



£35,000 Raised at Goodwood Revival

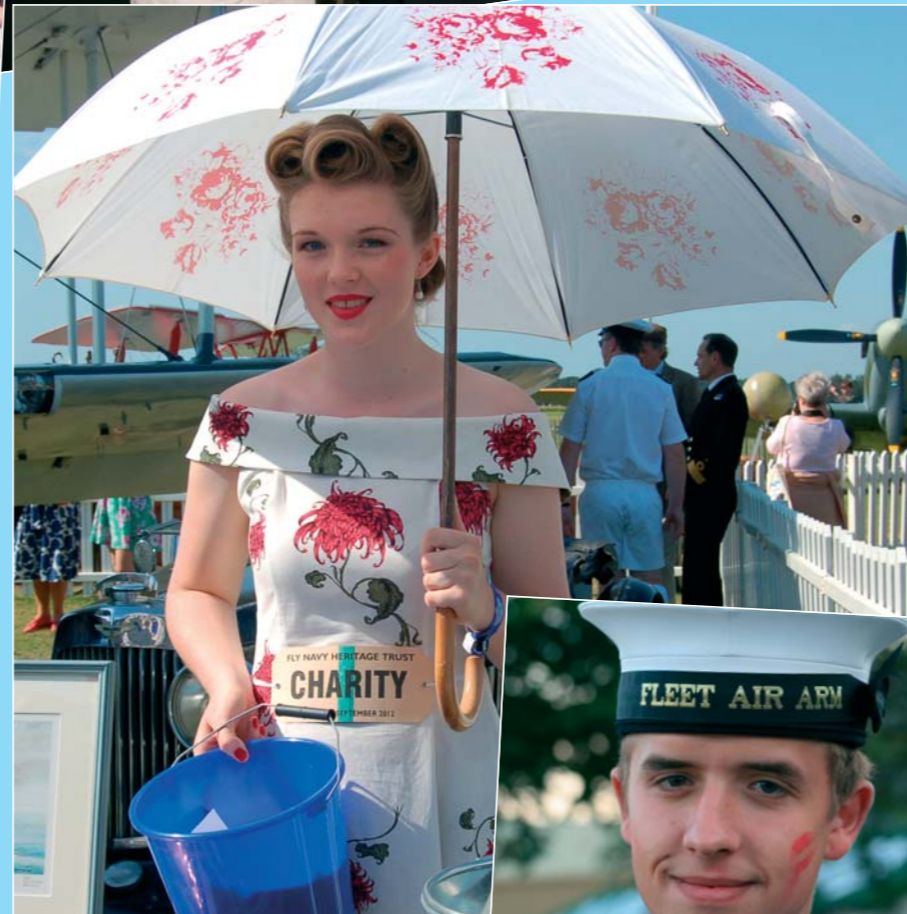


The Fly Navy Heritage Trust was the official charity for this year's Goodwood Revival in September, raising £35,000. Attended by over 136,000 people, the world-renowned motorsport and aviation event recreates the glorious days of Goodwood between the 1940s and 1960s and was a highly successful showcase for the nation's Naval Aviation Heritage.

The Trust's exhibition enclosure, in the Freddie March Spirit of Aviation concours d'eglance, provided a perfect backdrop for two of the Royal Navy's iconic aircraft, the Fairey Swordfish and Westland Wasp. The Sea Fury T20, flown by Lt Cdr Chris Götke, also excited the crowds with the awesome sound of its Centaurus, and stunning vortices streaming from its wing tips, as it displayed in clear blue skies at the end of each day.

To be the official charity for Goodwood was not only a privilege for the Trust, but also for the Fleet Air Arm and Royal Navy. Speaking at the event, Admiral Sir George Zambellas, Fleet Commander, said: "The support shown by thousands of visitors at Goodwood was outstanding. It was also fantastic to see the powerful combined effect of the Royal Navy, the RNR Air Branch, the Fly Navy Federation, the Fleet Air Officers' Association and the Fly Navy Heritage Trust, all working together to promote our Naval Aviation Heritage."

Air Engineering Technicians from HMS Sultan shook collection buckets, proving very popular with members of the public, and aircrew from the Royal Navy Historic Flight, dressed in 1940s flying clothing, re-enacted historic Battle Honours including the Battle of Taranto, the Battle of the Atlantic, the Channel Dash and the Sinking of the Bismarck.



Sea Fury T20 Success

Sea Fury T20 G-RNHF VX281 has been an outstanding success for the Trust, strengthening and consolidating the Trust's support to the Royal Navy and supporting numerous 'Royal Navy in the Public Eye' events up and down the country. Donated to the Trust by a benefactor, she has had exceptional serviceability all year, only missing two air shows, solely due to weather, and her breath-taking displays leave audiences 'blown away' by her performance, power and grace.



Flown by Lt Cdr Chris Götke, who describes her as a 'joy to fly', the T20 adds great value and depth to the Trust's activities, raising the profile of the Fleet Air Arm and keeping the heritage of British technology and carrier aviation of her day alive. On 9 August she gave a magnificent display over HMS Ocean on the 60th anniversary of Lt 'Hoagy' Carmichael's kill of a MiG jet over Korea in 1952. Alongside the Swordfish, the T20 remains a workhorse of the Royal Navy Historic Flight and sits at the heart of the Trust's aim to build the world's leading collection of flying naval aircraft.

