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Guy at the Yehudi Menuhin School - Concorde Study Day

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Email is always preferred if possible. Thank you.

If you wish to make a booking please provide :

- Name of your organisation and contact name
- Required date and time of the presentation
 - Address of venue (inc postcode)
 - Which presentation you'd like
 - If you require the 45 or 60 minute version
- Parking arrangements and mobile phone number

I will travel anywhere in the Kent, Essex, SE London and East Sussex. I am based in Maidstone, Kent.

I provide talks both in the daytime or evening.

My fees start from £110 (plus travel expenses at 50p a mile from Maidstone). I can bring souvenirs which your members may wish to purchase as mementos, just ask.

Please note both the 45 or 60 minute talks cost the same.
The hour presentations are more in depth.

I prefer to use my own AV equipment. I require a small table, screen or blank wall (wall preferred as I can project bigger, more immersive, images).

1.

AVRO VULCAN - DELTA DETERRENT

Designed to drop a nuclear payload, deep within Russia, this delta-winged aircraft together with the Victor and Valiant made up the UK V-Force.

This presentation will explore all aspects of the aircraft including my role in the restoration of the last flying Vulcan.

Do you know why every Vulcan carried a RAT?

Or how the Vulcan was used to help develop Concorde?



2.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN - VICTORY AGAINST THE ODDS

Months before the Battle of Britain, MI6 (British Intelligence), informed Churchill that his airforce was outnumbered 4:1.

This presentation explores the secrets of the RAF, as well as highlighting Nazi mistakes, which prevented the Luftwaffe from gaining strategic control of the skies above South East England.

Without these secret tactics the outcome could have been very different.



**The Battle of Britain
Victory Against The Odds**

3.

DAMBUSTERS - THE IMPOSSIBLE MISSION

Operation “Chastise” has become a legend in military history as it contains all the traditionally admired military attributes of originality, surprise and heroism coupled with a dramatic outcome.

The talk explores the roles of Guy Gibson and Barnes Wallis.

Do you know the links this mission has with Herne Bay, or where you can still see the bouncing bombs?



4.

THE HISTORY OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY

Often described as the “Female Few” this talk explores the role of female Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) pilots.

The ATA recruited pilots who were unsuitable for the RAF by reason of age, fitness or sex. A quarter of ATA pilots were women.

Once female ATA pilots became common knowledge there was a public outcry.

However, without them, World War 2 may have had a different outcome.



5.

STEALTH TECHNOLOGY - STATE OF THE ART WAR MACHINES

Development of stealth technology began in Germany during WWII. This presentation will look at well-known examples of stealth aircraft including the F-117 Nighthawk, the B-2 Spirit, the F-22 Raptor and the F-35 Lightning II.

Learn about the technologies used to create these state-of-art war machines. We also explore the future of Stealth Technology in modern warfare.



**The History of
Stealth Technology**

6.

FLYING PAST - THE HISTORY OF AVIATION IN KENT

Kent has been at the forefront of aviation since the 1880's. This talk explores the history of balloons, airships and aircraft in the county. It includes information about some of the numerous Kentish airfields, past and present, and gives suggestions for places which you may like to visit.

Join me on a journey through a century of amazing aviation years in the Garden of England.



7.

EAT YOUR CARROTS!

THE HISTORY OF BRITISH RADAR

As Britain faced Nazi invasion it became clear the Royal Air Force was out-numbered 4:1.

The Government turned to scientists for a solution.

They asked for a Death Ray - what they got was more advantageous.

The story of how two unlikely men, and a mathematical formula, changed the tide of the war.

They say truth is stranger than fiction. Indeed, it was here.



8.

BRITISH WOMEN IN AVIATION- THE PIONEERS

This presentation explores the contribution of British women in the world of aviation.

It explores the lives and stories of some aviation pioneers; women such as the first fast-jet pilot in the RAF, the only female captain of Concorde and more...

An inspirational talk, highlighting the bravery and skill of British women through the years.



**British Women in Aviation
The Pioneers**

9.

OPERATION NIMROD - THE SAS IN ACTION

The 1980 SAS assault on the Iranian Embassy, codenamed "Operation Nimrod", was broadcast live on peak-time TV.

Now, discover the inside story of what lead up to the raid, how it almost went tragically wrong, and how it cemented the Special Air Services (SAS) as one of the elite Special Forces.

Please note : For a small additional fee I can bring life-size replica examples of SAS weapons and equipment. Just ask when you book.



10.

4-MINUTE WARNING

WHAT WOULD'VE REALLY HAPPENED?

We are all aware of the 4 minute warning, the alert that would have been given if a Russian nuclear attack was detected.

But what would really have happened?

Would we have survived? Would we have wanted to?

Please note this talk is not suitable for all due to the graphic nature of the content. Please liaise with me if you are considering this presentation for your members.



11.

THE HISTORY OF THE RED ARROWS

Red Arrows pilots are amongst the most highly-skilled and experienced within the Royal Air Force.

This presentation explores the history of RAF aerobatics teams and includes a look at what goes into making the RAF Red Arrows arguably the premier aerobatics team in the world.

