

12<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## **‘Open Cockpits’ tickets on sale 18<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**300 tickets for the popular aviation enthusiasts’ event ‘Open Cockpits Evening’ at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, will go on sale from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February through the Royal Air Force Museum’s website. This exclusive evening will commence at 6pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May with a wide range of aircraft available for close viewing on the night: including transport aircraft, jet fighters and unique research airframes.**

300 fortunate visitors will be able to get a feel for what it was like to fly these much loved machines by entering their cockpits and, in addition to this, will have exclusive after-hours access to the Museum which displays a collection of over 70 aircraft, military vehicles, engines and aviation artefacts within three wartime hangars and the award-winning National Cold War Exhibition.

The event, which is held twice a year, was a complete sell out in 2012, with tickets sold out in a matter of days. Organisers are confident that this year’s event in May will be just as popular based on the number of enquiries received so far. Accordingly, the Museum is advising aviation fans to book early to avoid disappointment.

Cosford’s ‘Open Cockpits Evening’ is part of ‘The Museums at Night’ cultural event, an annual international event where hundreds of museums, galleries, libraries, archives and heritage sites across Europe open their doors to the public for special after hours events.

The evening will commence at 6.00pm and finish at 8.30pm, with numbers onto the Museum site strictly limited to 300 people - providing enthusiasts with two and a half hours to examine the Museum’s historic and wondrous aircraft in an exclusive environment. Admission is by advance ticket only; tickets cost £10.00 per person and will go on sale from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February available through the Museum’s website. Parking charges are included in the ticket price. Minimum height restrictions of 1.07 metres will apply.

For further information on the ‘Open Cockpits Evening’ or to purchase your tickets online visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org) (A detailed list of aircraft open on the night will be issued nearer the time.) A second Open Cockpits Evening will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013.

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### **Notes to Editors:**

- A detailed list of aircraft open on the night will be issued nearer the time.
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- FREE admission
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact
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