

Stow Maries tour and short lecture

hosted by ClfA Buildings Archaeology Group with guest speaker, Martin Cuthbert

Place: Stow Maries Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh, Near Maldon, Essex,
CM3 6RN

Date: 25 June 2015

Start time: 12.45

Finish time: 16:00

Cost: £10.50 (plus booking fee £1.28) Includes tea/coffee & cake

To book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stowe-maries-tour-lecture-tickets-17183053977

Summary:

The latest Buildings Archaeology Group event focuses on military aviation and associated historic buildings. The event will include a walking tour around Stow Maries Aerodrome and Museum, followed by a talk by Martin Cuthbert about the work of the Eighth in the East Project.

Please see below for further details about the site and speaker.

Programme:

12.45 Walk around Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome and museum

14.15 Talk by Martin Cuthbert about Eighth in the East Project

15.00 A chance to explore the site further

For more details please visit the event web page at www.archaeologists.net/groups/BAG, or book directly at the Eventbrite pages above.

Further details:

Stow Maries (<http://www.stowmaries.org.uk/>)

Stow Maries is a Great War Aerodrome set in the rural Essex countryside. The site was in use from 1916 to 1919 as a home defence station in the war against Zeppelin and German aeroplane raids and is thought to be the last intact World War One airfield in Europe. It has many of its original buildings in situ which are currently undergoing restoration.

The Eighth in the East and the Archaeology of Airfields (<http://www.8theast.org/>)

The Eighth in the East is a three-year Heritage Lottery Funded project which aims to promote and record the built and social legacy of the 8th United States Army Air Force during their time here in the East of England during the 1940s. Now, more than seventy years on, witnesses to this social and landscape revolution are sadly passing and with them a living connection to those years of turmoil that helped shape our world. Concentrating on people and places, and working with communities across the Eastern Counties, the Eighth in the East will explore this history to: support the work of volunteers who care for this heritage, encourage new blood into museums, develop resources for visitors and future generations, develop people's skills and bring communities together through this shared past.

Many of the structures that were the homes and workplaces of the Air Force personnel have gone, those that are left were never meant to last the 70 years that they have and are now on the verge of being lost. In the first 18 months of the project our community archaeologist, with the help of local volunteers, have recorded the surviving architecture of a number of airfields across Norfolk and Suffolk. From underground secret bunkers to control towers from latrines to dining rooms all have been recorded and photographed so the information can be uploaded to the County Council Historic Environment Record for all to see. This talk will give an update on the project and discuss the surviving airfield architecture that has been recorded to date.