



Friends Of The New Forest Airfields

Arranging a Presentation

As you will have seen from this leaflet, we have a wide range of subjects upon which we can provide presentations. In addition, we are happy to discuss any particular subjects you would like covered.

As a charity, FONFA's only source of income is through donations, talks and Heritage Centre entrance fees. We ask for a minimum donation of £75 plus a contribution towards any travelling costs. @ 25p per mile.

If you would like to organise a presentation or would like further information, please email us at: secretary@fonfa.co.uk

We will be delighted to discuss your requirements and make the necessary arrangements with you. Please note that we ask for the donation to be paid before the booking is confirmed.

We hope to hear from you soon!

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Group Presentations

A Guide for Organisers 2026



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Available Talks

The New Forest Airfields during World War II

An overview of the twelve New Forest Airfields in WWII, including their purpose, genesis, locations, types of airfield, squadrons and aircraft stationed hereabout, their uses, and stories of the pilots, with particular emphasis on the D-Day period in June 1944.

Stoney Cross (Airfield No. 452) – The Story of a New Forest Airfield during World War II

The building, operation and eventual closure of the largest of the New Forest airfields built in WWII, with details of the 16 aircraft types and 14 different units based there from 1943 to 1946.

Advanced Landing Grounds in Hampshire – The Story of the Portable Airfields of World War II

The reasons for and purpose of these temporary airfields, their construction, operation locations, together with the aircraft and personnel that used them, leading up to D-Day to 1944.

The Allied Assault Gliders in World War II

The various types of Allied Assault glider used in WWII, the differences between them, and the ways in which they were used to spearhead “Operation Overlord” in June 1944 and later operations, including details of their construction.

Hobart’s “Funnies” – The Inventions in “Churchill’s Toyshop’ That Made D-Day Successful

The innovative inventions produced to solve the practical problems expected during the assault on Hitler’s “Festung Europa”, particularly in the D-Day landings, masterminded by the “Forgotten General”, Percy Hobart.

The Battle of the Atlantic – The Longest Campaign in WWII

Britain’s vulnerability to Admiral Doenitz’ U-Boats and the countermeasures forced on the Allies to defend the shipping lanes and keep supplies coming from the USA and elsewhere. The U-boats, convoy system, escort vessels, aircraft, the ‘secret intelligence war’, the losses and the cost of the six-year campaign are all described, showing how victory was achieved on land, sea and in the air.

Further Talks:

‘We Landed by Moonlight’ – Special Operations Executive Missions in WWII

Describes the dangerous and clandestine night-time flying operations to insert secret agents into France to support the French Resistance during WWII. The aircraft, personnel and airfields are illustrated, together with the locations and the fate of Special Operations Executive agents landed behind enemy lines.

Lepe Beach & The D-Day Mulberry Harbours of WWII

Explains why the Mulberry Harbours were devised and how the Allies took their harbours with them during the D-Day invasion in June 1944. The various types of equipment involved are described, what happened to them in practice and the relics left today in Hampshire, where many of the massive caissons were constructed.



Each illustrated presentation lasts approximately 45–60 minutes, with time for questions, and is delivered as a PowerPoint slide shows, accompanied by expert commentary.

They can be shortened on request, and the content can be modified if listeners have a particular interest in one or two locations.