How Hopkins, Global Aviation Resource



Project Warneford VC

One of the outcomes of the Centenary of Naval Aviation in 2009 was the need to re-learn the history of the Royal Naval Air Service and Fleet Air Arm and make the direct link between our heritage, current operations and future capability. In order to harness these important links, Navy Command has launched a project called 'Warneford VC' to reinstate naval aviation history into initial training at Raleigh and Dartmouth and wider training and career development courses.

Named after Sub Lt Reginald Warneford, the first naval aviator to be awarded the Victoria Cross for his courageous and resourceful attack on a German Zeppelin on 7 June 1915, the project aims to stimulate a deeper interest in the history, spirit and ethos of naval flying amongst the serving Fleet Air Arm. The project also aims to engender greater understanding and support of the importance of preserving our Naval Aviation Heritage.



Ambassadors' Dinner raises £91,000

The 2012 Ambassadors' Dinner in May was a great success, raising a magnificent £91,000. Ambassadors and their guests enjoyed a champagne reception and flying display in glorious sunshine, followed by dinner under Concorde in the Fleet Air Arm Museum. Sponsored by Barclays Wealth, the evening included an exciting auction which alone raised over £50,000. The Trust's Ambassador initiative was launched last year under the chairmanship of Nick Mason, drummer with Pink Floyd, to help raise a £10M endowment. The latest Ambassador to join the Trust is actor, renowned bike fanatic and best-selling co-author of 'Long Way Round' and 'Long Way Down', Charley Boorman.



Supporters Membership Doubles!

The number of Supporters donating annually to the Trust has doubled in the last eighteen months from 600 in 2011, to 1,200 at the end of 2012. Every individual donation makes a huge difference to the Trust and our growing membership now contributes over £30,000 a year to keep the aircraft of the Royal Navy Historic Flight flying. Not only are we extremely grateful to our Supporters for their generosity and commitment, but the tremendous turn-out at air shows and events has been really overwhelming. The Supporters' Marquee at RNAS Yeovilton Air Day this year was especially well attended, with many Supporters introducing their friends. Sales of merchandise and new joiners signing up at the Trust's Trailer in 2012 also totalled over £13,000.



Fly Navy Heritage Trust



Supporters' OPEN DAY

FORUM and REUNION

October 2013

including

- Supporters' Forum and Presentation
- Flying Display
- Tour of the Hangar
- Lunch

Supporters' Open Days will take the place of Charity Flying Days and spouses and families are welcome.

For further enquiries email Hannah at hannah@fnht.co.uk

Affiliation with Waterbird

The Fly Navy Heritage Trust has formed an affiliation with Waterbird, Britain's first seaplane, which made the first successful flight from water on Lake Windermere on 25 November 1911.

Pioneered by naval aviation visionary, Edward Wakefield, and equipped with an innovative stepped float that overcame the problem of surface tension, Waterbird soon caught the attention of Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty, who saw great potential in the use of seaplanes in the Royal Navy.

A century later, and in celebration of her unique legacy as the genesis of every naval aircraft since, a fully working replica of Waterbird, is expected to take to the skies over Windermere again in 2013. Plans are also in hand to open a RNAS Seaplane Museum on the banks of Windermere providing a Naval Aviation Heritage centre in the North of England and the only operational seaplane centre in the world flying pre-1914 aircraft. Speaking of the Trust's affiliation with Waterbird, Mike Nixon said "Waterbird firmly belongs in the naval aviation family, supporting the aim of the Fly Navy Heritage Trust to raise our national profile and fulfilling an important role in telling the story of naval aviation technology and innovation."



70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC



In May 2013 the nation will be commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic with events in London and Liverpool, and the Fly Navy Heritage Trust is helping to support this important anniversary by raising money to ensure that Swordfish LS326 and W5856 can fly in tribute to all those who gave their lives in the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

The Swordfish played a vital role in the Battle of the Atlantic defending convoys against attack by German U-boats and flying some of the most hazardous missions imaginable during the arduous six-year campaign. The events in London will include a Service in St Paul's Cathedral on 8 May and a Battle of the Atlantic Dinner in HMS Illustrious at Greenwich on 9 May.

A four day national tribute is also planned in Liverpool 24-27 May, including visits by Royal Navy and NATO warships and a Service in Liverpool Cathedral on 26 May. The Swordfish will fly past Liverpool Cathedral and along the waterfront, from Princes Parade to King's Parade.

May 1943 was the pivotal point in World War II, when air cover provided by the Swordfish operating from converted merchant ships and small escort carriers began to have a dramatic effect on stemming convoy losses. With its low speed and good manoeuvrability, the Swordfish was the only aircraft available to operate from these tiny decks and

have enough fuel and weapon load to be viable. The Swordfish proved outstanding in the anti-submarine role and the introduction of radar and rockets gave the elderly aircraft further advantage. The first sinking of a U-boat by a Swordfish fitted with radar was on 21 Dec 41, and the first sinking of a U-boat destroyed by rockets was on 23 May 43, fired from a Swordfish of 819 Squadron embarked in HMS Archer.

