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### **Work Sessions**

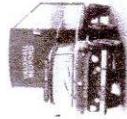
Take place at

HOOTON PARK  
On Wednesday and Thursday  
And Occasional Weekends

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Terry Parker has been working very long hours to create this main instrument panel for the second cockpit of the Gannet. There is still plenty to do to have her ready for the 2014 show season but with Jon Howard leading the team I am sure she will be ready in time.



# The Griffin Gathering

5th & 6th July 2014

10.00am to 4.00pm

Adults £5.00 - children 10 - 14 years £2.00

(Free public parking)

at Vauxhall Motors Clubhouse & Grounds  
Rivacre Road, Ellesmere Port CH66 1NJ

We welcome exhibitors, enthusiasts and members of the public to our event. There is hard-standing and mowed grass areas for exhibitors. Walk to wall trucks featuring Bedford vehicles with a backdrop of all other historic trucks and a small section for cars. The Clubhouse offers food and drink at reasonable prices in a relaxed atmosphere.

- Manufacturing cut off date for exhibitor's vehicles is: for Vauxhall cars 1966 and for trucks 1988
- For exhibitors, free camping from Thursday plus Saturday Night Entertainment
- Easy access off the M53 at junction 5 onto the A41

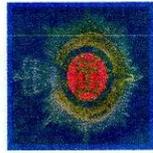
For more information, booking forms for exhibitors, traders or autojumble stallholders

Please send SAE to:-

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## AVIATION & MILITARIA FAIR

Vauxhall Motors Sports & Social Club  
Rivacre Road, Ellesmere Port, CH66 1NJ

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2014

10.00am to 3.00pm

Admission £3.00 (free for under 15s)

- Everything for the collector to buy, sell or exchange.
- Table 6' supplied at £15.00. Other sizes are available.
- Outside areas available for cockpit and military vehicle exhibits
- Food available all day
- Free parking

For an application form please send a S.A.E to:

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Terry Parker working away on the pilot's cockpit of the Gannet during January



This four bladed F.E.2b prop was returned from Solway Aviation Museum on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It was originally obtained from Crossley Hospital on the edge of Delamere Forest in 1982 where it was on the main gates. It is due to go on display in hut 27 at Hooton Park when Mike Davey & Jon Howard have constructed a suitable stand.



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February saw members Colin Schroeder, Stewart Turner, John Davidson and Dave Arkle working hard on the Goblin engine and Gannet projects. Hidden deep in the cockpit bowels is Terry Parker fettling more instruments to complete the cockpit fit. Photo thanks to Jon Howard who earlier had been manufacturing and welding bolt down straps for the Gannet which I am drilling in the photo whilst being watched by Foggy Davidson.



Another view of the Goblin engine showing Stewart and Colin cleaning off paint, muck and rust ready for painting.

Jon Howard is trying hard to source a stand for the engine but if not he and Mike Davey will no doubt manufacture one for TAC in no time.

Photo by Jon Howard



Woodford Aerodrome from the old fire station control room showing the main runway, production shop, offices and canteen.

Unfortunately not for much longer as the developers are due to start knocking it all down to replace it with 950 houses over 20 years.

Birth place of such beauties as the Anson, Manchester, Lancaster, Lincoln, and Vulcan all very sad.

Photo by John Davidson