My second most popular presentation. Laughter guaranteed!



12.

HOW THE 747 GOT ITS HUMP

The Boeing 747 is perhaps one of the most recognisable aircraft in service today.

This presentation looks at the success of this versatile machine, and how it very nearly bankrupt Boeing.

Did you know 747's transported the Space Shuttle?

Would you like to find out what unique features are built into Airforce One, the presidential aircraft of the United States? Then this is the talk for you.



13.

THE HISTORY OF THE QUICK REACTION ALERT

Since 1962 RAF crews, working as part of the Quick Reaction Alert (QRA), have been in a state of constant readiness to defend the UK.

A QRA response involves aircraft being scrambled to investigate any infringement of UK airspace.

Such violations occur more often than perhaps the public realise.

Discover what happens when the QRA alarm sounds...



14.

2280 SECONDS, 300 FEET DOWN, 0 AIR

They say miracles don't happen. On the 18th September 2012 one did. This presentation explores the strange phenomenon known as the 'Oxygen Battery'—that kept a diver alive long after science said he should be dead.

The remarkable true story of a diver who was stranded on the seabed, 300 feet down, after his umbilical cord snapped.

His colleagues had 5 minutes to find him before his oxygen ran out. They took 38...



**2,280 Seconds
300 Feet Down, 0 Air**

15.

“LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ALL 4 ENGINES HAVE FAILED...”

At 37,000 feet, one after another - and for no reason the crew could discover - all 4 engines on a British Airways 747 failed.

With a crippled aircraft, the captain controlled the powerless jumbo jet, the co-pilot sent out mayday calls and the flight engineer tried repeatedly to re-start the engines.

What happened next is the stuff of fiction, except this time, it was for real...



16.

THE FIRST TIME MACHINE A HISTORY OF CONCORDE

The fastest passenger aircraft of all time. First flown in 1969, this iconic vehicle was ahead of its time in so many ways.

This presentation explores both the history and technology of the aircraft.

Including rare footage taken on the flight deck, and also the final ever landing when she returned to Filton in November 2003.



17.

CONCORDE CRASH - SUPERSONIC COVER UP?

An Air France Concorde crashed in July 2000. After an extensive investigation the world was told the cause was a strip of metal which burst a tyre, leading to a ruptured fuel tank.

However, the truth is far more disturbing.

Using official crash investigation reports a new theory has emerged.

This talk explores what actually happened and allows the audience the chance to draw their own conclusions.



18.

THE BETRAYAL OF CONCORDE

Until the Paris crash, Concorde had a sparkling safety record. The aircraft had flown over 40,000 flights without incident.

After the terrible events which unfolded in July 2000, British Airways spent over £30,000,000 on safety modifications.

Within 18 months Concorde was permanently grounded.

What's the REAL reason Concorde no longer flies?

Perhaps, all is not what it first appears...



19.

THE SPACE RACE - WHO REALLY WON?

Many people agree that the space race ended on July 20, 1969, when Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon for the first time.

But why did America spend \$280 billion (when adjusted for inflation) over 13 years to get to the Moon?

This talk looks at the achievements of both the Soviet Union and America and answers the question, Who Won The Space Race?

It also explores the new space race, one which is funded by billionaires, such as Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk, and is only just beginning!



20.

THE STORY OF URANIUM - THE MOST DANGEROUS METAL

It is the heaviest naturally occurring element on Earth. To some, it is the ultimate deterrent; to others, a source of near-limitless clean energy.

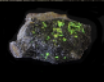
But to history, Uranium is the metal that changed the stakes of existence.

From its discovery in 1789 to the frantic calculations of the Manhattan Project, the story of Uranium is one of rapid, often terrifying, enlightenment.

It is a material defined by its instability, a metal that literally breathes radiation, and one that forced humanity to confront the terrifying power of the subatomic world.



The Story of Uranium
The Most Dangerous Metal



21.

NO RUNWAY, NO PROBLEM - THE STORY OF THE HARRIER JUMP JET

Most jets are slaves to the tarmac—needing reinforced concrete just to get off the ground. But in the late 1950s, a team of British engineers at Hawker Siddeley asked a radical question:

“What if a fighter jet didn't need a runway at all?”

The result was the Harrier, an aircraft that defied the laws of traditional aerodynamics.

It wasn't just a new plane; it was a new way of fighting.



22.

THE BLETCHLEY GIRLS - HOW 8000 WOMEN OUTSMARTED ENIGMA

For decades, the story of Bletchley Park was told as a drama of lone male geniuses and dusty professors. But the silent truth behind the "Ultra" secret is that the nerve centre of British intelligence was overwhelmingly female.

Of the roughly 10,000 people working at Bletchley Park at the height of World War II, nearly 8,000 were women.

They didn't just file papers; they were the mathematicians, the linguists, and the operators who broke the back of the German war machine.



**The Bletchley Girls
How 8000 Women Outsmarted Enigma**

23.

