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ARMED FORCES DAY

EVENT PROGRAMME





WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR OF DUDLEY

ARMED FORCES DAY IS FINALLY BACK AT HIMLEY HALL AFTER A THREE YEAR BREAK AND WE ARE ONCE AGAIN EXPECTING A FANTASTIC FUN FAMILY EVENT CELEBRATING OUR ARMED SERVICES.



This free event, run by Dudley Council and supported by Fieldings Auctioneers and Jewson, is one of the biggest celebrations of the armed forces in the region. We have strong links with the armed forces in this area and that remains very important to us.

There's plenty of entertainment for all of the family including a paintball gallery, a vintage military vehicle display and dance lesson taster sessions hosted by All About Swing. There will also be a craft fair, 1940s style tea room, vintage fairground rides, a climbing wall, archery and rifle range for people to try plus much more.

I am also particularly looking forward to the Wings Parachute Display Team and a flyover of a Lancaster from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, so I hope that the weather will be kind and allow these to take place.

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY AND THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES.

COUNCILLOR SUE GREENAWAY, MAYOR OF DUDLEY

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FIELDINGS AUCTIONEERS

PRINCIPAL GOLD SPONSOR OF ARMED FORCES DAY 2022

FIELDINGS AUCTIONEERS BASED IN STOURBRIDGE, PRIDE THEMSELVES ON BEING THE 'APPROACHABLE' AUCTIONEERS.

The team have a varied wealth of experience and knowledge and we can provide a variety of valuations on all aspects of fine art for sale, insurance or probate purposes.

Fieldings have an enviable and trusted reputation both locally and nationally, and many of their staff you will recognise from TV programmes such as Antiques Roadshow and Flog it!

They hold regular monthly sales on a Saturday and have late night evening viewings making it easy for their clients to come along and view the sales. Every sale has around 800 lots of ceramics, silver, jewellery, paintings, furniture, militaria, collectibles and furniture and much, much more. With all bidding now available via online bidding platforms.

Their well-located saleroom has a café offering refreshments and free onsite parking.

SO WHY NOT COME DOWN TO ONE OF THEIR AUCTIONS OR ATTEND ONE OF THE REGULAR FREE VALUATION DAYS EVERY TUESDAY BETWEEN 10AM-4PM.



WILL FARMER (Antiques Roadshow)



NICK DAVIES (Flog It)

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Ibiza

— PROMS —
IN THE PARK

WATCH THE SUN SET OVER THE STUNNING LAKE AT HIMLEY HALL

SATURDAY 16 JULY • 3 TO 9PM • HIMLEY HALL

20 PIECE ORCHESTRA – IBIZA DANCE ANTHEMS – CLASSIC HITS
LIVE BAND – MATRIX CLUB MATRIX AND LOCAL DJ STUART OJELAY – FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

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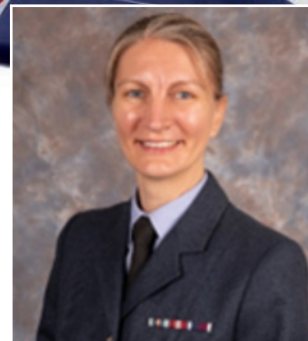
It provides the best advice and highest quality timber, building materials and a range of other services – from the Scottish Isles to Penzance. This year marks 183 years in business making it a mainstay in the British building industry.

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WG CDR HELENA RAMSDEN

INSPECTING THE TROOPS



WG CDR HELENA RAMSDEN WAS COMMISSIONED INTO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE IN 2004 AS A COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS ENGINEER.

Her first tour was with Tactical Communications Wing, as Officer Commanding B Flight where she undertook 3 operational deployments in support of Op Herrick and Op Telic, in addition to several exercise deployments in the UK. On assignment to the Typhoon Mission Support Centre, she led a team of 60 software specialists located at RAF Coningsby and across the Eurofighter Partner Nations in the development of a problem evaluation capability for the Typhoon Force. She was then posted to HQ Air Command to work in the A6 Operations division, focussed on mapping information flows around the Op Herrick battlespace to understand how information systems could better enable the ISR mission. Having worked closely with the Intelligence community, she was ideally placed for her next tour as Deputy Officer Commanding the Engineering Squadron at the Joint Air Reconnaissance and Intelligence Centre at RAF Brampton as it prepared for the Unit's transition to the Defence Intelligence Fusion Centre at RAF Wyton.

