



# Dunsfold Park NEWSLETTER

**Wings & Wheels  
line-up confirmed**

**Potato planting on  
the Community Farm**

**Cluck Cluck**

**Did you know?**



As many of you will be aware, the Public Inquiry into the masterplan proposals took place over a four week period during March and April this year. We were encouraged by the support we received, not only from Friends of the Earth UK and Guildford Environmental Forum, but by the many local businesses and residents who spoke up in favour of our scheme.

Many interesting views were put forward and for those who were unable to attend or read the information presented, this is now available on our website [www.dunsfoldpark.com/masterplan](http://www.dunsfoldpark.com/masterplan)

We have been advised that the Secretary of State will make a decision on the masterplan proposals for the aerodrome on or before 28th September.

The aerodrome has been a hive of activity throughout Spring, with preparations for the new Top Gear series, several very successful charity events, new additions at the Estate Office and planning for Wings & Wheels now underway. Whilst many of us are feeling the pinch in the current recession, I have been encouraged by the generosity of those who have agreed to support this year's show through advertising or sponsorship.

It is a spectacular charity airshow and by purchasing tickets in advance, you not only enjoy a discounted rate and a great family day out, but you are also helping our nominated charities - Cranleigh Village Hospital Trust, Brooklands Museum, Surrey Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes - raise vital funds during these difficult times.

Some of you may have also read about our Community Farming project based at Holdhurst Farm. This has received an exceptional level of support and I am encouraged by the local community's desire to grow and eat local produce.

I hope to welcome many of you to Wings & Wheels on 30th August and wish you all the best for a warm and dry summer....



**Jim McAllister, Chief Executive**



## News in brief...

### Lights, Camera, Action

Eagle eyed viewers will have spotted Dunsfold Park and the 747 on episode 4 of the hit ITV show Primeval in April. A prehistoric creature caused havoc at the park and on the plane but, fear not, the aerodrome hasn't been invaded, it was created using clever graphics and a blue screen!

### Top Gear returns

Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May make a welcome return to our screens in June as filming commences.

### Lib Dems visit Dunsfold Park

Liberal Democrat Sue Doughty, MEP Sharon Bowles and MEP contender Catherine Bearder had a whistle stop tour of Dunsfold Park in April. Impressed by the aims of the eco-village for Dunsfold Aerodrome, the three MPs took the opportunity to meet and quiz owner Jim McAllister on his future vision as well as take a short trip in the firm's electric vehicles.



### When I'm cleaning windows...

The Dunsfold Park 747 got a bit of a spring clean with a window wash. Possibly the most unusual window washing request received by local artist and window cleaner, Joe Dowden!

### Easter Egg Appeal

Eagle Radio popped down to Dunsfold Park before the Easter break as part of their Easter Egg Appeal. They were delighted to collect over a 100 chocolate eggs from the Estate Office. The appeal collected over a 1,000 eggs which were distributed to deserving local families across the county.

### Dunsfold Park Blog

If you want to keep up to date with what's happening at the aerodrome then check out our new blog at [www.dunsfoldparkblog.co.uk](http://www.dunsfoldparkblog.co.uk).

### Dunsfold Park helps gymnasts land on their feet

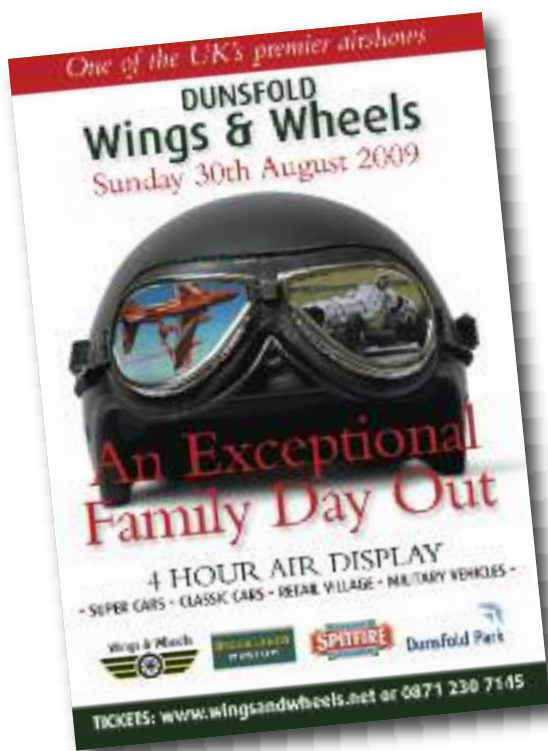
The South Western Gymnastics Club, based in Cranleigh, has received vital support from Dunsfold Park through the Surrey Community Foundation. A grant of £2,946 was awarded to enable the club to purchase new asymmetric bars and non-slip safety mattresses. The Club is based at Glebelands School and has over 200 4-16 year old girls and boys attending each week. The new equipment will allow the Club to make the most of their training sessions.

