

25<sup>th</sup> June 2012

## Open Cockpits tickets on sale from 2<sup>nd</sup> July

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012

6.00pm – 8.30pm

£10.00 per person

**Tickets for the ever popular 'Open Cockpits Evening' at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford will go on sale from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Museum. This exclusive evening will commence at 6pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September with a wide range of aircraft available for close viewing on the night: including transport aircraft, jet fighters and unique research airframes.**

This relatively new event is fast becoming one of the Museum's most talked about and popular events. The previous event held in May this year was a sell out and organisers are confident that the September evening will be just as popular based on the number of enquiries received so far.

Since launching in 2011, visitors have travelled from across the UK from as far as Scotland, the Lake District, Devon and Kent for the opportunity to sit inside some of the world's most historic and iconic aircraft. One visitor travelling from Australia even planned his visit to the UK to coincide with the event so he could attend.

Visitors will be able to get a feel for what it was like to fly these much loved machines and in addition have exclusive after hours access to the Museum which displays a collection of over 70 aircraft, military vehicles, engines and aviation artefacts.

RAF Museum Cosford Events Executive, Nina Mitchell says:

*"We are delighted to be offering this event again for the aviation enthusiasts, young and old. The event has gone from strength to strength over the past twelve months with tickets selling out for the evening in May within a matter of weeks. We try to introduce new aircraft to each Open Cockpit Evening, thus expanding our visitors' experience."*

The evening will commence at 6.00pm and finish at 8.30pm, with numbers onto the Museum site strictly limited to 300 people, enabling enthusiasts to spend as much time as possible examining these wondrous aircraft. Admission is by advance ticket only and organisers are advising, given the popularity of previous 'Open Cockpits Evening', to purchase your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £10.00 per person and will go on sale from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the Museum. Minimum height restrictions of 1.07 metres will apply. Parking charges are included in the ticket price.

For further information on the 'Open Cockpits Evening' visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org) or to purchase tickets over the phone, please contact the Museum on 01902 376200. (A detailed list of aircraft open on the night will be issued nearer the time.)

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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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