



## Battle of Britain Lunchtime Lectures



This lecture series commemorates the 80th anniversary and explores the Battle from a range of perspectives. The series is held at the RAF Museum London.

**26 June**  
RAF Museum  
London  
12.30pm–2.00pm

**After the Battle of Britain:  
Marshal of the RAF Sir Sholto  
Douglas and 'Rhubarbs'.  
The Controversy and Cost  
of Rhubarb Sorties**

Gary Haines (RAF Museum)

**31 July**  
RAF Museum  
London  
12.30pm–2.00pm

**The Development and  
Misdirection of British Night  
Air Defence: 1940–1943**

Stephen Moore  
(Newcastle University)

**28 August**  
RAF Museum  
London  
12.30pm–2.00pm

**Collecting the Battle of Britain:  
The Exhibits of the  
RAF Museum**

Ian Thirsk (RAF Museum)

**11 September**  
RAF Museum  
London  
12.30pm–2.00pm

**A Turning Point?  
Women and the Battle  
of Britain**

Nina Hadaway (RAF Museum)

**27 November**  
RAF Museum  
London  
12.30pm–2.00pm

**Britain and the Waves:  
Radio Direction Finding  
and Y-Intercepts, 1940**

Dr Harry Raffal (RAF Museum)



All lectures are free of charge but you will need to pre-book online. Lectures may be subject to change. Please visit our website for further details:

[rafmuseum.org](http://rafmuseum.org)



Researchers wishing to contribute a paper to any of these lecture series are invited to email a title and a 300-word abstract of their proposed paper, plus a one-page CV to the RAF Museum's Historian, Dr Harry Raffal, at:

[harry.raffal@rafmuseum.org](mailto:harry.raffal@rafmuseum.org)

Please also indicate the series for which the proposal is intended.

# Lecture Programme 2020





## The Trenchard Lectures in Air Power Studies

Delivered by emerging and established researchers, these lectures explore a variety of air power related topics ranging from historical themes to contemporary issues.



## Legacy of War Lunchtime Lectures

This lecture series explores key events and air power developments which have emerged from the conflicts that the RAF has been involved in. The series is held at the Royal Air Force Museum London.



## The Cold War Lunchtime Lectures

This lecture series explores events during the Cold War and disseminates new research on air power developments and from the period. The series is held at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford.

**27 February**

Royal Aeronautical Society

6.00pm–7.30pm

### Translating Strategic Direction into Military Capability

Andy Curtis (PhD Candidate, Kings College London)

**14 May**

Royal Aeronautical Society

6.00pm–7.30pm

### The Threat to Sovereignty in a New Age: Outer Space and Cyber

Klisman Murati (Pangaea Wire Group)

**8 October**

Royal Aeronautical Society

6.00pm–7.30pm

### 'Dam'ping their ardur': Operation CHASTISE and the 'Dambuster' Legend in Wartime Britain

Victoria Taylor (PhD Candidate, University of Hull and Sheffield Hallam)

**19 November**

Royal Aeronautical Society

6.00pm–7.30pm

### Forging the Future: The Air Ministry and the Advent of All-Metal Aircraft

Dr Matthew Powell (Royal Air Force College, Cranwell)

The Trenchard Lectures are supported by the Royal Aeronautical Society and are held at the Society's London Headquarters (No. 4 Hamilton Place, W1J 7BQ).

**28 February**

RAF Museum London

12.30pm–2.00pm

### Aviation Crash Sites: Archaeology, Art, Heritage, Research

Discussion Panel

**27 March**

RAF Museum London

12.30pm–2.00pm

### Identify and Support: Aspects of Air Support for Ground Forces from the First World War to Afghanistan

Mike Meech (Independent Scholar)

**17 April**

RAF Museum London

12.30pm–2.00pm

### Reflections on Britain and the Commonwealth's War in the Air, 1939–45

Ben Kite (British Army)

**29 May**

RAF Museum London

12.30pm–2.00pm

### A Tortuous Birth: The Royal Air Force Museum, 41 years in the making

Peter Elliott (PhD Candidate, University of Hertfordshire)

**16 October**

RAF Museum London

12.30pm–2.00pm

### Crossing the Bar

Black History Month Discussion Panel



**20 March**

RAF Museum Cosford

12.30pm–2.00pm

### The Cuban Missile Crisis: How Close did Britain come to Nuclear Armageddon?

Bill Pyke (Independent Scholar)

**9 October**

RAF Museum Cosford

12.30pm–2.00pm

### Operational Readiness and the British Bomber-Borne Strategic Deterrent, 1955–1969

Alan Jackson (PhD Candidate, Kings College London)

**11 December**

RAF Museum Cosford

12.30pm–2.00pm

### Cold Waters: RAF Coastal Command in the Early Stages of the Cold War

Tom Hopkins (RAF Museum)