### Welcome

Jackie Gill joined the Accounts Team at the Estate Office in December 2008 and has special responsibility for Credit Control, in addition to working alongside Jonathan Riddings and Barnali Mandal on other aspects of financial administration. Jackie is bi-lingual - fluent in both French and English - and brings to the Accounts Team strong credit control skills and sales and marketing experience. We are delighted that Jackie has accepted a permanent position here at the Estate Office and see her skills complimenting and strengthening those of the existing team in order to improve the service we offer to our tenants.



## DUNSFOLD Wings & Wheels



## Line-up confirmed for Wings & Wheels 2009

Royal Air Force favourites, The Red Arrows, are once again heading up this year's Wings & Wheels flying demonstration at Dunsfold Park. The airshow is also delighted to welcome back firm favourites the Chinook helicopter, Eurofighter Typhoon and RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, including the Spitfire and Hurricane.

Also confirmed in the spectacular 4 hour flying display are the:

- RAF Hawk Display (Solo Hawk Jet)
- RAF Tutor Display (Solo Training Aircraft)
- Blades Aerobatic Display Team
- Team Guinott (Wingwalkers)
- Hawker Hunter (Jet)
- Hawker Hurricane (WW2)
- Aerobatic Glider Display
- Tigers Parachute Team
- B25 Mitchell (WW2 Bomber)

Wings & Wheels is also pleased to announce the inclusion in this year's show of the only Avro Vulcan Bomber capable of flying in the world, the XH558.

An astounding line up of record breaking race cars and motoring demonstrations from Brooklands Museum, along with the retail village and attractions, all provide a host of activities and entertainment throughout the day, ensuring there's something for the whole family.

The one day show is being held on August Bank Holiday, Sunday 30th August, at Dunsfold Park near Guildford, Surrey and is open to spectators from 09:00 to 18:00.

Tickets prices remain the same as 2008 and start from: £16 for adults, £5 for under 15s and £36 for a family. For more information or to book a ticket call 0871 230 7145 or visit [www.wingsandwheels.net](http://www.wingsandwheels.net)

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Charlie Williams, Farm Project Co-ordinator, said: "We had a short window in which to plant the potatoes and so the fine and dry weather was a huge bonus. It enabled us to get all the potatoes into the ground with the help of our farmers, John and Fred, and a handful of the 30 volunteers who have signed up to the scheme."

Martin Stonard, a volunteer, comments: "A few of us at Freehand heard about the scheme and thought it would be a good opportunity to get us out the office and be active in the fresh air, we'll also earn a share of the crop. It's a very productive hobby and hopefully will make for a real sense of achievement."

The project also took advantage of the fine weather in May to plant a crop of sweetcorn. More is planned over the coming months, including volunteer induction days, planting of crops such as strawberries and pumpkins, as voted for by our volunteers, and weeding and harvesting of the potatoes.

## Holdhurst Farm Community Farming

A dry and sunny day on Friday 24th April gave the Dunsfold Park Vegetable Growing Scheme perfect conditions to kick-start the group's first foray into growing local organic potatoes.



Employing a traditional method of potato planting, which uses a combination of machine and man, the first crops of potatoes were placed in the ground over a three hour period.

Ridges were machined into the 1/2 acre plot at Holdhurst Farm which were then planted by hand using a bell system. The small tractor was driven up the pre-formed ridges and potatoes were planted by two people seated on the back, when the tractor's bell

sounds. The machine then covered the potatoes, which were dropped through a chute between the ridges, with freshly ploughed soil.

Three varieties of organic potatoes purchased from Bioselect UK, specialists in the production and supply of organic seed potatoes, were planted with the help of farmers, John and Fred, the local community and businesses.

### The varieties of potato planted were:

**Milva** - an early salad potato which will be ready for harvesting in July

**Cosmos** - a main crop potato best for baking which will be harvested from July through to mid-September

**Sante** - the most popular organic potato and another main crop, the Sante is known for its 'ruggedness' and is particularly suitable for mashing and roasting. They will be harvested from July through to mid-September

**There are many different ways the local community can support the scheme and it doesn't just involve getting your hands dirty. People from all walks of life are needed to bring brawn and brain power to the scheme! For instance:**

- Can you help market the scheme by putting up posters, handing out leaflets, inviting us to your club or organisation?
- Get your hands dirty by helping weed, hoe and harvest the crops?
- Organise or help with quality control and packaging of the harvest?
- Sourcing sales outlets and selling the harvest locally?

Anyone can sign-up; we are looking for local people, of all ages with or without gardening experience: the only prerequisite is enthusiasm! A share of the crops will be offered to all volunteers that meet the qualifying period.

If you have a spare hour during the day, evening or over a weekend and want to share in the harvest visit [www.holdhurstfarm.co.uk](http://www.holdhurstfarm.co.uk) or call 01483 200 900 for more information.