On promotion to Squadron Leader in 2012, she was assigned to be the first OC Support Squadron at Tactical Imagery Intelligence Wing, RAF Marham. Responsible for the Wing's engineering, logistics and training output, she oversaw the introduction of a robust quality management system and led a team to deliver imagery analysis support to an overseas Tornado GR4 detachment. Next, she moved Joint Forces Command at Northwood HQ where she facilitated the development of Communication and Information Systems integration for coalition expeditionary forces.

After her promotion to Wing Commander, she completed a short tour as SO1 Information Exploitation at PJHQ ahead of attending the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, from which she graduated in 2019. Most recently, she has been serving at HQ Air Command as the SO1 lead for C2 capability strategy where her portfolio has enabled a both diverse and rewarding insight into capability and acquisition. She took command of No 1 Radio School in August 2021.

Helena is married to Simon, a British Airways A320 pilot, and is Mum to William and Freddie. They live on the married patch at RAF Cosford with their dog, Lucky and can be frequently found at the local playgrounds, cycleways and tennis courts pursuing their favourite sports and pass-times in the great outdoors.



BLACK COUNTRY

MUSICOM

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
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FESTIVAL 22

SUNDAY 17 JULY • 12 TO 8PM • HIMLEY HALL

**GO WEST
THE FIZZ**

(CHERYL, JAY AND MIKE FROM BUCKS FIZZ)

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FROM THE FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS

**TOP COMEDIANS • THE BEST TRIBUTE MUSIC ACTS
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**

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WINGS PARACHUTE DISPLAY TEAM

THE WINGS PARACHUTE DISPLAY TEAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2017 AND IS A NON-PROFIT MILITARY CHARITY PARACHUTE DISPLAY TEAM.



Made up of current (all ranks and trades) and ex-serving members of the British Military that have a keen and long-standing interest in sports parachuting. The team uses parachute displays as a vehicle to help foster a strong cohesive spirit and sense of belonging for its members, which has proved especially rewarding for those that have recently left the service as they adapt to civilian life. We support military charities by raising funds and profiles through public displays and engagement across the UK. Today's display will have four skydivers jumping from 5,000 ft from a Bell Jet Ranger helicopter. Keep your eyes peeled to see the two stack of parachutes with a flag underneath. All those jumping and supporting on the ground are either members of the Royal Air Force, Army or veterans. Please feel free to come and talk to us, ask questions about military life or parachuting or grab a selfie.

 [wingsparachutedisplayteam](https://www.facebook.com/wingsparachutedisplayteam)

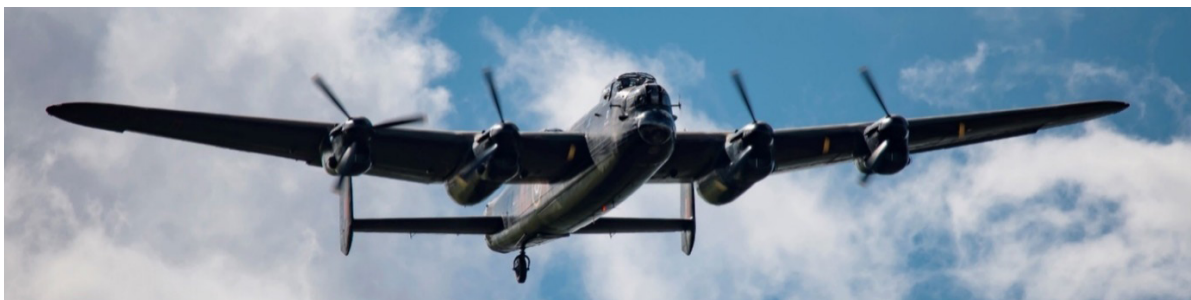


**ROYAL
AIR FORCE** **BBMF**

BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT LANCASTER BI PA474 FLYPAST

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE (RAF) BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT (BBMF) COMMEMORATES ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES SERVING IN THE RAF, OR ITS PREDECESSOR THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS, IN ALL CONFLICTS FROM 1914 UP TO THE PRESENT DAY.