THE ROBOTS ARE COMING - AI WARFARE, CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

Today, science fiction has been replaced by the reality of the modern battlefield.

We are no longer waiting for the dawn of autonomous warfare; we are living in its morning.

In the skies over Ukraine and the Middle East, algorithms are already deciding which signatures represent a threat and which represent a civilian.

These AI-driven machines, that process data faster than any human commander, means the nature of conflict has undergone a fundamental shift.

This presentation asks

“Are we prepared for a war where the enemy doesn't sleep, doesn't blink, and—most importantly—doesn't need permission to fire?”



24.

WHEN THE MEDWAY WAS AN AIRPORT - THE STORY OF THE FLYING BOATS

Stand on the banks of the River Medway today, you see a quiet stretch of water, historic dockyards, and leisure craft.

But in the 1930s and 40s, this river was one of the most prestigious "runways" in the world.

This was the home of Short Brothers, the pioneers who turned the Medway into a global hub for the golden age of aviation.

From the heart of Rochester, giant silver "Flying Boats" would roar down the river, lifting off to connect the British Empire—from Southampton to Sydney and everywhere in between.



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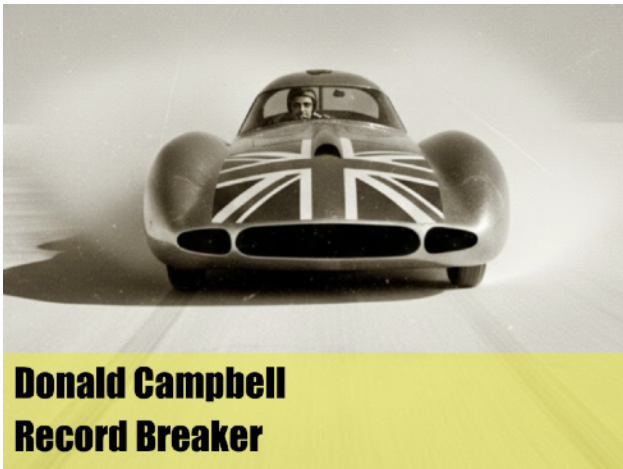
DONALD CAMPBELL - RECORD BREAKER

Donald Campbell was obsessed by speed. He remains the only person to set both world land and water speed records in the same year (1964).

Do you know who Mr Whoppit is?

You will find out this, and much more about this unique and very British icon.

The presentation includes documentary footage of Campbell speaking about his speed record attempts.



26.

THE IRON SENTINELS - KENT'S FORGOTTEN DEFENDERS

Rising like rusted, extraterrestrial giants from the waters of the Thames estuary, the Maunsell Sea Forts stand as some of the most surreal relics of World War II.

Though they look like something out of a sci-fi novel, these "Iron Sentinels" were born of wartime necessity.

Designed by civil engineer Guy Maunsell, these offshore platforms were a desperate and brilliant solution to a looming threat: German air raids and sea-mining operations targeting London's vital shipping arteries.



MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

What's the GuyInTheSky Unique Guarantee?

The quality of my presentations is something which is often commented upon. I put a significant amount of time and energy into both the research and also the delivery of my talks. For this reason I offer a guarantee which, I believe, is unique.

If your group does not find my presentation entertaining and enjoyable, then the cost of the talk, minus travel expenses, will be refunded completely

What's The Catch?

There are no catches, it is as simple as that. How many other public speakers offer this assurance?

Your group, whether it comprises of mainly men or women, whether they are interested in aviation or not, will enjoy an amusing and informative talk.

Your satisfaction is guaranteed with GuyInTheSky.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

I retired from my role as a corporate trainer, having gained significant experience of public speaking, in 2024.

Before this, I was an educator. As a former school teacher I am adept at describing and explaining events in an easy to absorb and interesting manner.



My presentations are designed to be of interest to everyone, whether they have a curiosity about aircraft or not. I am, of course, always willing to take questions at the end.

I have shared thought-provoking presentations with numerous audiences ranging from U3As, active retirement associations (ARAs), WI's, Rotary Clubs, Probus, Oddfellows, Royal British Legion and other similar groups.

My passion for the subject is often commented upon and my inclusive style ensures all will learn something.

I have spoken at RAF Brize Norton, Blind Veterans UK, the Royal Aeronautical Society, Royal Air Force Association, for French Air Traffic Controllers, and for Vulcan To The Sky.

My presentations began after a dinner party in 2013, where the guests were asked to tell the group something about themselves that others wouldn't know. I described my flight on Concorde.

After, I was asked if I gave presentations as I was so entertaining. I said I didn't, but I was invited to speak at a local U3A group as their speaker had dropped out at the last minute. My lecture was enjoyed by all - and the rest, as they say, is history.

"This was a truly excellent talk, extremely well informed yet able to explain aspects of the aircraft and associated systems at a level suitable for everyone in the audience. The clips shown were really exciting and enjoyed by all. We all came away having learned something...and having had a very interesting afternoon. I can highly recommend Guy in the Sky. We will definitely invite him back again."

-Pembury U3A

Some of the institutions entertained by Guy

