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Dunsfold Park NEWSLETTER



Harrier's Farewell to Dunsfold

32,000 flock to Wings & Wheels

Air Ambulance get night flights

This year has been one of change for Dunsfold Park as we focused our energies on expanding the aerodrome as a centre of excellence for new technologies and increased our aviation and event capabilities.

Key to this has been the strengthening of relations with Waverley Borough Council as they recognise the contribution we make as the largest single industrial and employment site in the borough.

Our focus on green technologies and reducing our carbon footprint continues as we aim to become the first business park in the UK to be fed entirely by green energy.

This ambition is not for the faint hearted but we are confident that in

investing in green technologies, through solar farms, waste treatment facilities and combined heat and power plants, we can achieve and set the standard for business parks across the country.

As landlord to over 100 businesses, it is imperative that we do this in conjunction with improving the existing services and facilities we offer our tenants. Current plans include looking at the feasibility of establishing a link road directly on to the A281, developing new and expanding on existing buildings and increasing the number of air movements for our aviation businesses.

All these plans are in their infancy but as and when more detail becomes

available we will expand on this in future editions of our newsletter.

Events have also played an important role in 2010 with the success of our first drive-in cinema, classical and popular concert and sixth annual Wings & Wheels. The airshow goes from strength to strength and the decision to make the event two days was hugely popular, as you'll read on page three. As we begin the task of preparing for the 2011 Show, tickets are already on sale.

Best wishes for a merry Christmas and prosperous new year.




News in brief...

Lights, Camera, Action

Estate Office staff stepped in to help out the Discovery Channel in September as they filmed a documentary on airplane disasters. As extras all the team had to do was apply make-up, chat, read and sleep. Not bad for an afternoon's work!

Come Fly With Me

Matt Lucas and David Walliams filmed their new six part comedy show on Dunsfold Park's resident 747 in August. The show, due to be aired at Christmas, takes the Little Britain formula and moves it into an airport. Walliams and Lucas will play virtually all the characters from un-PC customs officials to camp airline crew (David explained that one of the show's stars will be a "trolley dolly with really buck teeth") with guest stars coming in to fill secondary roles. An autographed

photo from Matt Lucas addressed to the security staff had the team in stitches as he wrote, "To all at Dunsfold security. My hair got stolen—you need to up your game."

Top Gear Live Launch

On October 6th Dunsfold Park's resident celebrities; Top Gear presenters Jeremy Clarkson and James May, commandeered the controls of the 747 to launch the Top Gear Live 'Prototype' World Tour. With camera crews, journalists and photographers watching on, the duo promised audiences that they would be treated to the most exciting, ambitious and complex automotive stage show ever. Thankfully for all concerned, the 747 ignition is more difficult to locate than the vehicles the presenters are used to manoeuvring around the track!

BBC Shoot Christmas Ad

TV stars Garry Lineker and Rowan Atkinson were just a few of the famous

names who boarded the 747 to jet off for the filming of the BBC Christmas adverts. Reports of Ronny Corbett squashed into an overhead luggage locker will be sure to make for entertaining viewing.

Scrum Five

On Friday 22nd October, Dunsfold Park welcomed five famous former international rugby players and watched as they tackled the notorious Top Gear Track.

The rugby stars, including Matt Dawson, Butch James, Richard Hill and Will Greenwood, were filming 'A Question of Sport' style 'Mystery Guest' sequences accompanied by the analysis of famous motoring commentator Mark Blundell.

The motoring action is to be viewed in the hospitality suites at Twickenham for the upcoming Autumn Internationals courtesy of event sponsors Investec.



Sun Shines on Bumper Crowd

Wings & Wheels thrilled crowds over the August bank holiday weekend as more than 32,000 people joined the air and motoring Show for its first year as a two day event.

The RAF put on a fantastic array of air displays with the Red Arrows, Eurofighter Typhoon, Hawk, Tucano and Tutor all delighting the crowds.

The highlight of the flying demonstration was the Harrier's triumphant return to the aerodrome, celebrating 50 years since the first vertical take-off at Dunsfold. The jet danced and hovered along the crowd line before bowing out to a waving, cheering army of visitors.

Miss Demeanor, Red Bull Matadors, Breitling Wingwalkers, Aerobatic Glider Display, Tigers Parachute Team and Vulcan Bomber all added their own little bit of magic to the Show, whilst the 'Wheels', masterminded by Brooklands Museum, demonstrated the

power and speed of iconic cars up and down the runway. Aston Martins, Ferraris, Jaguars, AC Cobras, Lotuses, Porsches, TVRs and the Mercedes-Benz Silver Arrows were just a few of the cars in the line-up.

Jamie McAllister, Event Director, comments: "We have received an unprecedented amount of positive feedback from enthusiastic guests and have been overwhelmed by the success of the Show. Having invested substantially in the two day format, particularly the marshalling and traffic management on the external road junctions, it is rewarding for the whole team to know it has paid off and that everyone enjoyed such a smooth entry and exit to the show.