The BBMF fleet of World War Two aircraft is preserved in flying condition as a living tribute to them, to promote the modern day Air Force and to inspire future generations. The Flight's motto 'Lest We Forget' says it all.



Lancaster BI PA474 is one of only two Lancaster's remaining in airworthy condition out of the 7,377 that were built, the other being Canadian BX FM213 C-GVRA. Pilots today Paul Wise & Neil Farrell, Navigator Neil Whitehead, Air Engineer Andy Lloyd.

PA474 was built at the Vickers-Armstrong Broughton factory at Hawarden, completed on 31 May 1945. The war in Europe had ended a few weeks earlier so the aircraft was modified for Far East operations against the Japanese as part of the 'Tiger Force' and was first flown in this configuration in August 1945. Combat operations in the Far East also ended before the aircraft could be deployed and instead it was stored with just three hours and ten minutes on the airframe. *(continue on next page)*

ROYAL AIR FORCE **BBMF**



From September 1948 to February 1952, after conversion to PR1 standard, PA474 conducted aerial survey mapping work in East and South Africa with 82 Squadron, accumulating 2,000 airframe hours, before being returned to the UK.

The Lancaster was then loaned to Flight Refuelling Ltd at Tarrant Rushden with the intention of converting it into a pilotless target drone. Fortunately, the drone conversion was cancelled and the Lancaster was saved from a fate which would almost certainly have prevented it from being here today.

Instead, PA474 was allocated to Cranfield College of Aeronautics in 1954 where she was modified as a platform for testing experimental aerofoil sections. It served in this capacity at Cranfield for 10 years, which kept the aircraft airworthy, although it flew only some 100 hours during that time.

In April 1964 PA474 was adopted by the Air Historical Branch for display as a static exhibit in the proposed RAF Museum. She was flown to Henlow for storage in the open air, to await the opening of the new museum. In 1965 the CO of No 44 Sqn – the first unit ever to be equipped with Lancasters and then flying Avro Vulcans at Waddington - gained permission for PA474 to be transferred into the care of the Sqn. An inspection found that the aircraft was structurally sound and permission was granted for PA474 to make a single flight from Henlow to Waddington on 18 August 1965.

After refurbishment, PA474 joined the BBMF in 1973, initially at Coltishall, moving with the Flight to Coningsby in 1976. PA474 was officially adopted by the City of Lincoln in 1975, and permission was granted for the aircraft to display the coat of arms and the name of the City on its nose, which it will always do, regardless of which colour scheme it wears.

PA474 is now painted on its port side as Lancaster Bill W5005, 'AR-L' "Leader" with nose art depicting a kangaroo in wellington boots playing the bagpipes, representing the mixed nationalities (Scottish, Australian and Welsh) of its crew at the time. W5005 flew 51 'ops' with 460 Sqn (RAAF) from Binbrook and was then transferred to 550 Sqn at North Killingholme. On the starboard side PA474 wears the 50 Sqn code letters 'VN-T', these being the code letters of the aircraft in which Fg Off 'Dougy' Millikin flew 27 of the 35 'ops' on his tour with 50 Sqn.

www.raf.mod.uk/display-teams/battle-of-britain-memorial-flight

MILITARY UNITS

TODAY'S EVENT IS BEING SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL ARMED FORCES UNITS FROM ACROSS THE REGION.

THE ROYAL YEOMANRY provide a rapidly-deployable force with fast mobility and substantial firepower. Providing reconnaissance, security and, if the situation demands it, decisive tactical effects by raiding and attacking the enemy. The light cavalry soldier has to be fit, adaptable and self-reliant, ready to work in small teams to get the job done. Often well in front of other friendly forces gathering intelligence on the enemy and environment, they are masters of their equipment, mounted in light armoured vehicles. In recent years, Royal Yeomanry soldiers have travelled as far afield as Denmark, Kenya and Kazakhstan on training as well as on operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.