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# jigsaw

CABAS® school

Educating children with autistic spectrum disorders

The Guildford Lions held their annual charity ball at Wotton House recently and this year chose Jigsaw to be the sole beneficiary of the event. The evening was a fantastic success, raising £12,500.

This incredible sum means that Jigsaw will be able to start work on fitting out a new library facility within the school, including an electronic in/out tagging system and internet access point. The aim is to help pupils understand how to access a library facility and be able to, in future, benefit from utilising the community service.

Hilton in the Community Foundation are holding a fun day, entitled "Around the World in a Day", on Sunday, 14th June 2009 at Hilton Hotel, Cobham. The aim is to cumulatively travel the circumference of the earth, 24,901.55 miles, in just one day and to raise all important funds. Hilton Hotels across the UK and Ireland will be hosting the events and Jigsaw has been chosen to

be the Hilton Cobham's sole beneficiary. With all their staff participating, Hilton would like to share the invitation and ask as many people to register as possible and take part on the day.

Registration costs £5 and includes a T-Shirt, burger or sausage and drink. Participants are encouraged to raise their own sponsorship on top of this registration fee. The Hilton Cobham will have a bicycle and a 1 mile track available to walk/run and will be running a Fete, with bouncy castle and treasure hunt, alongside the main focus of trying to get 'Around the World in a Day'.

Full details can be found on [www.hilton-foundation.org.uk](http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk) or call the Events Team on 0207 605 7733.

Jigsaw will be putting in a team and really hope to see some familiar faces there on the day!

## Did you know?



There is enough material in the runways on Dunsfold Aerodrome to build a new single lane carriageway from London to Brighton. This concrete and tarmac will be re-used in the construction of the new eco-village and will never leave the site.

## The Museum



Reg Day was visited on 13th May by former Dunsfold Aerodrome serviceman and woman, Ernest and Edith Price.

Ernest and Edith first met at Dunsfold, when Ernest was stationed at the airfield as a Wireless Operator Air Gunner with 180 squadron and Edith was a WAAF attached to 98 squadron.

During his time in service, Ernest completed two tours of operations with 180 squadron and was promoted to Warrant Officer. "We really enjoyed visiting the museum and had a great day" said Ernest who spent the day reminiscing with Reg and Edith.



## Sky's the limit

Tenants and local residents were treated to an incredible and unusual sight in March when four Apache helicopters landed at the aerodrome. The Apache is the only attack helicopter currently in service with the British military and is designed to hunt and destroy tanks. The Merlin was next to drop in later in the month, followed by the Chinook in April. The RAF rely on aerodromes, like Dunsfold, to ensure our servicemen and women have all the skills they need when entering battle zones such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

## Eye in the Sky



Over a week and a half in May, Dunsfold Park played host to the crew of the Metropolitan Police Eurocopter EC145, based at Lippets Hill, Essex. The air-based officers completed training on how to receive, record and act on information from police and intelligence on the ground. Using its high-tech night vision, heat sensing camera, which pivots 360 degrees as it hangs beneath the helicopter, the Eurocopter EC145 is a vital tool in fighting crime over London.

## Road Power for Air Ambulance

Acting Assistant Chief Constable Nick Wilkinson handed over the keys of a Mercedes Estate to the Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance at a ceremony at the charity's Dunsfold base on 17th April.

The car has been donated to the Air Ambulance by Sussex Police for use as a fast response vehicle to transport the specialist doctor and paramedic to the scene of serious medical emergencies, when the helicopter is unavailable.

Director of Communications for the Air Ambulance, Jill Playle, said, 'Occasionally we are unable to fly because of adverse weather conditions or for mechanical reasons. Fortunately this is rare, but it's reassuring to know that in those circumstances our medical crew is still able to get to the scene of incidents quickly.'

The Mercedes is a former traffic patrol vehicle and has been re-badged with the charity's logo. Larry Culver, Facilities manager for the Sussex Air Ambulance, who facilitated the arrangement, used to drive this particular vehicle as traffic police officer with Sussex Police.

## Clucking & Quacking!

Wanting to lead by example, the team at the Dunsfold Park Estate Office took another step towards self sufficiency in April, with the design and construction of a salad garden and chicken coop on the aerodrome.

Jim McAllister, David McAllister, Charlie Williams, Barnali Mandal, Steve Willard and Nancy Edwards all spent time potting and planting as well as erecting a coop and chicken run for a selection of former battery hens.

The salad garden has been carefully constructed to provide a constant variety of lettuce and tomatoes throughout the summer, whilst the chickens will be laying approximately 28 eggs a week.

Not content with chickens, the team have recently added three ducks to the mix, who have now settled in and are making the most of a new pond specially installed for their aquatic adventures!



## 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 problems personally.

For further general information, tenant listings, or to register to receive news and information, please visit our website or contact The Rutland Group, Dunsfold Park, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8TB.  
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