The extraordinary bravery of the Swordfish crews in the Battle of the Atlantic was little publicised, and flying the Swordfish at next year's commemorative events will be an important and poignant reminder of the vital role played by naval airwars in the bitterly fought sea and air campaign. The Trust also plans to designate 2013 as the 'Year of the Swordfish' and will be launching a Battle of the Atlantic Appeal to raise money to buy a vital Pegasus engine to ensure that their memory lives on in the last two flying examples of one of the greatest aircraft in the history of naval air warfare.

By keeping the Swordfish flying we can keep the memory of all those who served in the Battle of the Atlantic alive. Please donate today to our Battle of the Atlantic Appeal. Cheques should be made payable to 'Fly Navy Heritage Trust', marked Battle of the Atlantic Appeal or payment can be made by direct credit to the Fly Navy Heritage Trust Account Number 00100560 Sort Code 20-99-40 Barclays Bank plc. You can also make a donation on line and keep up to date on the Swordfish in next year's Battle of the Atlantic events by following us at twitter.com/flynavyheritage

Diary Dates 2013

Thursday 7 March

Battle of the Atlantic Dinner
HQS Wellington, London

Wednesday 8 May

Battle of the Atlantic Evensong Service,
St Paul's Cathedral, London

Thursday 9 May

Battle of the Atlantic Dinner,
Greenwich, London

Sunday 26 May

Battle of the Atlantic Commemorative
Service, Liverpool Cathedral

Monday 10 June

Swordfish Golf Tournament, Bowood
Golf and Country Club, Wiltshire

Thursday 20 June

Ambassadors' Battle of the Atlantic
Dinner, Churchill War Rooms, London

Saturday 13 July

Supporters' Marquee, RNAS Yeovilton
Air Day

Wednesday 24 July

RNAS Culdrose Air Day

Friday 6 September

Candlelit Concert St Bartholomew's
Fleet Air Arm Memorial Church

Friday 20 September

Legacy Seminar, Flying Display
and Lunch, RNAS Yeovilton

October (date tbc)

Supporters' Open Day, Forum and
Reunion, RNAS Yeovilton

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THE BATTLE OF THE
ATLANTIC

Exhibition

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Battle of the Atlantic Appeal

All proceeds will go towards keeping the Swordfish flying as a living memorial to all those who served in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Legacy Seminar and Lunch

20 September
By leaving a Gift to the Trust in your will you can ensure that the history, spirit and ethos of Naval Aviation lives on.

Supporters' Open Day

October
Open Day, Forum and Reunion, including flying display, visit to the Royal Navy Historic Flight and lunch. Details to follow.



SEA
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AND
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NAVY



PRESERVING THE NATION'S

NAVAL AVIATION HERITAGE

I am delighted to have this opportunity in our 2012 newsletter to thank you, and all our supporters, for your tremendous generosity to the Fly Navy Heritage Trust this year. Every donation makes a real difference and we rely greatly on your annual membership subscriptions to continue our work.

The Trust has raised over £650K this year and as a result the Royal Navy Historic Flight continues to build and become more resilient. The Sea Fury T20 and Swordfish have had an outstanding season, attracting excitement and interest at Air Shows and events up and down the country. Sea Fury FB11 has had its engine data gathering system fitted and, subject to its safety case review, is expected to take to the skies again in 2013. The second Swordfish W5856 is being painted over the winter in the colours of 820 NAS at the time of the attack on the Bismarck in 1941 and the Sea Hawk should be flying again in 2014.

The focus for 2013 is to fly the Swordfish in the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic commemorations in London and Liverpool. The Trust is already taking a lead in building the campaign to support this major national anniversary and we hope you will support our Battle of the Atlantic Appeal to keep the Swordfish flying as a

living memorial to all those who gave their lives in the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

Fundraising events this year included a Sea Vixen Dinner and Golf Tournament for our partners in industry, and we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to BAE Systems, Rolls-Royce, AgustaWestland and Lockheed Martin for their continued and much valued support. RNAS Culdrose also hosted a hugely successful 'Anyface 60' party to celebrate 60 years of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) and proceeds from the event were donated to the Trust.

In June, we were pleased to welcome our Patron, HRH The Duke of York KG GCMG, to RNAS Yeovilton to fly in the Swordfish, and during the year many sponsors, supporters and donors have visited the Flight. While fundraising in these stringent times is a challenge, the Trust works closely with the Royal Navy, the Fleet Air Arm and all our supporters and stakeholders, in the spirit of 'All of One Company' to preserve our Naval Aviation Heritage on behalf of the nation. If you have not yet signed up to join, please call us today.

Mike Nixon

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Chief Executive Officer

The Trust supports the Royal Navy Historic Flight, the Fleet Air Arm Museum and St Bartholomew's, the Fleet Air Arm Memorial Church