225 FIELD SQUADRON is part of **THE ROYAL MONMOUTHSHIRE ROYAL ENGINEERS (MILITIA)**. It is the senior Reserve Regiment of the British Army with unbroken service to the crown since 1539. The Regiment's current role is to provide formed groups of Combat Engineer Reservists for operations in the UK and abroad. As Royal Engineers they train and are employed as Soldiers, Combat Engineers and Artisans helping all parts of the Armed Forces to Live, Move and Fight. *(continue on next page)*

MILITARY UNITS (CONT)

Originally an Infantry Militia charged with home defence, the Royal Monmouthshire Light Infantry became a Royal Engineer unit in 1896. The Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) is therefore the only unit with two "Royals" in its title and the only Royal Engineer unit whose members wear the Prince of Wales Division cap-badge.

The Regimental Headquarters is based in the grounds of Monmouth Castle and at Vauxhall Camp, in Monmouth. The Regiment consists of three Field Squadrons of around 140 personnel based out of a number of Army Reserve Centres located in the West Midlands, South Wales, Bristol and the Channel Islands.



HMS FORWARD is a Royal Naval Reserve unit located in Birmingham. It has a crew of nearly 100 naval and marine reservists, in addition to a handful of full-time staff. The Birmingham University Royal Naval Unit, the Defence Technical Undergraduate Scheme 'Taurus Squadron' and a detachment of the Royal Marine Reserves

Merseyside are also located on the site. The ship is particularly unusual in that it is situated 80 miles from the sea. Being the only large naval presence in the West Midlands, Forward is called upon to act in ceremonial duties and parades, and recently supplied contingents for the Birmingham Trafalgar Day, Remembrance Day, and Armed Forces Day parades.

BEATING RETREAT

BEATING RETREAT IS AN ANCIENT TRADITION. IN THE EARLIEST RECORD OF MILITARY FORCES, MENTION IS MADE OF COLOURS AND STANDARDS BEING CARRIED AT THE HEAD OF THE REGIMENT TO SHOW TROOPS WHERE TO RALLY AROUND THEIR LEADER.

RAF COSFORD AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH MARCHING BAND will lead this spectacular parade. Songs will include the The British Legion March, Evening Hymn and Sunset. The National Anthem will be played for the lowering of the Union flag.





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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

LIVE MUSIC WITH REZA FARRELL (IN THE VINTAGE TENT)

1PM - 1.30PM / 2PM - 2.30PM / 3.30PM - 4.00PM

ALL ABOUT SWING MARQUEE

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| 11AM | SWING MUSIC FOR SOCIAL DANCING |
| 12PM | LINDY HOP TASTER CLASS FOR ALL |
| 12.45PM | SWING MUSIC FOR SOCIAL DANCING |
| 1PM | SHIM SHAM PERFORMANCE |
| 1.05PM | SWING MUSIC FOR SOCIAL DANCING |
| 1.30PM | SOLO CHARLESTON TASTER CLASS FOR ALL |
| 2.15PM | JITTERBUG STROLL PERFORMANCE |
| 2.20PM | SWING MUSIC FOR SOCIAL DANCING |
| 3PM | LINDY HOP TASTER CLASS FOR ALL |
| 3.45PM | SWING MUSIC FOR SOCIAL DANCING |

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FUN

FOR ALL THE FAMILY

- CLIMBING WALL
- ARCHERY
- RIFLE RANGE
- PAINTBALL GALLERY
- PUNCH & JUDY
- VINTAGE FAIRGROUND
- VINTAGE MILITARY VEHICLE DISPLAY



HIMLEY SAILING CLUB

The Sailing Club will be offering tester sessions on the lake – for enquiries visit the team at the boatyard near the lake.

ADDITIONAL STALLS

ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

Adult Community Learning are here to offer support with education, training and employment. If you are exploring the market for work opportunities or seek further development for personal growth we can offer you free information, advice and guidance and support your journey. Visit their stand and have a chat with our friendly staff.



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- MEATY GREEKS GREEK FOOD
- ABDUL INDIAN FOOD
- SILVER POD COFFEE
- STRIP STREET CHICKEN
- DINKY DONUTS
- MAC N CHEESE
- CHURROS
- DRAGON PIZZA
- KELLEY STOKES BURGERS
- SIPPING MOODS HORSE BOX TRAILER
- PURE FLAVOURS CHICKEN & CHIPS
- MARY PIPERS JACKET POTATO
- COMBO CUISINE
- WARWICK BARS MARQUEE



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