200, and Air Vice-Marshal John Browne, President of the ACB, will reply for the guests. Books will be on sale throughout, signed by the authors at intervals between 1000-1700, and Hangar 7 will be open to the public throughout the air display, to enable military aviation enthusiasts to have access to the book signings and sales, and to meet the Hunter pilots and ACB members.

4. An all-in concession rate of £20/adult, transferable but not refundable (children below the age of 16 admitted free if accompanied by an adult) is offered to those who register and purchase tickets before 21 July on 01767-627933, with payment by most debit or credit cards, or by cheque made out to 'The Shuttleworth Collection', and addressed to Old Warden Aerodrome (Attn. Karen Wilsher), Biggleswade SG18 9EP. This charge will cover admission, car park, reunion facilities, the Museum all the attractions of the Military Pageant and Air Display, the Swiss Garden, Bird of Prey Sanctuary and Childrens' Play Centre. Applicants should state whether their primary interest is Hunter or ACB (for nametags), and give the address to which their tickets are to be sent. Buffet lunches, at a concession price of £12.50/adult and £6.50/child, may be prepaid at the same time, the tickets being annotated accordingly. Guests who do not buy their tickets before 21 July will be charged £25/adult admission on the day.

5. The organisers might be able to help, when a booking is made, with local telephone numbers offering overnight accommodation.

6. I will remain the link between hosts and guests (01502-723371), but enquiries on the event and its administration could be answered best by our Shuttleworth hosts (Karen, on 01767-627924).

7. This will be a unique occasion, with something for everyone at Old Warden. Most of the 60-plus aircraft in the vintage and veteran collection are airworthy and many will fly (weather permitting) in the display. It is also hoped that a Hunter will put in an appearance. There will be parade of wonderful old vehicles, their drivers and passengers *de rigueur*; a platoon of 'Dad's Army' will be on parade, and a band will play music to remind us of yesteryear.

8. We will try to bring this one-off event to the attention of all known Hunter pilots, groundcrew and members of the ACB (the latter providing us with so many excellent facilities in the Cold War). In this we ask for your help, and hope that you will be able to join us at Old Warden on 2 August.

Nigel Walpole

Author of "Built to Endure"

The Shuttleworth Trust

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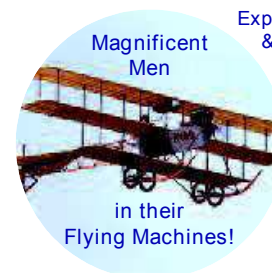
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