

HOW THINGS WORK GROUP - RAF MUSUEUM 'BATTLE OF BRITAIN' VISIT 24th Feb 2016

For this month's outing, the 'How Things Work' group went to the RAF Museum in Hendon, North London.



It took a while to get enough members to make up the minimum number of 15 required by the museum before they would arrange the lecture & tour but eventually we prevailed.

We arrived by tube - looking like paratroopers waiting to 'bail-out' as we filled the train compartment!

The day was a great success. We were met by Mr David Keen who explained the complete story of the build-up to, the tactics, the aircraft & the people involved in the battle of Britain in a way that was totally absorbing.



New Zealander Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park - 11 Group Commander.

One of the most important commanders in the Battle of Britain. 11 Group covered the SE Sector of England, which came under tremendous pressure from the Luftwaffe.

Later we got up close to a number of aircraft & looked at the workings of the Hurricane Fighter & the Spitfire, which was undergoing inspection



David Keen explains the intricacies of a Hurricane fighter



Tiger Moth (I.Hills)



Spitfire Under Inspection (I.Hills)

Finally we visited the reconstruction of 11 Group Operations Room at Uxbridge, which again David brought to life for us & explained how operations were conducted, often with resources stretched to the limit.



David Keen Explains The Workings Of The Reconstructed Battle Of Britain 'Ops' Room.



At The End Of The Tour:

Some members decided to go home, whilst many also had a look at many of the other displays in the museum's main building & stayed until the closing time. All agreed that this had been a very good day.