

Ibsley pilot to be remembered with Spitfire Flypast Friday 30th August

As reported in the *New Milton Advertiser & Lymington Times*:

“A Spitfire flypast will honour a Ringwood World War II pilot, thought to be the youngest person who took off from RAF Ibsley during the Second World War, before being shot down and killed.



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Pilot Raymond Frederick Charles Dean was just 19 years old when he went missing in November 1941 while flying a Spitfire on a mission over France as part of a ‘Rhubarb’ raid (*a fighter or fighter-bomber mission, crossing the English Channel and then dropping below cloud level to search for targets of opportunity, such as railway locomotives and rolling stock, aircraft on the ground, enemy troops, and vehicles on roads*).



A member of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, serving in 501 (County of Gloucester) Squadron, Sgt Dean lived in Ringwood and is buried at Brevands Churchyard in Manche, France. But his story is largely unknown, and as more details of his life emerged, his nephew Ray and his wife Hilary have organised a special flypast on Friday 30th August. One of five children born to Alfred and Beatrice Dean, Sgt Dean lived at Lower Kingston Post Office. He attended Ringwood School and Brockenhurst College, and worked for the Baker family, who ran a cycling shop in Ringwood.

To stage the event, Ray has put in more than £1,500 of his own money. Two local councils – Ringwood and Ibsley – have both agreed to contribute, and any proceeds raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion. “I’m so proud of my uncle for being prepared to give his life for his country,” Ray told the A&T. “This is purely about honouring his name.”

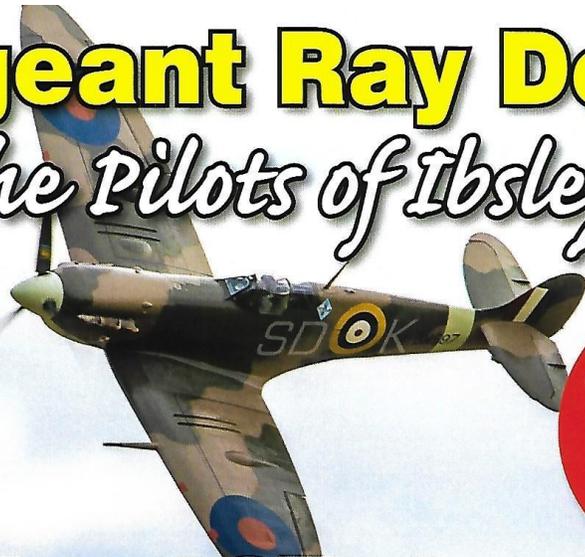
The day, which runs from 11.30 am to 8 pm, is set to be a treat for aviation enthusiasts, featuring a host of special events including the screening of the film *Secret Spitfires* and talks by its director, Ethem Centitas, and a former engineer, Norman Parker, who is now in his 90s. A full-size replica Spitfire will also be on display, and there will be talks by a Spitfire engineer and Ibsley airfield historians, a model exhibition, military vehicles display, performances by 1940s-style band Scarlet Swing, and a barbecue.

Tickets for the Sgt Ray Dean and Pilots of Ibsley event, which cost £17.50 for the film, exhibit and food, are available from the London Tavern pub at Poulner, Hockeys Farm shop at Ibsley or Bransgore Country Market or by contacting Ray via raydill@btconnect.com or Hilary on 07905 994 644. The price includes entry to the ‘Secret Spitfires’ film screening and the talks, as well as a meal. There are also cheaper tickets available for £10.50 for parts of the day.”

Sergeant Ray Dean and the Pilots of Ibsley day

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- 'Secret Spitfires' film
- BBQ & Licensed Bar
- Military Vehicle Display
- Live Music: Scarlet Swing
- Model Exhibition



TICKET PRICES:

Tickets with film
Just £17.50

Start time 11:30am
(film starts 12:30)

Tickets without film
Just £10.50

Start time 2:45 pm

**All Ticket Prices
include BBQ**

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Sgt Raymond Dean and the Pilots of Ibsley Group

Tickets available: The London Tavern - Poulner,
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