We are all very much looking forward to next year and can confirm we will be holding the Show on Sunday 28th and Monday 29th August. In response to early demand, tickets will be on sale from Friday 3rd September."

With over 60 trade stalls and attractions located within the central arena it wasn't just the aircraft and vehicles which kept the crowds entertained. Visitors enjoyed the return of favourites such as Mercedes Benz World and the Vulcan Village as well as new attractions, such as Walk on Water. The Wings & Wheels supported charities were a vital presence in the central arena and received astounding support and donations from the crowds, which will contribute significantly to the total monies raised for charity over the bank holiday weekend.

Tickets prices start from: £18 for adults, £5 for under 15s and £40 for a family. Hospitality packages start at £125 per person. For more information or to book tickets visit www.wingsandwheels.net or call 01483 542226.

Hollywood Stars' Flying Visit to Dunsfold Park



A-List Hollywood stars Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz flew in to Dunsfold Park on Thursday 22nd July, to test their skills on the aerodrome's famous track as they promoted their new film *Knight and Day* on *Top Gear*.

The two stars took turns to drive the reasonably priced car round the track under the watchful eye of the Stig. On

lookers were thrilled with the couple's antics as at one point Mission Impossible star Cruise careered round the track on two wheels and the Stig had to rescue Diaz as the Kia broke down.

Car mad Cruise said of his experience on the track: "It was fun, very fun. I like fast cars and motorcycles. I've always loved them since I was a kid."

Not content with just racing round the track, the two stars were also intent on discovering the Stig's true identity. Mission failed though as the helmet refused to give up its secret!

Tom Cruise proved that his motoring skills weren't his only talents as he revealed to the Dunsfold aviation team that he holds his own private pilot's licence and frequently takes to the skies in his Pitts Special light aerobatic biplane.

Gerry Forristal, Dunsfold Park Ltd comments: "Dunsfold Park has seen its fair share of stars but we were all thrilled to welcome Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz to the aerodrome. As a qualified pilot, Tom was really interested in the history of the site and our airshow Wings & Wheels. Unfortunately filming commitments meant he couldn't take up our invitation to display at the Show but he wished us luck in our fundraising efforts."

Jigsaw Celebrates Outstanding Ofsted Report

The Jigsaw CABAS® School, has become one of a select group of schools who can report an overwhelmingly 'Outstanding' report. Says Jillian Kiely, Chair of Governors "we are absolutely delighted to have been recognised as achieving this gold standard of education and it is a testament to the dedication, hard work and commitment to our core values by everyone involved with Jigsaw."

The report states that Jigsaw "provides an outstanding quality of education and very successfully meets its aims" with "positive behaviour teaching and development of social skills (are) at the heart of the school's ethos.....pupils also show increased ability to manage their daily lives due to improvements in their communication skills and the focus on life skills."

Founded 11 years ago as a UK Registered Charity, The Jigsaw Trust, which oversees the School was set up by Executive Head, Kate Grant, and a group of local parents of children with an autism spectrum disorder. Utilising Applied Behaviour Analysis as its teaching methodology, the school

employs a one-on-one staffing ratio with the pupils being taught from individualised curriculum tailor-made to suit and challenge their particular needs. With pupils' core places funded by Local Authorities, Jigsaw need to fundraise for all additional resources, from the smaller art supplies and PE equipment through to hand held PDA's for non-verbal pupils and larger interactive whiteboards.

The School opened in 1999 with only 6 pupils on roll and now has over 40 pupils. Having moved and expanded to accommodate the growing numbers, the School is now at a settled base on Dunsfold Park and has a refurbished Life Skills Centre in Guildford, Surrey.

Plans to refurbish a further building on the site at Dunsfold Park are underway and will allow the School to house a separate 6th Form facility for the older students who, having joined as 5 and 6 year olds, are now approaching their final years at School and require additional space and appropriate facilities. For more information visit www.jigsawschool.co.uk

The Museum

A memorial to mark the major contribution made by Dunsfold Aerodrome to the Second World War and aviation history was unveiled by Canon Paul Jenkins at the airfield on VE Day 2010.

Former leading Aircraftsman Reg Day, 87, opened the memorial museum at Dunsfold Park to celebrate the important role played by the emergency airstrip built by the Canadian Army in 1942.

The new memorial plaque and garden are located next to the Estate Office, with a panoramic view of the airfield. The museum which resides behind the garden is open every Wednesday for the public to visit and explore the history of the aerodrome.





Jigsaw Pick Pumpkins

Dunsfold Park Ltd was delighted to welcome students from The Jigsaw CABAS® School to Holdhurst Farm on Wednesday 20th October to hand pick a ripe and ready selection of pumpkins for a topical Halloween themed 'enterprise initiative'.

The students were hard at work in the fields selecting the biggest and ripest pumpkins to bring back to the school, which they then sold for £1!

"Pumpkins for Sale" signs have been made in art classes ahead of the picking day and the students are learning how a business initiative can work in a very simple and understandable way. The money they make from the sale of their pumpkins will be spent on Christmas resources for their classrooms.

