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Museum hosts exclusive Gala Ball

Saturday 8th October 2011

An exclusive charity Gala Ball will be held at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Saturday 8th October 2011. Organised in partnership by the RAF Benevolent Fund and the RAF Museum with support from RAF Cosford, the evening will start with a champagne reception under the wings of the mighty Vulcan and other aircraft within the National Cold War Exhibition.

Following the successful Gala Dinner held in 2010, this year's event will begin with a champagne reception followed by a formal sunset ceremony and four course dinner served in the War Planes hangar set against a backdrop of aircraft including a Hurricane and the world's oldest Spitfire.

There will be entertainment throughout the evening with an auction and a grand raffle, plus music from the Soul Party swing band, the RAF's Spitfire Choir and the highly popular Telfordaires Barber Shop Singers. A disco will also ensure that guests are having a good time and dancing late into the evening as the party goes on until 1.00am.

The dress code for this poignant sunset ceremony is Black Tie or Mess Kit and Miniatures. The evening will raise money for the RAF Benevolent Fund, who help members of the RAF family deal with a wide range of issues: from childcare and relationship difficulties to injury and disability. Money raised will also go towards maintaining the growing aircraft collection at the RAF Museum.

Sir Robert Wright, Controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund, said:

"The RAF Benevolent Fund spends over £20 million a year supporting RAF families past and present, so anyone who buys a ticket will be giving something back to the RAF's people, who are working so hard on operations all over the world. We look forward to welcoming visitors to this prestigious event."

Nina Mitchell, RAF Museum Cosford Events Executive says:

"Dining among Cosford's legendary RAF aircraft is a special experience and a must for anyone who enjoys high quality entertainment, supports the RAF, or has an interest in our aviation heritage. We look forward to welcoming visitors to this remarkably popular event."

This is a unique corporate entertaining and networking opportunity with tables of 10 or individual seats available. To find out more information or to purchase tickets please call the event organiser on 01902 377757 or 07539 521359. Alternatively email party@rafbf.org.uk or visit the Museum website www.rafmuseum.org.

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Notes to Editors:

- The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund is the RAF's leading welfare charity, providing financial, practical and emotional support to all members of the RAF family. We are here for serving and former members of the RAF, as well as their partners and dependants, whenever they need us. We help members of the RAF family deal with a wide range of issues: from childcare and relationship difficulties to injury and disability, and from financial hardship and debt to illness and bereavement. For more information visit www.rafbf.org.
- Royal Air Force Museum, Cosford, Shifnal Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- FREE admission
- Open daily 10am – 6pm
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Michelle Worthington on 01902 376 212 or michelle.worthington@rafmuseum.org
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