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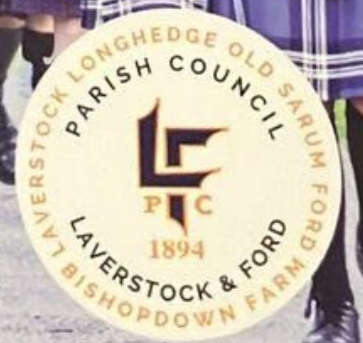
BISHOPDOWN FARM FORD HAMPTON PARK LAVERSTOCK
LONGHEDGE MILFORD OLD SARUM RIVERDOWN PARK

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Boscombe Down Aviation Collection

BDAC held a full day of activity for VE Day featuring the Squippers, and Pipe Sergeant Keith Turner returned with the Wiltshire Caledonian Pipes and Drums, a spectacular sight as they mustered by the remains of Hangar Three before marching to Hangar One to entertain visitors and volunteers.

Other guests included Wessex Archaeology who displayed artefacts relating to the local area in the Second World War and kind donation of an original RAF Old Sarum Haskard Range model plus the Operation Nightingale display of artefacts found at Aldbourne relating to Easy Company, 101 Airborne (Band of Brothers).

Marc Heighway gave a riveting talk on RAF Beaulieu. Keta & Rebecca from The Gurkha Welfare Trust provided visitors with an insight into the Trust and the incredible work they do supporting Gurkha veterans and their families, plus the Round Canopy Parachuting Team - Great Britain - Neil, Guy 38 and Mike who also brought his airborne Jeep.

The re-enacting paratroopers and the 4th Battalion Wiltshire Regiment Living History Group showcased a range of weapons and the history of the battalion throughout the Second World War and The Beats Vintage Dance Troupe gave a stunning performance amongst the collection. The resident Royal Air Force Survival Equipment - Squipper Association also provided parachute packing demonstrations throughout the day alongside the C-47 cockpit and parabike, the latter on loan from the Cirencester War Museum. A packed day!

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