Jamie McAllister, Development Director, Dunsfold Park Ltd. comments:

"We've had spectacular success with our pumpkin crop on the farm this year and it's a pleasure to see Jigsaw use them for fun and educational purposes. As our farm project continues to evolve we are delighted with the success of this year's crops which have included potatoes, carrots, sweetcorn, parsnips and turnips."

For more information on Jigsaw visit:

www.jigsawschool.co.uk

Air Ambulance on Course for Night Flights

Dunsfold Park Ltd was delighted by Waverley Councillor's unanimous decision to grant planning consent on 18th October for the proposed extension of the Surrey Air Ambulance operating hours to include night flights.

The approval now allows the charity to actively explore the feasibility of night flying to achieve their long-term aspiration to be able to respond to emergencies at night and provide the same life-saving service during the hours of darkness that are provided during the day.

Jamie McAllister, Development Director, Dunsfold Park Ltd comments: "We are very pleased with the support shown by Waverley Borough Council in their unanimous decision to grant consent for the Air Ambulance's proposed night flights. This is a significant step forward in helping the Air Ambulance achieve their ultimate objective of being able to provide 24-hour emergency medical cover. We will continue

to support their efforts in this vital addition to the invaluable service they offer to the communities in Surrey and Sussex."

Surrey Air Ambulance Chief Executive, Adrian Bell says: "I'm delighted we have been given permission for night flying and very grateful for the support we have received from Dunsfold Aerodrome in helping us to arrive at this situation. I see it as a very important step in developing our night flying capability."

The Surrey Air Ambulance provides a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) to the people who live, work and travel through the county of Surrey.

Based at Dunsfold Aerodrome since 2007, the highly skilled team of doctors, paramedics and nurses can reach emergency situations in any part of Surrey within 15 minutes. The helicopter, with its life-saving crew, reduces

the delay for the patient to receive prompt and appropriate medical care and has the ability to transfer patients to the hospital or specialist trauma centre relevant to the injuries sustained.

The Surrey Air Ambulance is on standby to respond quickly to 999 calls, flying unhindered to an emergency scene across Surrey at speeds up to 150mph, 365 days a year. So far this year the Air Ambulance has flown 600 missions.





Harrier Returns to Dunsfold 50 Years After First Vertical Take-Off

Dunsfold Park was delighted to welcome the Harrier back to the Aerodrome on Tuesday 16th November in celebration of the aircraft's first vertical flight which took place here 50 years ago on 19th November 1960.

Despite heavy fog, the Harrier Display Team were determined not to disappoint the 100 strong crowd that had turned up to watch their last flight over Dunsfold. Weather conditions meant the two Harrier jets were unable to land but the pilots nevertheless performed a faultless flying demonstration over the aerodrome.

Amongst the crowd of well wishers were a host of Harrier icons including test pilots Duncan Simpson and John Farley as well as Members of the Hawker Association.

Jim McAllister, Chief Executive, Dunsfold Park Ltd comments: "Dunsfold Aerodrome has a rich aviation history and the incredibly versatile Harrier is a significant part of that. This week, 50 years ago on this very aerodrome, aviation history was made with the

first vertical take-off and it is with great sadness that today we are witnessing another historical moment as the aircraft performs one of its last flights. An iconic symbol of aviation, the Harrier will continue to be remembered and celebrated at Dunsfold and we would like to thank RAF Wittering and the Harrier team for joining us on this special day."

The Harrier Display Team was supported on the ground by Display Team Manager Sgt Si Feetam, Senior Aircraftsman (Tech) Ben Daly, Sgt Chris Harker and Sgt Steve Buck. The crew took the opportunity to present Jim McAllister with a limited edition print of the Harrier which encompassed all models built over the last 50 years.

Take Two...

Undeterred and determined to have a proper send off from the home of their birth, the Harrier team returned two days later on Thursday 18th November to thrill crowds with a memorable and moving display.

As the two Harrier jets graced the skies over Dunsfold once more, they marked 50 years since the first flight from the aerodrome but also their last.

Performing a flypast, hover and bow, the pilots landed to rapturous applause before showing well-wishers around the aircraft and taking photographs with some of the iconic former test pilots including John Farley, Duncan Simpson and Chris Roberts.

Harrier GR9 Specification

Engines: RR Pegasus 105 or 107 turbofan

Thrust: 21,750lbs

Max speed: 574kts

Length: 14.36m

Max altitude: 43,000ft

Span: 9.25m

Aircrew: 1

Armament: AIM-9 Sidewinder, Maverick, Paveway II, Paveway III, Paveway IV, Enhanced Paveway, General Purpose Bombs, CRV-7 Rocket Pods.



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Contact details and information

The Rutland Group has an on-site presence at Dunsfold Park and the team is available to answer questions at any time. Chief Executive, Jim McAllister, operates an 'open door' policy at the site in respect of community issues or concerns. Whenever possible he is available to answer questions and deal with issues personally.

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